

CITY OF ANSON



CITY COUNCIL / MAYOR CANDIDATE PACKET MAY 2, 2020



CITY OF ANSON

1301 Commercial Ave
Anson, Texas 79501

A Star of the Texas Midwest

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in serving on the City of Anson Council and representing our community. Your candidacy requires compliance with certain State statutes, our City charter, and the Texas Ethics Commission. In an effort to assist you with these regulations, I have prepared this "Candidate Packet" with necessary forms, pertinent information, and basic instructions. I encourage you to read the enclosed information before filling out the forms.

The election on May 2, 2020 will be for Alderman place I and Mayor. The elected officials will hold office for a three-year term. The City requires either \$250 with the application OR 25 registered voter signatures. The deadline for turning in your application (pages 6-15) is February 14, 2020 by 4:00 pm. Please note, all applications become public record upon filing and are available for public inspection.

As a candidate, it is your responsibility to be familiar with the laws applicable to reporting campaigning contributions or expenditures. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Texas Ethics Commission at 512-463-5800, or at www.ethics.state.tx.us.

Your interest in serving is appreciated, and I hope this will be a positive experience for you, whether it is your first term or you're rerunning. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact City Hall in person, by phone (325-823-2411), or e-mail (citysec@anson-tx.us).

Sincerely,

LeeAnn Blankenship

City Secretary

APPLICATION MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 14, 2020 BY 4:00 PM.

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To file for candidacy, you must meet the following qualifications;

- Must be a citizen of the United States;
- Must be 18 years of age or older;
- Must be a registered voter in the territory elected from by the filing deadline;
- Must be a resident citizen of the City of Anson for a period of one year preceding the election;
- Shall not have been convicted of a felony for which he/she has not been pardoned or has his/her civil rights restored by other official action. Texas Election Code 141.001
- Must not be indebted to the City;
- Must not hold any other public office.
- Please be aware of the Texas Nepotism laws and if they apply to you. (Gov. Code 573)

Important Election Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Election Law Manual</u>
January 15 th	First day for filing application for place on ballot.	11.05
Jan 20-Feb 14	Recommended period for calling election and posting notice	10.02-.12
February 14 th	Last day for filling application for place on ballot	11.05
February 17 th	Recommended last day to post <u>72 hour</u> notice of drawing for order of names on ballot	8.06
Feb 20-24	Recommended period to conduct drawing for order of names on ballot	8.06
February 21 st	Last day for a ballot candidate to withdraw and have name omitted from the ballot.	8.05
April 2 nd	Due date for filing first report of campaign contributions and expenditures by candidates	18.06
April 2 nd	Last day for submitting voter registration application at Registrar	6.23
Apr 2-22	Period for publishing notice of Election at least once during this period	10.12
April 20 th	First day for early voting by personal appearance. 7am – 7pm	16.22
April 21 st	Early voting by personal appearance (regular business hours)	
April 22 nd	Early voting by personal appearance (regular business hours)	
April 23 rd	Early voting by personal appearance (regular business hours)	
April 24 th	Early voting by personal appearance (regular business hours) Due date for filing second report of campaign contributions and expenditures by candidates	
April 27 th	Early voting by personal appearance (regular business hours)	
April 28 th	Last day for early voting by personal appearance. 7am – 7pm	
May 2 nd	Election day. Polls open 7am – 7pm	17.41
May 5-13	Period for official canvass of election.	9.44
May 2 nd , 2021	Last day of preservation period for ballots and other precinct election records of election	9.49

Important Numbers & Information

City Services

Anson City Hall

325-823-2411

<https://www.anson-tx.us/>

(important election dates, City Charter, ordinances, minutes, etc. located on website)

