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Candidate packets for residents who want to file for a seat on the Burleson City Council are now available on the City of Burleson website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), Elections (center column), Candidate Packets.

The 138-page packet familiarizes candidates with City regulations as well as legal requirements by the Texas Ethics Commission pertaining to campaign contributions and expenditures. The packet includes the filing form, instructions on how to appoint a campaign treasurer, the Code of Fair Campaign Practices, and information concerning political signs. The person filing must turn in the form at city hall. The filing form can not be emailed to the city secretary.

Packets are also available at city hall Jan. 30- March 5, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday as well as at the city council meetings on Feb. 6 and Feb. 20. Council work sessions are at 6 p.m. and meetings are at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Four council seats are on the May 12, 2012, ballot. Those seats include mayor, currently held by Ken Shetter; Place 2, currently held by Rick Green; Place 4, currently held by Matt Aiken; and Place 6, currently held by Larry Pool.

The first day to file for a place on the ballot is Saturday, Feb. 4. City hall will be open 10 a.m.-noon. on Feb. 4 for candidates who want to file for office. File with the city secretary's office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The last day to file is March 5 at 5 p.m. Election day is Saturday, May 12.

Last day to register to vote is April 12, 2012. Voters should register with the county (Johnson or Tarrant) in which they live.

Early voting is Monday, April 30-Friday, May 4, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and, Monday, May 7-Tuesday, May 8, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Election Day voting is 7 a.m.-7 p.m. All casting of votes will take place at city hall.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old; a citizen of the United States; a qualified voter of the city; a resident of the city or have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election; not be delinquent in the payment of taxes or other liability due to the City of Burleson; and not be otherwise disqualified from serving on the city council by any other provision of law. The mayor and council members serve two year terms. There are no term

limits. Council meets on the first and third Mondays and in special meetings and workshops throughout the year.

For more information about the May 12, 2012, Burleson City Council election, call the city secretary's office at 817-426-9661 or email [elections@burlesontx.com](mailto:elections@burlesontx.com). Burleson City Hall is located at 141 W. Renfro St.