



**CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:**  
01/06/25 Work Session

**Requesting Agency (Initiator)**

Administration

**Sponsor(s)**

City Manager Miller-Thornton

**Item Title:**

Council to consider approval and adoption of Resolution 2025-001 of the City of Jonesboro to Call and Authorize the 2025 Municipal General Election; To Fix and Publish the Qualifying Fee; And For Other Purposes.

**Requested Action** (Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)

Requesting approval of Resolution 2025-001.

**Requirement for Board Action** (Cite specific Council policy, statute or code requirement.)

The City of Jonesboro Municipal Election is hereby called pursuant to the requirements of the Georgia Constitution, State Law, and the City Charter.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 212-131(a)(A), City Charter Section 5.13, City Charter Article V.

**Is this Item Goal Related?** (If yes, please describe how this Action meets the specific Board Focus Area or Goal.) Yes. The Mayor and members of the City Council wish to order said General Municipal Election to proceed as provided by law.

**Summary and Background** (First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the Action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.) A general municipal election will be held in the City of Jonesboro on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of Georgia. Three councilmember seats (at-large) will be up for reelection (Don Dixon, Bobby Lester, William Powell, Jr. The winner of the election will take office January 1, 2026, unless Special election is seemed necessary.

Qualifying for candidates will be held at the Jonesboro City Hall, 1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, Georgia on Monday, August 18, 2025, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, and Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The hours of qualifying shall be between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The qualifying fee for the at-large seats is \$277.20, which is 3% of the total gross salary of the preceding year. Each candidate shall file a Notice of Candidacy in the office of the City Clerk of Jonesboro and must meet the qualifications of the Charter and Code of the City of Jonesboro, as well as all applicable state and constitutional laws.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §212-131(a)(A), the City Council shall fix and publish the qualifying fees for the municipal offices to be filled in the upcoming election. The qualifying fee shall be equal to three percent (3%) of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year.

Sec. 2.11. City Council Terms and Qualifications for Office.

- (a) The mayor and councilmembers shall serve for terms of four years or until their respective successors are elected and qualified.
- (b) No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember unless he/she, at the time that he/she has qualified to run for office:
  - (1) Has been a resident of the city for a period of one year;
  - (2) Has reached the age of 21
  - (3) Is a qualified voter; and
  - (4) Has not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.

(c) No person's name shall be placed on the ballot as a candidate for mayor or councilmember unless such person shall have filed a Notice of Candidacy and shall have paid the qualifying fee to the city clerk of said city.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b> (Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.) None
<b>Exhibits Attached</b> (Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached Resolution 2025-001</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Recommendation</b> (Type name, Title, Agency and Phone number.) Staff recommends approval.

FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (City Clerk)		
<b>Typed Name and Title</b> City Mgr., ChaQuias Miller-Thornton	<b>Date</b> 1/6/25	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>City Clerk's Office</b>	