Anson Police Department

325-823-3056

Anson Chamber of Commerce

325-823-3259

Dispatch

325-823-4604

Anson-Jones Museum

325-823-3683

US Post Office

325-823-2241

Anson High School

325-823-2404

Anson Public Library

325-823-2711

Anson City Pool

325-823-2112

Anson Hospital

325-823-3231

Other

Secretary of State

1-800-252-2216

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/>

Texas Ethics Commission

512-463-5800

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/>

Texas Constitution and Statutes

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/>

APPOINTING A CAMPAIGN TREASURER

If you plan to run for a public office in Texas (except for a federal office), you must file an APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (FORM CTA) with the proper filing authority when you become a candidate even if you do not intend to accept campaign contributions or make campaign expenditures. A "candidate" is a person who knowingly and willingly takes affirmative action for the purpose of gaining nomination or election to public office or for the purpose of satisfying financial obligations incurred by the person in connection with the campaign for nomination or election. Examples of affirmative action include:

(A) the filing of a campaign treasurer appointment, except that the filing does not constitute candidacy or an announcement of candidacy for purposes of the automatic resignation provisions of Article XVI, Section 65, or Article XI, Section 11, of the Texas Constitution;

(B) the filing of an application for a place on the ballot;

(C) the filing of an application for nomination by convention;

(D) the filing of a declaration of intent to become an independent candidate or a declaration of write-in candidacy;

(E) the making of a public announcement of a definite intent to run for public office in a particular election, regardless of whether the specific office is mentioned in the announcement;

(F) before a public announcement of intent, the making of a statement of definite intent to run for public office and the soliciting of support by letter or other mode of communication;

(G) the soliciting or accepting of a campaign contribution or the making of a campaign expenditure; and

(H) the seeking of the nomination of an executive committee of a political party to fill a vacancy.

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

If you have a question about how TITLE 15 applies to you, you may call the Ethics Commission for assistance or you may request a written advisory opinion.

The Ethics Commission has authority to impose fines for violations of title 15. If you have evidence that a person has violated title 15, you may file a sworn complaint with the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission's mailing address is P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711. The phone number is (512) 463-5800. The Ethics Commission maintains a website at www.ethics.state.tx.us on the Internet.

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM CTA
PG 1

See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.						1 Total pages filed		
2 CANDIDATE NAME	MS / MR / MRS	FIRST	MI	OFFICE USE ONLY				
	NICKNAME	LAST	SUFFIX					Filed ID #
3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS (NO BOX)	APT / SUITE #	CITY	STATE	Date Received			
							Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked	
4 CANDIDATE PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION					
	()							
5 OFFICE HELD (if any)							Receipt #	Amount \$
6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)							Date Processed	
7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS / MR / MRS	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME	LAST	SUFFIX		
8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE)		APT / SUITE #	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE		
9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION					
	()							
10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	<p>I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code.</p> <p>I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code.</p> <p>I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.</p>							
				_____ Signature of Candidate		_____ Date Signed		

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**CANDIDATE MODIFIED
REPORTING DECLARATION**

**FORM CTA
PG 2**

**11 CANDIDATE
NAME**

**12 MODIFIED
REPORTING
DECLARATION**

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE
CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING**

**-- This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before
the first election to which the declaration applies. --**

-- The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. --
(An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs)

**-- Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party
may NOT choose modified reporting. --**

**I do not intend to accept more than \$500 in political contributions or
make more than \$500 in political expenditures (excluding filing fees)
in connection with any future election within the election cycle.
I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I will be
required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a runoff
report**

Year of election(s) or election cycle to
which declaration applies

Signature of Candidate

This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.

**TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us or
Fax this form to (512) 463-8808 or mail to
Texas Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 12070
Austin, TX 78711-2070**

**Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority
DO NOT SEND TO TEC**

**For more information about where to file go to:
<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/NewFilersGettingStarted.html>**

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board

I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.

OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)	INDICATE TERM <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED
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FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)	PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT¹
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PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.)	PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Campaign mailing address, if available.)
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CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available)	OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)	DATE OF BIRTH / /	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional) ²
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TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: Work: Cell:	LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN	
	IN STATE _____ year (s) _____ month(s)	IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED³ _____ year (s) _____ month(s)

If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:

"I, (name) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.

