

Mahaska County Nomination Process for Combined City/School Election

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Mahaska County residents interested in running for their City Council or School Board can soon begin filing papers to place their name on the November 2 ballot.

Candidates will need to file a nomination petition and an affidavit of candidacy to get their name on the ballot. Those documents need to be filed with the city clerk for a seat with the city or with the school secretary for a seat on the school board.

Candidates can begin filing those papers with those officials on August 23. The petitions are due to those officials before 5 p.m. on September 16.

Potential candidates in Mahaska County for city councils and school boards may be surprised how few signatures they will need to place their name on the ballot for the November 2, 2021, City/School Election.

“We have many city and school seats that only require collecting at least 10 signatures to get on the ballot,” said Mahaska County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections Susan L. Brown. “I know the first roadblock for those thinking about running is collecting signatures on the nomination papers. However, I think those folks might be surprised by how few they need to collect.”

Brown said new and experienced candidates will find useful information at <https://elections.mahaskacountyia.gov> under the candidate tab. That information includes information about nomination papers, affidavits of candidacy, forming a candidate committee and more.

The following races that will appear on the November 2 City/School Election that require only 10 signatures from eligible electors within those respective districts include:

- Barnes City council
- Beacon mayor & council
- Fremont council
- Leighton mayor & council
- New Sharon council
- Oskaloosa mayor & council (1st Ward & 3rd Ward)
- Rose Hill mayor & council
- University Park mayor & council
- North Mahaska School Board District 4 & 5

The following are signature requirements for other seats that will appear at the November 2 City/School Election:

- Keomah Village mayor and council – 5
- Oskaloosa council at-large – 20
- Oskaloosa School District at large & District 2 & 5 – 50

For more information about the 2021 City/School Election contact the Mahaska County Auditor's office at 641-673-7148 or visit the website <https://elections.mahaskacountyia.gov>.