

The City of Lewes



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## CITY OF LEWES 2026 NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES

The City of Lewes will hold its Annual Municipal Election on Saturday, May 9, 2026, At Lewes City Hall, located at 114 E. Third Street, Lewes Delaware. Polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Two (2) Councilmembers will be elected for a three (3) year term**

Each candidate shall notify the City Manager of his or her candidacy for the office of Council Person by submitting a **Candidate Filing Form**, or five (5) or more persons qualified to vote in the Annual Election may file the name of the candidate for the office of Mayor or City Council Person with the City Manager, provided that the candidate has given their written consent.

The Candidate filing form is available on the **Election Information** page on the city's website ([www.ci.lewes.de.us/273/Election-Information](http://www.ci.lewes.de.us/273/Election-Information)). You can also request a form in person at City Hall or by emailing the City Clerk, Ashley Akgoren at [aakgoren@ci.lewes.de.us](mailto:aakgoren@ci.lewes.de.us).

**Candidate Filing Forms will be accepted  
Monday, March 2, 2026, through Thursday April 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**

### CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

- (a) The individual must be a bona fide citizen of the United States and of the State of Delaware and a resident of The City of Lewes for at least one (1) year next preceding the date of the annual election.
- (b) At least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
- (c) Shall not have been convicted of a felony.
- (d) Each of the qualifications for the Mayor and for the City Council Persons shall be continuing qualifications to hold office, and the failure of either the Mayor or any of the City Council Persons to have any of the qualifications required by this section during his term of office shall create a vacancy in the office.

### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

The City of Lewes utilizes the State of Delaware voter registration system for municipal elections. An eligible voter in the municipal election is a citizen whose bona fide domiciliary is the City of Lewes. To verify your registration status or to register, visit [www.ivote.de.gov](http://www.ivote.de.gov) or contact Lewes City Hall at 302-645-7777. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**In order to vote in the 2026 Municipal Election, eligible citizens must register with the Delaware Department of Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026.**

The City will continue to provide updated information on our website regarding the election, including how to vote by absentee ballot. For information about the Lewes Municipal Election, visit [www.ci.lewes.de.us/273/Election-Information](http://www.ci.lewes.de.us/273/Election-Information)

**PLEASE NOTE: The Lewes Board of Public Works (BPW) has a separate voter registration process. Please contact the BPW at 302-645-6228 for more information.**

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