



**Coordinated Election
November 7, 2017**

In the November 7, 2017 Coordinated Election, Centennial voters will elect four City Council Members (one from each of four Districts) and a Mayor.

City elections are non-partisan, meaning affiliation with a political party is not required or relevant.

Candidate Packets will be available in the City Clerk's office or on the City's website beginning January 1, 2017, for persons wishing to run for office.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates must meet the following criteria pursuant to C.R.S. 31-10-301 and Section 2.7 of the Centennial Home Rule Charter:

- Must be a citizen of the United States;
- Must be at least 18 years of age by the date of the election;
- Must be a registered voter by the time of the candidate's nomination (*Candidates can register to vote before turning 18, as long as they will be 18 years of age by Election Day.*) (C.R.S. Sections 1-2-101 and 1-2-202.5(3))
- Must be a primary resident of the City of Centennial for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the election. If you are a City Council Candidate, you must also be a primary resident of your District for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the election;
- May not be an employee of the City of Centennial;
- If elected, may not, during his or her term,
 - be employed by the City or perform compensated services for the City (other than the compensation for the role as elected official)
 - hold any other elective office with a federal, state, county or municipal governmental entity, including an office on any new charter commission

Municipal elections are administered by the City Clerk, under the Centennial Home Rule Charter, Municipal Code of the City of Centennial and Colorado State Statutes.

PETITIONS: (CMC 2-6-200) Each City Council candidate must be nominated by a petition signed by at least 50 registered electors residing within the District from which the Council candidate is to be elected. Each Candidate for Mayor must be nominated by a petition signed by at least 100 registered electors residing within the City of Centennial.

Only petition forms obtained directly from the City Clerk's office may be circulated. Blank petition forms may not be copied for the purpose of obtaining additional signatures or to give to other candidates. Petition forms from the City Clerk's office may not be disassembled. Petitions will be available in the City Clerk's office at 8:00 a.m. the first day of circulation listed in the next paragraph.

Petitions for the office of Council Member may be circulated beginning **August 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. and must be returned to the City Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. August 28, 2017.** Each candidate must turn in all of his/her petitions at one time.

COMPENSATION: Elected officers of the City of Centennial receive monthly compensation in the following amounts currently provided by local ordinance:

Mayor:	\$1334.00	Mayor Pro Tem:	\$1084.00
Council Member:	\$1000.00		

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates and others involved in assisting the candidate must adhere to the provisions of the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act, a copy of which is enclosed in this packet. Also included are Article XXVII (Amendment 27) of the Colorado Constitution and the Secretary of State's Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance.

The new Centennial Campaign and Political Finance Manual was created in 2011, and amended in 2012 by the Election Commission and the City Attorney's Office to assist candidates and is included in this packet.

All forms must be filed with the City Clerk and may be filed electronically, by FAX, or in original paper form. Refer to "Filing of Fair Campaign Practices Act Reports (Email, FAX and Original Paper)".

Copies of FCPA affidavits, registrations and filings will be available for public review on the City Web site.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BECOME FAMILIAR AND COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COLORADO FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT.

POLITICAL SIGNS: Signs in support of a candidate for office must be in compliance with local, state and federal laws.