



2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Dear Candidate,

We appreciate your interest in municipal government and trust this will be a positive experience for you!

A General Election will be held for the purpose of election two Council Members. The term of office for these elected officials is for a period of two years. House Bill No. 484 states, in regards to filing for candidacy for General Election must be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected. City Council shall be a permanent resident citizen of the City of Presidio; shall have resided in the State of Texas for a period of twelve (12) months; and shall have been such resident citizen of the City of Presidio for a period of not less than six (6) months immediately preceding his election.

The enclosed packet contains all the documents that you will need to file for a place on the ballot in the City of Presidio's General Election, to be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026. For your information, this packet also contains necessary related materials.

Following is a list of the enclosed documents and a brief description:

2. House Bill No.484 and Election Code Ch. 141-HB relating to the eligibility of a person to be a candidate for or holder of certain public elective offices.
3. Application for a place on the General Election Ballot-The document that is used to actually file to run in this election. There is no filing fee.
4. Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate Application-You are required by law to appoint a campaign treasurer. You may appoint yourself or someone else. See attached instruction guide for further information.
5. Guide to Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate Application-Instruction guide to appointing your campaign treasurer.
6. Amendment: Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate Application-Amending your previous appointment for Campaign Treasurer.
7. Guide to Amendment: Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate Application-Instruction guide how to amend previous appointment of Campaign Treasurer.
8. Code of Fair Campaign Practices Application-Every candidate is encouraged to subscribe to this code (decency, honesty, fair play), however, it is voluntary.
9. Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report Application-A campaign finance report that will need to be filled out if you have not elected to file Modified Reporting. However, after the election all candidates must file a Final Report. This document terminates your appointment of a campaign treasurer and relieves you of the obligation of filing further reports. Campaign Reporting Information-Each candidate must file campaign contribution and expenditure reports, unless you file Modified Reporting. A candidate elects to file modified reporting if he or she does not intend to accept more than \$500.00 in campaign contributions or make more than \$500.00 in campaign political expenditures. See the enclosed Ethics Commission contact information. See attached instruction guide for further information.
10. Guide to Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report Guide-Instruction Guide
11. Texas Ethics Commission Fair Campaign Practices Guide-This is a guide to encourage all candidates to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.
12. Texas Ethics Commission Title 15, Election Code Regulating Political Funds and Campaigns-Guide is a summary of reporting requirements and other regulations set out in Title 15 of the Texas Election Code (chs. 251-258) and in the rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission.

13. 2026 Filing Schedule for Reports due in connection with elections held on uniform election dates-This document gives you information regarding deadlines for filing campaign finance reports.
14. Texas Ethics Chapter 258, Election Code Fair Campaign Practices- The purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate and political committee to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It's the intent of the legislature that every candidate and political committee subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play to encourage healthy completion and open discussion of issues or unfairly attack opponents.
15. Candidate/Officeholder Report of Unexpended Contributions Application-This form is for those candidates who do not file modified reporting and need to report the disposition of unexpended contributions.
16. Candidate/Officeholder Report of Unexpended Contributions Guide-Instruction Guide
17. Political Fundraisers: What you need to know A Guide for Candidates, Officeholders and Political Committees-Information on rules for fundraising events.
18. Texas Department of Transportation Right a Way-Notice from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the placement of campaign signs.
19. Political Advertising -Information from the Texas Ethics Commissions regarding political advertising and your campaign.
20. Guide to a Local Filing Authority's Duties Under the Campaign Finance Law
21. Chapter 571-Government Code- Legislature to protect the constitutional privilege of free suffrage by regulating elections and prohibiting undue influence while also protecting the constitutional right of the government to apply to their government for the redress of grievances.
22. Short Guide to the Prohibition against using Political Subdivision Resources for Political Advertising in Connection with an Election

As a candidate, it is your responsibility to become familiar with the laws applicable to running for an elected office. You may direct legal questions to the office of the Secretary of State and/or to the Texas Ethics Commission. As the City Secretary for the City of Presidio, I will be happy to answer general questions however; I am constrained from offering legal advice or opinions to any candidate. Please note that all documents become public records upon filing and are available for public inspection.

Thank you for your interest in serving your municipal government and good luck in your campaign! If I may be of further assistance, you may contact the City Secretary's Office at 432-229-2201.

Sincerely,



Brenda Lee Ornelas-Acuña
City Secretary