

Sec. 9-10. - Qualifications of candidates for city commission.

- (a) Any person who meets the eligibility requirements described in Article II of the Charter may become a candidate for the office of mayor or city commissioner of the city by filing the necessary qualifying papers as provided in Florida Statutes with the supervisor, at any time after noon of the first day for qualifying which shall be the fiftieth day prior to the day of the election, but not later than noon of the 46th day prior to the day of the election. Provided, however, as a condition precedent to having his/her name printed on the ballot for such election such person shall pay to the supervisor the election assessment imposed by F.S. § 99.093(1), or be exempted from such payment of assessment pursuant to the provisions of F.S. § 99.093(2). Any person who is seeking election as a write-in candidate shall not be required to pay a filing fee or submit a petition. A write-in candidate shall not be entitled to have his/her name printed on any ballot; however, space for his/her name to be written in shall be provided on the ballot. No person may qualify as a write-in candidate if the person has also otherwise qualified for nomination or election to such office. All write-in candidates must submit their qualifying paperwork to the supervisor by the end of the qualifying period set out above.
- (b) For purposes of determining the eligibility requirements of Article II of the Charter, a person who resides in an area that is redistricted into another district (hereinafter the "new district") shall be deemed to be a resident of the new district if the person resides anywhere within the area that is placed in the new district for a period of not less than six months prior to the date the person qualifies to run for office.

(Code 1960, § 11-9; Ord. No. 3301, § 5, 11-17-86; Ord. No. 3310, § 3, 12-15-86; Ord. No. 3319, § 1, 2-2-87; Ord. No. 3349, § 2, 8-10-87; Ord. No. 3688, § 1, 1-7-91; Ord. No. 3924, § 1, 1-10-94; Ord. No. 980736, § 1, 1-11-99; Ord. No. 001788, § 1, 9-24-01; Ord. No. 020746, § 1, 2-10-03; Ord. No. 040796, § 2, 7-1-05)