

## **INFORMATION ON CANDIDACY FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE WITHIN THE CITY OF MANSFIELD**

The City of Mansfield is a Home Rule Municipal Government created pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas. It has a council manager form of government which is structured to include a City Council consisting of a Mayor and six City Council members. The Mayor and City Council serve as the “Board of Directors” of the City government exercising legislative power to establish laws and regulations governing the City. The day-to-day administration of the City is managed by a professional City Manager appointed by and answerable to the elected Mayor and City Council.

The City of Mansfield supports and encourages the concept that a broad field of candidates for elective office is the best method of ensuring a representative government for the people of Mansfield. The City Council encourages all citizens to consider the possibility of becoming involved in Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the City and to consider the possibility of running for elective office if you as a citizen believe you can make a contribution in that role.

The laws of the State of Texas, and the Charter of the City of Mansfield, provide certain regulations and requirements relating to eligibility to seek elective public office. The regulations are created by the Texas Election Code and by Chapter 3.02 of the Home Rule Municipal Charter of the City of Mansfield. In order to be a candidate eligible to hold the office of Mayor or City Council member, an individual must meet the following qualifications:

1. The candidate must be a resident citizen of the City of Mansfield for a period of not less than twelve months immediately preceding his or her election to office.
2. A candidate must be a qualified voter of the State of Texas, and more specifically, shall have been a registered qualified voter within the territory in which they are seeking to hold office. Candidates should be prepared to present evidence that they have been a registered voter within the area for which they are seeking election for the twelve month period preceding the date of the election.