



Declaration of Candidacy FAQ

What seats are up for election and what are the terms?

- 2 City Council seats (at-large)- no districts
- Mayor

The terms are 4 years, running from January 2026-January 2030.

What are the Qualifications to become a Candidate?

- 1) Be a Registered Voter
 - 2) Be a Lehi resident (or recently annexed) for 12 consecutive months before the Election.
 - 3) NOT be declared mentally incompetent
 - 4) NOT be convicted of a felony, treason, or a crime against the elective franchise (unless rights have been restored under Utah Code [20A-2-101.3](#) or [20A-2-101.5](#)).
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What experience do I need to run for office?

No experience required, but you can prepare by:

- Serving on a Lehi City Board, Commission, or Committee.
 - Volunteering in schools, churches, organizations, or during Round-Up week.
 - Attending City Council and Planning Commission meetings.
 - Participate in the Local Government Academy (if available).
 - Get to know the current Mayor and Councilmembers.
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What are the Roles and Responsibilities of the Mayor and Council?

- The Mayor acts as the City's Chief Executive Officer
- The Council adopts the budget, ordinances, and regulations

Learn more:

- [Lehi Municipal Code Title 1 Chapter 6](#)
 - [Utah Code Annotated 10-3b-101](#)
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Is there Compensation and Benefits?

- Yes. [See Lehi Municipal Code 1-6-4](#)

What is the time Commitment?

Mayor & Council-

- Council Meetings: 2- 6 hours each, held the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays.
- Prep/Study time: 2-5 hours per meeting
- Committee Meetings- 2-4 hours/month.
- Additional time for emails, resident meetings, and community events.

Mayor

- Significant time commitment due to Lehi's size and budget
- Outside employment is allowed
- The Mayor may delegate responsibilities to the City Administrator or Councilmembers

HOW and WHEN do I Declare Candidacy?

- MUST file in person with the City Recorder
153 N 100 E, Lehi
June 2-6, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Pay \$35 filing fee (or file Affidavit of Impecuniosity)
- Filing forms available online the week of May 19 (for print and review)
- Review forms before meeting with the City Recorder
- Don't wait until the last minute! If there are any errors in your paperwork or missing information, you'll need time to correct it before the filing deadline. Filing early helps ensure everything is complete and accurate.

See Utah Code [20A-9-203](#)

What if I'm out of the state during the entire filing period?

- You may authorize an agent to file the forms on your behalf.
- Contact the City Recorder before leaving.

See Utah Code [20A-9-203](#).

Can I nominate someone else?

Yes! Any Lehi resident may nominate a candidate by filing a nomination petition with the City Recorder during the filing period. See Utah Code [20A-9-203](#)

When is the Election?

- August 12- Primary Election, (Top 4 Council, Top 2 Mayor advance)
- November 4- General Election

More Questions?

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