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## **City Council Positions Open for May Primary Election**

The following positions will be on the ballot for the May 15, 2018 Primary Election:

- City Councilor, Ward 1
- City Councilor, Ward 2
- City Councilor, Ward 5

If you are interested in running for office, please review the [2018 elections packet](#) and contact Amy Sowa, City Recorder to schedule an appointment to go over the process.

A candidate running for the position of City Councilor must be a resident of the Ward they are to represent and a registered voter.

The Springfield City Charter requires a primary election for Springfield Mayor and City Councilors. The primary election date is **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**. If a candidate receives a majority of votes at the primary election, that candidate is elected. If a candidate does not receive a majority of votes at the primary election, then a run-off between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will occur at the statewide general election on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**.

The process requires the candidate to submit a *Candidate Filing* (SEL 101) which is then approved by the City Recorder (City Elections Filing Officer) for circulation of the *Candidate Signature Sheet - Nonpartisan* (SEL 121). The candidate must turn in their signatures in time for the City Recorder to verify they have received a sufficient number of signatures on the nominating petition at the Lane County Election Division by the deadline date in order to be eligible to have their name placed on the official election ballot.

The deadline for all filing documents and verified signatures is **March 6, 2018**.

**What:** City Council Positions Open for May Primary Election

**Who:** Springfield residents who are registered voters

**When:** Complete filing paperwork and signature must be turned in to the City Recorder by **5 p.m. on March 6, 2018.**

**Where:** Election information, along with filing documents, is available at <http://www.springfield-or.gov/CMO/Elections2016/Elections2018.htm> and click on the elections packet. The elections packet is also available at the City Manager's Office, 225 Fifth Street, in Springfield.

**Additional information:** Contact City Recorder Amy Sowa at 541.726.4666