

City of Fairburn 2023 General Election Information

Three City Council Positions Open for 2023 Election

Incumbent City Council Members Up for Re-election

Council Member Linda J. Davis
Council Member Pat Pallend
Council Member Andrew James Whitmore

All positions in the City of Fairburn are elected At-Large/Citywide. City Council elections are by plurality and the top three with the most votes win.

Requirements to Qualify for the Position of City Council Member:

- You must be an elector/qualified voter of the City of Fairburn
- You shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
- You must be a resident of the State of Georgia for a period of 12 months.
- You must be a resident of the City of Fairburn for a period of 12 months immediately preceding the election.

Qualifying Fees

The qualifying fee for the November 7, 2023, General Election for City Council is Two-hundred seventy dollars (\$270.00).

The qualifying dates are Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Thursday, August 24, 2023, and Friday, August 25, 2023, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the City Clerk, Fairburn City Hall, 56 Malone Street, Fairburn, Georgia. The office will close from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm for lunch.

For further candidate information visit www.ethics.ga.gov and www.sos.ga.gov



Office of the City Clerk
56 Malone Street, SW
Fairburn, GA 30213
770-964-2244 Ext. 115

Welcome 2023 Candidates!

Thank you for the interest in Fairburn City Government. The City of Fairburn is governed by a Mayor and six Councilmembers, who are elected by popular vote. The City does not have specific districts or wards. City elections are nonpartisan; (ex: candidates do not run as members of a respective political party.) Elected officials serve for terms of four years until their respective successors are elected and sworn in.

Qualifying for the November 7, 2023, General Election will be held at City of Fairburn City Hall, 56 Malone Street, SW., Fairburn, GA 30213. The qualifying dates are August 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2023. The hours of qualifying on each of these dates shall be between the hours of 8:30 am-4:30 pm. The clock in City Hall determines the time. We will be closed for lunch between the hours of 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. The city will have (3) City Council seats in the election. The qualifying fee for the Mayor is \$270.00.

Mayor and Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, work session begins at 6:00 pm followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

Campaign Signs

16-7-58. Prohibited placement of posters, signs, and advertisements:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place posters, signs or advertisements on any public property or building, unless the owner thereof or the occupier as authorized by such owner has given permission to place such posters, signs or advertisements on such property; provided, however, that the signs within the right of way of public roads shall be governed by Code Section 32-6—51.
- (b) 36-6-51: It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, place or maintain within the dedicated right of way of any public road any signs. Any signs removed by the City of Fairburn will be held at our Code Enforcement Office Address for five (5) business days. After the election candidates will have five (5) business days to remove their signs. Signs must be removed by November 13, 2023. Any campaign signs that are not removed will be confiscated and destroyed.

Please be familiar with the **Georgia Government Transparency & Campaign Finance Act**.

Certain documents are required to be filed by the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission or GGTCFC (formerly known the State Ethics Commission). Your forms are to be filed with the City Clerk's Office. Their website address is <http://www.ethics.ga.gov>.

DOI (Declaration of Intent to Accept Campaign Contributions)

If you are currently not a public officer holding elective office and you plan to run for public office, you must file a DOI BEFORE accepting campaign contributions. The DOI form must be filed with the City Clerk.

Form RC (Registration of Campaign Committee)

Candidates are not required to have a campaign committee. However, if a candidate forms a campaign committee, the candidate must register the committee with the GGTCFC prior to accepting any contributions. The Form RC is filed with the Commission (GGTCFC).

PFD (Personal Financial Disclosure Statement)

A Personal Financial Disclosure Statement must be filed with the City Clerk no later than the fifteenth (15th) day following the date of qualifying as a candidate for office or a fine will be imposed.

CCDR/FD (Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report/Financial Disclosure Report)

Form CCDR (Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report)-During a General Election, the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report must be filed with the City Clerk, January 31st, April 30th, June 30th, September 30th, October 25th, and December 31st, 2023.

Affidavit of a Candidates Intent Not to Exceed \$2,500 in Contributions and/or Expenditures.

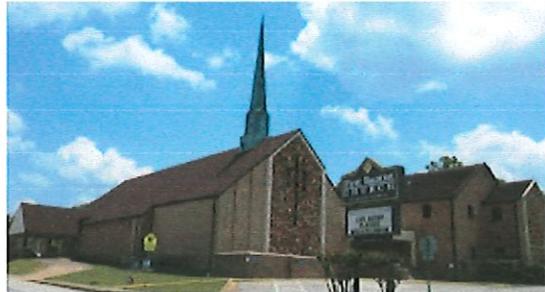
If the candidate does not intend to exceed \$2,500.00 in contributions or expenditures, then the candidate can file the form per O.C.G.A. §21-5-34 (d.1 (1)).

