

CITY OF DALTON
QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES
GENERAL ELECTION

Candidates are ineligible to qualify if they are of **unsound minds** and have **advanced age or bodily infirmity**, are unfit to discharge the duties of the office which they are chosen or appointed. (O.C.G.A 45-2(1) (5)).

Candidates must be **registered to vote**. Ga. Constitution, Article II, Section II, Para. III.

Candidates must be **21 years of age**. (O.C.G.A. 45-2-1 (1)).

No person shall be eligible to hold office who has been **convicted and sentenced** in any court of competent jurisdiction for fraudulent **violation** of primary or **election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude** or conviction of **domestic violence** under the laws of this state or any other state or of the United States, or that the candidate's civil rights have been restored and that at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude. (G.E.C.R. Sec. 21-2-132(e)(7)).

Federal employees are **prohibited** from election to public office, except the postmaster or officers and enlisted persons in the military. (O.C.G.A. 45-2-1 (4)).

Candidates must be a **citizen** of the **State** of Georgia at least **12 months** prior to the election. (O.C.G.A 45-2-1(1)).

Candidates for **Councilmember** must **live** within the boundaries of the **Ward** for which they are seeking election, must have lived within Ward for **three (3) months** prior to the date of the election. (Charter, Article III, Section 3-14).

Candidates must be a **resident** of the municipality (City of Dalton) for **12 months** prior to the election. (O.C.G.A 45-2-1 (1)).

Persons meeting the above qualifications shall **file a " Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit "** form in the Office of the City Clerk during qualifying week. Qualifying week is August 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. through August 20, 2021 until 4:30 p.m. (G.E.C.R. Sec. 21-2-132(c)(3)(A)).

A **qualifying fee of (3%)** of the gross salary, including all supplements, for a salaried office (See General Information); and if not a salaried office, the fee shall be \$35.00 for each office of the City of Dalton to be elected by the qualified electors of the City of Dalton at any general and special municipal election. (G.E.C.R. Sec. 21-2-131(a)(1)).