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If you want to represent your neighbors on the Burleson City Council, packets for the May 2013 City election are available starting Jan. 23 at Burleson City Hall. Packets will be available at the council meetings on Feb. 4 and Feb. 18. Those meetings are at 7 p.m. at Burleson City Hall.

The filing period is 8 a.m. on Jan. 30 to 5 p.m. on March 1 (Monday-Friday). Election Day is Saturday, May 11.

The three seats on the ballot include Place 1, held by Mayor Pro Tem Stuart Gillaspie; Place 3, held by Councilmember Jerry Allen; and Place 5, held by Councilmember Dan McClendon.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old; a citizen of the United States; a qualified (registered) voter of the city; 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 at the time the application for place on the ballot is submitted; a resident of the city or have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election. All terms are for 2 years. Council meets on the first and third Mondays and in special meetings and workshops throughout the year.

The 138-page candidate 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. Applications for a place on the ballot can be filed in person at city hall (141 W Renfro) during business hours, faxed to elections@burlesontx.com or mailed to City Secretary, 141 W. Renfro St., Burleson, TX, before the deadline of March 1 at 5 p.m. The application cannot be emailed and electronic signatures are not acceptable.

You must be a registered voter in order to mark a ballot for the city election. The last day to register is April 11. Registration must be done through the county in which you live. Contact the Johnson County Elections administrator at 817-556-6197 or go to www.johnsoncountyelections.com. Contact the Tarrant County Elections administrator at 817-831-8683 or go to www.tarrantcounty.com/elections. Early voting begins April 29.

For more information about the May 11, 2013, Burleson City Council election, contact the city secretary's office at 817-426-9662 or email elections@burlesontx.com.