



CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE
Office of the City Clerk
2424 15th Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

To: Candidates for Municipal Office

Re: **Spring Primary, Tuesday, February 17, 2026 (if needed)**
Spring Election, Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Enclosed are the following forms for candidates for municipal office:

- Type A Notice of a Spring Election
- Receipt of Election Forms
- EL-169 Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office
- EL-162 Declaration of Candidacy
- Memo Regarding Constitutional Ban on Felons Holding Office
- EL-163 Notification of Non-candidacy (incumbents only)
- CF-1 Campaign Finance Registration Statement
- Information on Campaign Financing
- Information on the placement of campaign signs
- Disclaimers information
- ELIS-7 Ballot Access Checklist
- Wards and Aldermanic Districts Map
- Statements of Economic Interest (Municipal Judge) – Please refer to <http://ethics.wi.gov/>

For both the Mayor and Municipal Judge positions, the number of required signatures is **50-100**. As all signatures need to be verified by the Clerk, please refrain from obtaining more than the required amount of signatures.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, December 1, 2025	First day to circulate nomination papers
Friday, December 26, 2025 (5:00 pm)	Last day to file notification of non-candidacy
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)	Last day for candidates to file nomination papers, declaration of candidacy and campaign finance registration statement

You are responsible to familiarize yourself with the election and campaign finance requirements that apply to your campaign, which you may obtain from either the Wisconsin Statutes or from your private attorney. If you do not sign the Exemption from Filing Campaign Finance Reports, you may want to refer to the form, Contribution Limits for Local Offices. In addition, you may obtain general information about the election from either the Wisconsin Elections Commission or your Municipal Clerk. Note: Information you receive may not be interpreted as either legal advice or a release from your responsibility to comply with the law.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the Wisconsin Elections or Ethics Commissions at the following address:

Wisconsin Elections and Ethics Commissions
212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor, P.O. Box 7984
Madison, WI 53707-7984

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Braatz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven A. Braatz, Jr., WCPC
South Milwaukee City Clerk
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