



# CITY OF ROCKPORT

## May 3, 2025 Q&A

### How do I get my name on the ballot?

File form AW2-21 (attached) - Application for Place on the Ballot (enclosed) with the City Secretary within the filing period: January 15, 2025 to February 14, 2025 at City of Rockport City Hall M-F 8a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (February 14, 2025 until 5:00 p.m.)

- **In Person:** City Secretary's Office, Rockport City Hall 2751 SH 35 Bypass, Rockport, TX 78624
- **Mail/Email/Fax:** Call City Secretary at 361-729-2213 ext. 225 or Email – [sgoodwin@rockporttx.gov](mailto:sgoodwin@rockporttx.gov) for instructions.

**ALL APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED IN THE CITY SECRETARY OFFICE ON OR BEFORE FEBURARY 14, 2025**

### What places are on the ballot for the May 3, 2025 election and how long are the terms?

Two (2) City Council positions Ward 1 and Ward 3 are up for election this year. All are four-year terms.

### Are the different council places related to physical locations? Do I have to live in a certain area of the city to run in a specific place?

Yes, Ward boundaries are defined by ordinance and amended as population changes warrant. You are required to live in certain areas of the city. May 3, 2025 areas are Ward 1 and Ward 3, to see if you are eligible please

<https://rockport.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=9da7566b079e4b8fb26c32ce4f5f960>

### Does it cost money to run for City Council?

No, there is no fee associated with running for City Council; however there is a requirement of a petition. The City Charter Article V. City Elections Section 5.02 Filing for Office (g) states A candidate filing for a Council Member position must include a petition along with their application for a place on the ballot for an office which contains signatures of qualified voters equal in number to thirty percent (30%) or fifty (50), whichever is lesser, of those who voted in the last election for that office. If the immediately preceding election for the Council Member position applied for was canceled as provided by law, a petition containing fifty (50) signatures of qualified voters shall be necessary along with the application for a place on the ballot for an office. This requirement shall not be construed to mean the signatures of actual people who voted in the last election\*

*The 2023 Ward 1 Election had a total of 114 voters and 30% is 35, so this petition will require 35 signatures of qualified voters.*

*The 2023 Ward 3 Election was canceled due to being unopposed so this petition will require 50 signatures of qualified voters.*

**Is being a City Councilmember or mayor a full-time job? Do I get paid?**

No, service on the City Council is not a full-time job, however, council meeting attendance requirements do exist. The Mayor, is paid \$200.00 per month and the City Councilmembers are paid \$100.00 a month.

**How often does the City Council meet, where, and what time?**

The City Council Regular Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They are held at Rockport Service Center. There are several times during the year that City Council Special Meetings and Work Sessions are held, usually on an as needed basis.

**As a candidate for Mayor or City Council with whom and where do I file my paperwork?**

All required paperwork is filed with the City Secretary located at City Hall 2751 SH 35 Bypass, Rockport, TX 78624.

Please remember it is each candidate's responsibility to meet all required deadlines. Check your election calendar and packet information often.