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MEMORANDUM

City Recorder's Office

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

Date: June 24, 2026

From: Julie Fisher, City Recorder

Subject: 2026 City Council Candidate Filing Period Opens July 1, 2026

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council with information regarding the upcoming candidate filing period for the November 3, 2026 General Election and to provide a reminder of the candidate filing process and recent amendments to the Lebanon Municipal Code related to elective office filings.

The candidate filing period will open on **July 1, 2026**, and will close at **4:00 p.m. on July 31, 2026**. The City Recorder's Office will provide information regarding the election process through the City website, press releases, and social media outreach.

II. CURRENT REPORT

At the November 3, 2026 General Election, Lebanon voters will elect candidates for the following offices:

- **Mayor (2-Year Term)** – currently held by Kenneth E. Jackola
- **Councilor, Ward 1 (4-Year Term)** – currently held by Marcellus Angellford
- **Councilor, Ward 2 (4-Year Term)** – currently held by Dave Workman
- **Councilor, Ward 3 (4-Year Term)** – currently held by Michelle Steinhebel
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The Lebanon City Council is composed of a Mayor elected at-large and six Councilors elected by Ward. The City recently amended the Lebanon Municipal Code to establish clearer candidate filing procedures, including a revised filing timeline, defined filing hours, and updated procedures consistent with changes to Oregon election law. The new filing period begins on the first business day of July and ends on the last business day of July.

A significant change for the 2026 election cycle is the state requirement that incumbent candidates seeking re-election to the same office must file seven (7) days prior to the filing deadline for non-incumbent candidates. Therefore:

- **Incumbent filing deadline:** Wednesday, July 22, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.
- **Non-incumbent filing deadline:** Friday, July 31, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.

Individuals appointed to an elective office who are seeking election to that position are not considered incumbents for filing deadline purposes and must file by the July 31, 2026 deadline.

Candidates may file for office by either:

1. Paying the required \$25 filing fee; or
2. Filing by petition through the collection of required signatures.

Candidates filing by petition must receive approval of the petition form prior to circulating signatures. Petition signatures must be verified through Linn County Elections before submission to the City Recorder's Office. Candidates are encouraged to begin the petition process early and allow sufficient time for signature verification and submission before the filing deadline. Candidate information, filing forms, qualifications, and election resources are available on the City's website at: <https://www.lebanonoregon.gov/192/City-Elections>

To qualify as a candidate for Lebanon City Council, individuals must meet applicable City Charter and state requirements, including being a Lebanon resident, a registered voter, and reside within the Ward they seek to represent (unless running for Mayor).

The City Recorder's Office will continue providing election information and candidate resources throughout the filing period to assist prospective candidates and promote awareness of the upcoming election process.

III. RECOMMENDATION

This memorandum is provided for Council information. No action is required.