



Office of the City Clerk

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Dear Councilman Candidate:

I am writing in an effort to provide essential information for you in filing candidate petitions in the City of Dixon. The City of Dixon is nonpartisan and a Council-Manager Form of Municipal Government.

Nonpartisan candidates running for offices within the City of Dixon in the Consolidated Primary Election on February 25, 2025 are required to file their nominating petitions in the City of Dixon Clerk's office. The filing dates are Monday, October 21 through Friday, October 25, 2024 between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm. And Monday, October 28, 2024 between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

A Consolidated Primary Election will not be necessary if uncontested, not more than eight (8) candidates file for the positions (2) of Councilman. If uncontested, the candidate names will be placed on the ballot for the Consolidated Election held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

When filing your petitions include:

- 1) Notarized petition with signatures.(City Hall will NOT Notorize Election Petitions)
 - a. Signature requirements: Equal to at least 1% of the total vote cast for mayor at the last preceding mayoral election of the municipality. (65 ILCS 5/4-3-8)
Total ballots cast for Mayor in 2023 were 2,092.
- 2) Statement of Candidacy
- 3) A receipt showing that you filed a STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST with the Lee County Clerk's office for this position.
- 4) Loyalty Oath (optional)

Petitions should be completed, signed and notarized, and bound as required prior to filing with the City Clerk/Local Election Official at City Hall. The City Clerk's office merely accepts candidacy documents. It is the responsibility of the Candidate or representative of the candidate to ensure that all documents presented are in good order and compliant with all appropriate election law.

Persons filing as candidates should verify accuracy of general information provided herein by referring to the "2025 Candidate's Guide" a copy can be reviewed in the City Clerk's Office. It is also available to download at <https://www.elections.il.gov> under

"Running for Office" section, then under Documents the "2025 Candidate's Guide" or by seeking legal counsel, or contacting the Office of the State Board of Elections, Springfield (217)782-4141 or Chicago (312)814-6440, prior to the date of filing. Signature requirements may also be verified with the State Board of Elections.

All petitions filed by persons within the first hour on the first day of filing to the office of the City Clerk/Local Election Official or petitions filed by US mail and received in the office of the City Clerk/Local Election Official on the first day of filing, shall be deemed simultaneously filed (to be considered first). Petitions received in the last hour on the last day of filing shall be deemed simultaneously filed (to be considered last). In the event of simultaneous filing, a lottery drawing will be conducted to determine the order of placement on the ballot. Time, date, place, and method of lottery will be set by the City Clerk and persons involved will be notified.

I am also including as a courtesy, "A Candidate's Guide to Municipal Government". This document was compiled by the Illinois Municipal League in collaboration with the Municipal Clerks of Illinois. Running for elected office is a serious undertaking and requires preparation and effort. This guide is intended to serve as a primer on local government for those seeking elected office.

This information and all related documents have been provided to you as a public service. The City of Dixon and its City Clerk make no representation regarding the accuracy or validity of this information and forms you have received. Please consult an attorney before taking action based upon the candidate forms. Anyone who uses them does so at his/her own risk.

Sincerely,

Keesha Kunde

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NONPARTISAN

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|----------------------------|--|
| NAME: | OFFICE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term |
| ADDRESS – ZIP CODE: | CITY, VILLAGE OR SPECIAL DISTRICT: |

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
County of _____)

I, _____ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____

(if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, in the County of _____, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for Nomination/

Election to the office of _____ in the _____ (Name of City, Village or Special District)

to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for Nomination/Election to such office.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY PETITION (NONPARTISAN - MUNICIPALITY OTHER THAN COMMISSION FORM)

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the name of _____, who resides at _____ in the City, Town or Village of _____ Zip Code _____ County of _____ State of Illinois, be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for nomination for the office of _____ at the Consolidated Primary election to be held on _____ (date of primary election); provided that if no primary election is required, the candidate's name will appear on the ballot at the Consolidated Election for election to said office and term.

A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term
If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

| NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE) | VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional) | STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER | CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE | COUNTY |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 1. | | | ,IL | |
| 2. | | | ,IL | |
| 3. | | | ,IL | |
| 4. | | | ,IL | |
| 5. | | | ,IL | |
| 6. | | | ,IL | |
| 7. | | | ,IL | |
| 8. | | | ,IL | |
| 9. | | | ,IL | |
| 10. | | | ,IL | |

State of _____)
) SS.
County of _____)

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip

Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS

We, the undersigned persons who have stricken signatures from the attached hereby certify that there is/are _____ page(s) of **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** listing signatures which have been stricken, and are attached hereafter to the petitions of _____ (Name of Candidate) who is a candidate for election to the office of _____ at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

The following are the page numbers indicated on the attached **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS**:

(CANDIDATE)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

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(Circulator)

Every person striking signatures from the petition shall each sign this certificate. This certificate shall be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and preceding any **CERTIFICATE OF DELETION** sheet.

ATTACH TO PETITION

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested
Revised July, 2004
SBE No. P-1C

L O Y A L T Y O A T H
(OPTIONAL)

United States of America)
) SS.
State of Illinois)

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____.
(insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)



STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS STATE OF ILLINOIS

ARTICLE 29B FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

10 ILCS 5/29B-5. Purpose. The Legislature hereby declares that the purpose of this Article is to encourage every candidate for public office in this State to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this State who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and discourage practices that cloud issues or unfairly attack opponent. (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

10 ILCS 5/29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its statement of organization, the State Board of Elections, in the case of a state political committee or a political committee acting as both a state political committee and a local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of a local political committee, shall give the political committee a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections or county clerk shall inform each political committee that subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the code shall read:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Date

Signature

Office Sought

(Print Name)

Date of Election

Name of Political Committee