

December 26, 2018



Dear Prospective Candidates:

Congratulations on your decision to run for office! The election will be held Saturday, May 4, 2019. It is by place, at large, and nonpartisan. No filing fee is required.

The City of Weatherford is a municipal corporation that operates under a home-rule Charter and myriad state laws. This packet is provided to assist you. It is the duty of the candidate/officeholder to become familiar with and follow the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to campaigns for office.

Filing for a place on the ballot begins January 16, 2019 and ends at 5:00 p.m. February 15, 2019.

Title 15 of the Texas Election Code pertains to campaign contributions and expenditures. Financial reports must be completed by the candidate's campaign treasurer (but signed only by the candidate) and filed in my office. The role of the City Secretary's Office is to accept and file the various candidate applications, affidavits, and statements required and note the date of filing thereon. There is no legal duty to advise anyone in regard to the meaning and requirements of statutes. The City Secretary should not be expected to judge or comment upon the timeliness or sufficiency of reports filed, but rather serves only as the custodian of the records for the benefit and convenience of the public.

All applications, affidavits, statements, and campaign reports filed with the City Secretary's office are public information.

The Texas Election Law requires certain disclosures and notices on political advertising. Please review the political advertising guide and the city's current sign ordinance. There is no permit required for political signs; however, they are prohibited on city property, utility poles, attached to trees or between the sidewalk and the curb (street right-of-way). **We ask your keen discretion in the placement of your signs.**

Persons needing questions answered may contact the **Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office** at 1-800-252-VOTE or www.sos.state.tx.us, or the **Texas Ethics Commission** at 512-463-5800 or www.ethics.state.tx.us.

We appreciate your interest in municipal government and trust this period will be a positive and exciting experience for you and your supporters. If you have specific questions for the City Secretary's Office, please do not hesitate to call 817-598-4202 or email mnowell@weatherfordtx.gov. You may also wish to visit the City's main website at www.weatherfordtx.gov or our election page at www.weatherfordtx.gov/election.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Malinda Nowell".

Malinda Nowell, TRMC
City Secretary