

CITY CHARTER

Section 3.3 Nomination of Board of Commissioners.

- (A) *Filing.* Every person who shall desire to become a candidate for nomination under the provisions of this Charter to the office of Mayor and District-Commissioner, shall qualify to become such candidate by filing with the City Clerk during the candidate qualifying period held during the first two full weeks in December, excluding weekends, beginning at Noon on Monday, the first day of the qualifying period and ending at Noon on Friday, the last day of the qualifying period. Under no circumstances shall the City Clerk accept any nomination petitions or filing fees after the close of the filing period as stated herein. Every person's application is to have his/her name printed upon the ballot as a candidate for nomination to the office for which he/she aspires, in which application, he/she shall declare from the district he/she is a candidate or so declare if he/she is a candidate for Mayor. All applications shall be accompanied by an affidavit the candidate is an elector and a resident of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, for one (1) year immediately prior to the date of said application and has been a resident of said district for which he/she declares himself/herself to be a candidate for a period of six (6) months prior to the date of said application. With said application shall be filed a petition which shall indicate prominently the district from which the Petitioner is a candidate, or if he/she be a candidate for Mayor.
- (B) *District Commissioners.* Should any District Commissioner desire to become a candidate for the office of Mayor, said District Commissioner shall resign his/her office of District Commissioner not less than ten days before the qualifying period for the election in which he/she desires to become a candidate for Mayor. Provided, however, such compulsory resignation shall not apply to a District Commissioner whose term as commissioner expires at or before the time he/she would take office as Mayor, if elected. The resignation shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk. The vacancy created by such resignation shall be filled as provided in 2.2(C) of said Charter.
- (C) *Candidate Petition Forms.* Candidates for the office of Mayor and District Commissioner shall submit Candidate Petition Forms. Each candidate may seek or be nominated for election by Candidate Petition Forms signed by qualified voters of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, not less in number than twenty-five (25). Each signature shall be executed in ink and the form shall indicate the place of the petitioner's residence. All petition forms shall contain the name of the candidate and the office and district number for which the candidate is being nominated.

In the case of a candidate for District-Commissioner, his/her petitions shall be signed by electors within his/her district.

No candidate may seek election to more than one elective City of Madeira Beach, Florida office in any given election.