I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."

X

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the _____ day of _____.

SEAL

Signature of Officer Administering Oath⁴ Title of Officer Administering Oath

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:
 (See Section 1.007)

Date Received

Signature of Secretary

Voter Registration Status Verified

INSTRUCTIONS

An application to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot for any general election may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

The general election filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. 78 days prior to election day for any uniform election date.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption. Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

FOOTNOTES

¹For rules concerning the form of a candidate's name or nickname on the ballot, see Subchapter B, Chapter 52 of the Texas Election Code.

²Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

³This refers to the length of residence inside the district or territory from which the office is elected. For example, length of residence in a school district, for a school trustee office elected at large. This field **MUST BE COMPLETED**.

⁴All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas.

DEBE PROPORCIONARSE LA INFORMACIÓN REQUERIDA A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE QUE ES OPCIONAL

SOLICITUD PARA FIGURAR EN LA BOLETA DE _____ ELECCIÓN GENERAL

A: Secretario(a) de la Ciudad/ Secretario del Consejo

Solicito que mi nombre figure en la boleta oficial indicada más arriba como candidato/a al cargo a continuación.

PUESTO OFICIAL SOLICITADO (Incluya cualquier número de cargo u otro número distintivo, si el cargo lo tiene.)	INDIQUE TÉRMINO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO COMPLETO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO INCOMPLETO
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NOMBRE COMPLETO (Primer nombre, segundo nombre, apellido)	ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE FIGURE EN LA BOLETA¹
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DIRECCIÓN RESIDENCIAL PERMANENTE (No incluya una casilla postal o una ruta rural. Si usted no tiene una dirección residencial, describa el lugar en que recibe correspondencia personal y la ubicación de su residencia.)	DIRECCIÓN POSTAL PÚBLICA (Dirección en la que recibirá correspondencia relacionada a su campaña, si es disponible.)
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CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL	CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL
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CORREO ELECTRÓNICO PÚBLICO (Si está disponible.)	EMPLEO (No deje este espacio en blanco.)	FECHA DE NACIMIENTO / /	VUID – NÚMERO UNICO DE IDENTIFICACION DE VOTANTE (Opcional) ²
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INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO (Opcional) Tel. residencial: Tel. laboral: Tel. celular:	DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA AL MOMENTO DE JURAMENTAR ESTA SOLICITUD	
	EN EL ESTADO ____ año(s) ____ mes(es)	EN EL TERRITORIO POR EL CUAL SERIA ELECTO/A³ ____ año(s) ____ mes(es)

En caso de usar un apodo como parte de su nombre en la boleta, usted también firma y jura lo siguiente: Asimismo, juro que mi apodo no constituye un lema político ni tampoco es una indicación de mis creencias o afiliaciones políticas, económicas, sociales o religiosas. Se me ha conocido por este apodo durante al menos tres años antes de esta elección.

Ante mí, la autoridad suscrita, compareció (nombre) _____, quien frente a mí y bajo juramento debido, declara:

“Yo, (nombre) _____, del condado de _____, Texas, siendo candidato para el cargo oficial de _____, juro solemnemente que apoyaré y defenderé la Constitución y las leyes de los Estados Unidos y del Estado de Texas. Soy ciudadano de los Estados Unidos elegible para ocupar tal cargo oficial bajo la Constitución y las leyes de este Estado. No se me ha condenado por un delito mayor por el cual no haya sido absuelto o por el cual no se me hayan restituido enteramente mis derechos de ciudadanía por medio de otra acción oficial. No existe un fallo final de un tribunal testamentario que me declare total o parcialmente incapacitado mentalmente sin derecho a votar. Yo tengo conocimiento de la ley sobre el nepotismo según el Capítulo 573 del Código de Gobierno.

Además, juro que las declaraciones anteriores que incluyo en mi solicitud son verdaderas y correctas”.

