

Candidate Filing and Information When is the next election?

The **2023 Municipal Election** will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

What local offices are up for election and where do they file?

- Mayor of the Town of Franklin
- Council Member-Joe Collins seat
- Council Member-Mike Lewis seat
- Commissioner for the Town of Highlands-John Dotson seat
- Commissioner for the Town of Highlands-Marc Hehn seat
- Commissioner for the Town of Highlands-Brian Stiehler seat

All seats will file with the Macon County Board of Elections office

When is Candidate filing?

- Begins on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at Noon
- Ends on Friday, July 21, 2023 at Noon

What are the qualifications to be elected to office?

- A registered voter in the county of residence
- At least 21 years of age
- Eligible to vote for the office filed for *(see note)
- Note: for Municipal elections, that means also a resident of that municipality

Can I change my party affiliation before filing for a partisan office?

No person shall be permitted to file as a candidate in a party primary unless that person has been affiliated with that party for at least 90 days as of the date of that person filing such notice of candidacy ([per NC G.S. 163-106.1](#)).

Candidate Filing Fees 2023

- Town of Franklin Mayor \$72.00
- Council Member of Franklin \$36.00
- Commissioner of Highlands \$5.00