

## WELCOME CANDIDATES

Thank you for your interest in Oxford city government. The City of Oxford is governed by a Mayor and Six Council members, who each run at large and are elected by a City-wide popular vote. City elections are nonpartisan; i.e. candidates do not run as members of a particular political party and their individual party affiliations are not relevant to their position in the city government. Elected officials serve for terms of four (4) years and until their respective successors are elected and sworn in.

The Mayor and City Council determine policies, enact legislation and provide political leadership in the community. Mayor and Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Community Room. Regularly scheduled work sessions are held on the third Monday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Additional meetings may be scheduled, as needed, throughout the year.

## 2025 Election Information

- A General Election will be held on November 4, 2025 to fill City Council Posts 4, 5, and 6 for 4-year terms.
- Qualifying for this election will be held August 18, 2025 August 22, 2025, 9:00 am 4:30 pm each day at Oxford City Hall.
- The following must be completed during the qualifying period:
  - Payment of qualifying fee \$144.00\*
  - Completion of the Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit (County/Municipality)

\*In lieu of paying the required fee to run for public office, a candidate may file a pauper's affidavit. The City Clerk's office can provide additional information about this process.

Once qualifying has closed, all candidate names and the posts they are seeking will be posted on the City website. Please be aware that newspapers will generally request this information and publish it as well. Please provide email address information and advise us whether this information is permitted to be listed on our website so that voters may also contact you directly. If you would like a picture to accompany your contact information, please provide a digital headshot photo for this purpose as well.

Candidates and elected officials for municipal elections in Georgia are required to adhere to requirements of the Georgia State Ethics Commission. These requirements include filing several forms with the Elections Superintendent of Oxford, who is your local filing officer, and who will ensure that they are forwarded to the State Ethics Commission.

The Georgia Municipal Association provides information about these filing requirements at https://www.gacities.com/articles/georgia-ethics-commission-reporting-requirements.

You may pick up a candidate information packet at City Hall which contains the *Notice of Candidacy* and *Affidavit (County/Municipality)* form along with other useful information. The form is also available at <a href="https://oxfordgeorgia.org/CityElections.aspx">https://oxfordgeorgia.org/CityElections.aspx</a>.

Please contact City Hall at (770) 786-7004 with any questions.