



CITY OF MARQUETTE ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

Number of Open Seats for the November 2026 City General Election

Both offices are three-year terms

- City Commission: Three (3) people will be elected to seats on the City Commission
- Board of Light and Power: Two (2) people will be elected to seats on the Board of Light and Power

Eligibility for Elective Office

- An individual must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in City Charter Sec. 6-1. This includes:
 - Must have been a qualified registered voter of the city for at least one year at the time of filing.
 - Cannot be in default to the City.
 - May not have served six or more consecutive years as an elective officer by the Monday following the next regular election, unless at least two years have elapsed.
 - Must submit all candidate filing documents, including nominating petitions or fee, to the Clerk's office by the deadline.

Completing Nominating Petition Sheet

- Follow all directions on the sheets. All persons signing a nominating petition must:
 - Be an active registered voter of the City of Marquette
 - Not sign petitions for more candidates than there are vacancies.
 - Sign only his or her own name.
 - Print his/her name, registered address and zip code. Illegible names will not be counted.
 - Include the date they signed the petition.
- Per City Charter Sec. 4-6(a), a qualifying nominating petition shall include the signatures of at least 25, but not more than 50, registered electors of the city.
- Signatures will be verified against the State of Michigan Qualified Voter File by Clerk's Office staff. Names or signatures that cannot be verified will be deemed invalid.

Filing Fee

- If a candidate opts to submit the \$100 filing fee in lieu of petitions, payment can be made in the City Clerk's Office. Checks can be made payable to the City of Marquette, 300 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI 49855.

Sec. 4-6. - Nominations.

- (a) All candidates for city elections shall be nominated by petition or by filing a nonrefundable filing fee in the amount established by the city commission, which fee shall be no less than \$100.00, with the city clerk. The form of the petition shall be substantially that designated by the secretary of state for the nomination of nonpartisan judicial officers. A supply of official petition forms shall be provided and maintained by the city clerk. A candidate may have the nominating petitions printed, but the petitions must comply substantially with the statutory form. A qualifying nominating petition shall include the signatures of at least 25 but not more than 50 registered electors of the city. Each petition shall contain the name of only one candidate. A person shall not sign more nominating petitions for the same office than there are persons to be elected to the office. If a qualified and registered voter signs nominating petitions for a greater number of candidates for public office than the number of persons to be elected thereto, his signatures, if they bear the same date, shall not be counted upon any petition and if they bear different dates shall be counted in the order of their priority of date for only so many candidates as there are persons to be elected.
- (b) (1) The city clerk shall receive filing fees and nominating petitions filed in accordance with the provisions of this charter and statute. Filing fees and nominating petitions for special elections for the filling of vacancies shall be filed with the city clerk between the thirty-fifth day preceding such an election and 4:00 p.m. local time on the thirtieth day preceding the special election or as otherwise provided by statute.
- (2) The city clerk shall, prior to every election, publish notice of the last day permitted for payment of filing fees and filing nominating petitions and of the number of persons to be nominated or elected to each office at least one week and not more than three weeks before the last day on which petitions can be filed or filing fees paid.
- (3) Every candidate for elective office shall file with the candidate's nominating petition or filing fee an affidavit that the candidate possesses the qualifications for the office. Failure to file such affidavit shall invalidate the petition. The filing fee shall not be accepted by the city clerk if such an affidavit is not filed.
- (c) Within five days after the filing of a nominating petition, the election board shall notify the candidate and the person who filed the petition whether or not it satisfies the requirements prescribed by this charter. If a petition is found insufficient, the election board shall return it immediately to the person who filed it with a statement certifying wherein it is found insufficient. Within the regular time for filing petitions such a petition may be amended and filed again as a new petition or a different petition may be filed for the same candidate. The election board shall

keep on file all petitions found sufficient at least until the first day of January following the election for which the candidates are nominated in the petitions. All nominating petitions filed shall be open to public inspection in the office of the city clerk.

(Res. of 4-29-2024(3), § 4(Exh. A), passed 11-5-2024)

Sec. 6-1. - Eligibility for elective office.

- (a) No person shall hold any elective office of the city unless the person has been a qualified and registered elector of the city for at least one year immediately prior to filing for election. Appointments made to fill a vacancy shall also be subject to the same requirements.
- (b) No person shall be eligible to be a candidate for nomination for city commissioner at any election if the person will have served by the Monday following the next regular city election for six or more consecutive years as a member of the city commission, unless at least two years has elapsed between the termination of such membership and the Monday following such election. Consecutive years shall be measured from the last date at which the person took office as a member of the city commission following a period of at least one year without so being a member.
- (c) No person shall be eligible for any elective or appointive city office who is in default to the city. The holding of office by any person who is in such default shall create a vacancy unless such default shall be eliminated within 30 days after written notice thereof by the city commission or unless such person shall in good faith be contesting the liability for such default.
- (d) A person seeking to qualify as a candidate for any elective office under this charter shall file with the city clerk a properly completed nominating petition secured from the office of the city clerk. The form of the nominating petition shall be substantially as that required by statute for nonpartisan petitions. The city clerk shall maintain a supply of official petition forms and, upon request, furnish a reasonable number of nominating petitions.
- (e) The city commission shall be the sole judge of the election and qualification of its own members.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided by law, each member of a board, commission, or committee appointed by the city commission shall have been a resident of the city for at least one year immediately prior to the day of appointment and shall also be a qualified and registered elector of the city on such day and throughout the member's tenure of office. No person shall be eligible for membership on any such board, commission, or committee if the person will have served at the time of taking office for six or more consecutive years as a member of such board, commission, or committee unless at least two years has elapsed after the termination of such membership. Consecutive years shall be measured from the last date at which the person took office as a member of such board, commission, or committee following a period of at least one year without so being a member.
- (g) All officers shall be citizens of the United States.
- (h) Except as otherwise provided by law, a person appointed by the city commission or any other government agency, to represent the city on a non-city board, commission, or committee shall be subject to the same requirements as persons appointed by the city commission to serve on any of the city's boards, commissions, or committees, except that appointments to the board of

directors of the downtown development authority (DDA) shall be made to candidates for appointment who meet the requirements of section 4 of Public Act No. 197 of 1975 (MCL 125.1654) whereby the city manager may make (and the city commission may confirm) appointments of nonresidents who meet the qualifications as required by Public Act No. 197 of 1975 (MCL 125.1651 et seq.); provided however, that preference may be given to eligible candidates to serve on the DDA board who also meet the qualifications to serve on any of the city's boards, commissions, or committees.

- (i) No elective officer may be appointed to any city office or be employed by the city during the term of office for which the person was elected or for two years thereafter.