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Two incumbents and two challengers filed for a place on the May 12, 2012, ballot for Burleson City Council. Those seats on the ballot 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.

Today, Feb. 4, was the first day to file for office. Those who filed include:

**Mayor**

- Ken Shetter (incumbent), 40, is an attorney and executive director. He has lived in Texas for 40 years and in Burleson for 13 years.
- Larry Pool (challenger), 50, is employed in insurance and real estate. He has lived in Texas for 15 years and in Burleson for three years.

**Place 4**

- Matt Aiken (incumbent), 31, employed as an attorney. He has lived in Texas for 31 years and in Burleson for six years.

**Place 6**

- Brenda Gammon (challenger), 58, is a financial advisor. She has lived in Texas for 11 years and in Burleson for 11 years.

Candidate packets are available on the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), Elections (center column), Candidate Packets, as well as at city hall, 141 W. Renfro St. Candidates may file with the city secretary's office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 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. The candidate must file papers in person at city hall.

The 138-page candidate packet familiarizes candidates with City regulations as well as legal requirements from 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 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 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.