

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES  
Charter §6 Municipal Elections**

**The South Bethany 2024 Election will be held at Town Hall, 402 Evergreen Road, South Bethany, Delaware, on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Positions Open:**

One (1) Mayor and three (3) Town Council Members shall be elected. All seats are a two-year term, to begin when sworn in at the Town Organizational Meeting in May.

Applications for Candidacy are available beginning February 27, 2026, and must be filed by close of business at 4:00 p.m. on March 19, 2026. Applications are available at Town Hall, via e-mail to [townhall@southbethany.org](mailto:townhall@southbethany.org), or by calling (302) 539-3653.

**Qualifications of Candidates:**

Pursuant to the Town Charter:

6.5.1 Candidates for Town Council Member or Mayor shall have been a qualified voter of the Town for at least one (1) year prior to the date of election and meet the following requirements:

- (a) Attained twenty-one (21) years of age
- (b) A citizen of the United States
- (c) Registered under the Town's voter registration ordinance (if one is in effect)
- (d) Has not been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude.

6.5.2 Additional Qualifications for Mayor. A candidate for Mayor shall qualify as a "Resident"\* of the Town, pursuant to Charter §C-6C at the time of the election. The Mayor shall remain a resident\* of the Town of South Bethany throughout his/her term of office.

6.5.3 At least four members of the seven members of Town Council shall qualify as "Residents"\* of the Town, pursuant to Charter §6.31(d)(2) and shall maintain the status of "Resident" throughout their term.

6.5.4 The term of office for each member of the Town Council shall be two (2) years, and no person shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms as Mayor, effective with terms beginning on or after the Election.

**\* A "Resident" of the Town is defined by Town Charter as:**

Resident. A resident of the Town shall mean any natural person who has been physically residing within the Town corporate limits for at least thirty (30) days prior to any scheduled Town election, and who maintains residency within the Town on the date of election.

Town Council (3 vacancies). The Town Charter provides that at least four of the seven members of the Town Council (including the Mayor) must be residents of the Town, but all may be residents of the Town.

Based upon the current composition of Town Council, and the mayor's residency requirement, one (1) of the three (3) Council seats up for election this year must be a Resident and two (2) may be filled by either a Resident or a Nonresident property owner. Candidates for Mayor must qualify as a "Resident" of the Town. Each Council member shall continue, throughout his/her term of office, to maintain his or her residency status as described above.