X

 FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO

Jurado y suscrito ante mí en _____, este día ____ de _____.

SELLO

 Firma del oficial que administra el juramento⁴ Título del oficial que administra el juramento

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:

(See Section 1.007)

 Date Received

 Signature of Secretary

Voter Registration Status Verified

INSTRUCCIONES

La solicitud para que el nombre de un candidato figure en la boleta para cualquier elección general no deberá registrarse antes de los treinta (30) días previos a la fecha límite para registrar la solicitud, según lo prescribe este código. Cualquier solicitud registrada antes de esa fecha se declarará inválida. Todos los campos **deben ser completados** a menos que se indique específicamente marcados como opcional.

El último día para registrarse es a las 5 de la tarde setenta y ocho (78) días antes del día de la elección en el caso de elecciones uniformes.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la división de elecciones del Secretario de Estado al 800-252-8683.

LEY SOBRE EL NEPOTISMO

El candidato deberá firmar esta declaración para indicar que tiene conocimiento sobre la ley sobre el nepotismo. A continuación figuran las prohibiciones del nepotismo según el capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno:

Ningún funcionario podrá nombrar, votar por o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de ninguno de sus parientes en segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o en tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre), o de los parientes de cualquier otro integrante del cuerpo directivo o tribunal en que el funcionario celebre sesión cuando la compensación para esa persona se pague con fondos públicos u honorarios de su puesto oficial. Sin embargo, la ley no prohíbe el nombramiento, el votar por o la confirmación de ninguna persona que haya trabajado en la oficina de manera continua o el empleo para el siguiente período antes de la elección o el nombramiento del funcionario o miembro emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el funcionario o miembro se elige en una elección general de funcionarios de estado y condado.

Ningún candidato podrá influir sobre un empleado relacionado al puesto oficial al cual el candidato aspira o un empleado o funcionario del cuerpo fiscal al cual el candidato aspira respecto del nombramiento o el empleo de un pariente del candidato en un grado prohibido según se indica arriba. Esta restricción no se dirige a las acciones de un candidato respecto de una clase o categoría de empleados o posibles empleados de buena fe.

Los ejemplos de parentesco en tercer grado por consanguinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: padre, madre, hijo(a);
- (2) Segundo grado: hermano(a), abuelo(a), nieto(a);
- (3) Tercer grado: bisabuelo(a), bisnieto(a), tío(a), sobrino(a).

Los siguientes incluyen parentescos de consanguinidad, medios hermanos y adopción legal. Los ejemplos de parentescos en segundo grado por afinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: cónyuge, suegro(a), yerno, nuera;
- (2) Segundo grado: cuñado(a), abuelo(a) del cónyuge.

Las personas que están emparentadas por afinidad (matrimonio) incluyen los cónyuges de parientes emparentados por consanguinidad, y, si casados, el cónyuge y los parientes del cónyuge por consanguinidad. No todos estos ejemplos son inclusivos.

NOTAS

¹Para reglas sobre la forma del nombre de un candidato o apodo en la boleta electoral, vea el subcapítulo B, Capítulo 52 del Código Electoral de Texas.

²La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Inglés) es opcional. Sin embargo, para muchos candidatos, es un requisito estar registrados como votantes en el territorio por el cual serían electos a partir de la fecha límite de la solicitud. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre el requisito de registro de votante en nuestra página: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

³Esto se refiere a la duración de la residencia dentro del distrito o territorio de que se elige la oficina. Por ejemplo, la duración de residencia en un distrito escolar, para una oficina del consejero escolar elegida en general. Este campo **DEBE SER COMPLETADO**.

⁴Los juramentos, las declaraciones juradas o las afirmaciones que se efectúen dentro de este Estado podrán ser administradas por un juez, escribano o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, por un notario público, un juez de paz, un secretario de la ciudad o el Secretario de Estado de Texas, quienes cuentan con la capacidad de proporcionar un certificado del hecho.

