

Neighboring Cities (City Charter) – Qualifying Period

- **City of Indian Rocks Beach** - For a regular election, no person may qualify as a candidate prior to noon of the first Monday in December, but no later than noon of the second Monday in December, preceding the next regular city election.
- **City of St. Pete Beach** –The city commission shall set the dates for the qualification period as the first two full weeks of November of the year preceding the municipal election.
- **City of Gulfport** - Any qualified elector desiring to run for the office of mayor or council member shall file with the city clerk at any time after 8:30 a.m. of the first day of qualifying, which shall be the first Monday in December, nor later than 12:00 Noon on the final day of qualifying, which shall be the second Monday of December prior to the election, petition cards signed by no less than ten (10) qualified electors who, in the case of mayor, reside within the city at large and which electors, in the case of council member, reside in and are qualified electors of the ward in which the candidate for council member resides.
- **North Redington Beach** – Every person who desires to be a candidate, either for mayor or for commissioner, shall qualify to become such candidate by filing with the town clerk, under oath on the form prescribed by the board of commissioners, his/her application to run for said office. This must be done by completing, subscribing and filing same with the town clerk in affidavit form, after 8:00 a.m. on the first Friday in December and before 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday in December, before the date of the election. In the event such qualifying deadline falls upon a Saturday or a Sunday or a legal holiday, then he or she shall have time to file said application on the next following business day.
- **City of Redington Shores** - The opening date for filing for candidacy shall be 9:00 a.m. on the first Friday of December prior to the scheduled date of the municipal election, and the closing date for filing shall be 12:00 noon on the third Friday of December prior to the scheduled date of said election.
- **City of Redington Beach** - The opening day for filing for candidacy shall be 9:00 a.m. on the first Friday of December and the closing date for filing for candidacy shall be 1:00 p.m. on the third Friday of December prior to the said March election.
- **City of Clearwater** – Candidates may file qualifying papers with the city clerk during regular business hours at the city hall during the qualifying period, which begins at 8:00 a.m. on the first Monday in December and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday thereafter. However, in years when the municipal election is moved to coincide with the presidential preference primary, the qualifying period will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the first Friday in November and end at 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday in November.
- **City of Treasure Island** – Qualification papers shall be available in the office of the city clerk at noon on the 17th business day preceding the scheduled ballot language deadline until noon of the 7th business day preceding the scheduled ballot language deadline. In

order to qualify as a candidate in any municipal election, the candidate must file the qualification papers by no later than noon the 7th business day preceding the ballot language deadline. In the event that either such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or municipal holiday, then such date shall be extended until noon of the next subsequent date that is not a Saturday, Sunday or municipal holiday. In the event of a special municipal election called as a result of any vacancy in office, the filing date shall be established by the city commission in the ordinance or resolution calling such special election.