



NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES
2026 City of Milford Municipal Election
Filing Deadline of Candidates for City of Milford Municipal Election

The City of Milford Annual Election will be held **Saturday, April 25, 2026** from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The term of office for the following seats will expire in May 2026:

Office of Mayor - Three Year Term Beginning May 4, 2026
Councilperson - Two Year Term Beginning May 4, 2026 - First Ward
Councilperson - Two Year Term Beginning May 4, 2026 - Second Ward
Councilperson - Two Year Term Beginning May 4, 2026 - Third Ward
Councilperson - Two Year Term Beginning May 4, 2026 - Fourth Ward

In accordance with the City of Milford Charter, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Election, all candidates for office shall file a nominating petition, stating their name and the office for which he/she is nominated. Mayor petitions shall be signed by not less than ten (10) registered voters in the City of Milford; Council petitions shall be signed by not less than ten (10) registered voters residing in the ward in which the candidate resides.

Candidate Packets and Nominating Petitions can be obtained Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office at Milford City Hall, 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware. Please call in advance to schedule an appointment. Arrangements can also be made for times outside normal office hours.

Qualifications for a person filing for office are as follows:

- (1) Citizen of the United States of America;
- (2) Bonafide resident of the City of Milford;
- (3) Office of Mayor-continuously resided in the City of Milford for two years preceding the day of the election;
Office of Council-continuously resided in the Ward for which he/she is seeking election for one year preceding the day of the election;
- (4) A qualified voter in the City of Milford;
- (5) At least eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of the election;
- (6) Nominated therefore;
- (7) Criminal background check provided from the State Bureau of Identification and Federal Bureau of Investigation showing entire criminal history record;
- (8) No felony convictions or crimes involving moral turpitude.

The deadline to file for the Office of Mayor and/or City Council is **Tuesday, February 24, 2026** at 4:30 p.m.

Any individual who is registered to vote in the State of Delaware at a residence within the City of Milford limits is eligible to vote. A separate registration is still required at Milford City Hall for Non-Resident Property Owners who qualify. This can be accomplished by calling the City Clerk's Office. Those registered non-residents who own property in more than one ward must declare which ward they wish to vote in by **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**. The deadline for new qualified voters to register to vote in this municipal election is **Thursday, March 26, 2026**, at 4:30 p.m.

Anyone with questions about the eligibility of a non-resident property owner, or who wishes to be put on a list to obtain an affidavit for an absentee ballot, must call the City Clerk's Office at **302-422-1111 Ext 1142 or 1303**.