Contribution Limits

The new limit for the general election is \$3300.00.

Polling Locations

First Baptist Church of Fairburn
23 SE Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
FA01B & FA01D



Harvest Rain Church International
8567 Bohannon Road
Fairburn, GA 30213
FA01C



Open Word Christian Ministries
6250 Highway 92
Fairburn, GA 30213
FA01A



City of Fairburn
Brenda B. James, City Clerk
56 Malone Street, SW
Fairburn, GA 30213
Phone: 770-964-2244 Ext. 115
Email: bjames@fairburn.com.



**PROPOSED
ADVANCE VOTING LOCATIONS**

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

PROPOSED VOTING HOURS:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH TO FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

MONDAY - FRIDAY	9AM TO 6PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST	9AM - 6PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND	12PM - 5PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH	9AM - 6PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH	12PM - 5PM

LOCATION	ABSENTEE DROP BOX	ADDRESS
Alpharetta Library	DROP BOX	10 Park Plaza
Buckhead Library	DROP BOX	269 Buckhead Avenue, NE
C.T. Martin Recreation Center	DROP BOX	3201 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.
Chattahoochee Hills City Hall		6505 Rico Road
East Point Library	DROP BOX	2757 Main Street
East Roswell Library	DROP BOX	2307 Holcomb Bridge Road
Election Central	OFFICE	5600 Campbellton Fairburn Road
Fulton County Government Center	OFFICE	141 Pryor Street SW
Fairburn Annex	DROP BOX	40 Washington Street
Ocee Library		5090 Abbotts Bridge Road
Ponce De Leon Library		980 Ponce De Leon Ave NE
Roswell Library		115 Norcross Street
Southwest Arts Center		915 New Hope Road SW
Gladys S. Dennard Library		4055 Flat Shoals Road

STATE OF GEORGIA

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission
200 Piedmont Ave SE, Suite 1402-West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

AFFIDAVIT OF A CANDIDATE'S INTENT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 IN CONTRIBUTIONS AND/OR EXPENDITURES

Per O.C.G.A. §21-5-34(d)(d.1)(1),

_____ is a candidate for /public officer of
(Full Name of Candidate)

_____ in _____
(Office Sought/or Held) (City or County)

By submitting this form I am affirming that I, the above named candidate, do not intend to accept during this election cycle* a combined total of contributions exceeding \$2,500.00 for the campaign nor make a combined total of expenditures exceeding \$2,500. If the above named candidate does not exceed \$2,500.00 in contributions or expenditures then the candidate SHALL not have to file a report under O.C.G.A. §21-5-34 (c).

I understand that if I, the above named candidate, exceed the \$2,500 limit for either accepting contributions or making expenditures for such campaign during the election cycle, but do not accept a combined total of contributions exceeding \$5,000.00 or make expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 then I, the above named candidate, SHALL be required to file only the June 30 and December 31 reports required by O.C.G.A. §21-5-34 (c) (2). The first of such reports shall include all contributions received and expenditures made beginning January 1 of such calendar year.

Furthermore, I understand that if I, the above named candidate accepts a combined total of contributions exceeding \$5,000.00 or makes expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 for such campaign during any such election cycle, then such candidate or campaign committee chairperson or treasurer shall thereupon be subject to the reporting requirements of this Code section the same as if the written notice authorized by this subsection had not been filed.

*"Election cycle" means the period from the day following the date of an election or appointment of a person to elective public office through and including the date of the next such election of a person to the same public office and shall be construed and applied separately for each elective office.

State of Georgia County of _____

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, do swear or affirm, certify and say that this affidavit and the information hereinabove is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on _____, _____

Signature of Notary Public

Signature of Candidate/Chairman/Treasurer filing Affidavit

My Commission expires on _____, _____

Notary Seal



Georgia Government Transparency & Campaign Finance Commission
 200 Piedmont Avenue S.E. | Suite 1416 - West Tower | Atlanta Georgia, 30334

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR A CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (FORM RC) –
 COUNTY/MUNICIPAL LEVEL FILERS**

Any substantive changes to the registration information of a committee must be updated within 7 business days
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED • If form is handwritten, it must be legible.

ALL LOCAL LEVEL CANDIDATES & ELECTED OFFICIALS: File this form directly with the Campaign Finance Commission via mail or hand-delivery

1	Today's Date: _____	Select Form Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Amended
----------	---------------------	--

2	Committee (Full Name): _____
	Address: _____

	City, State, Zip: _____
	Telephone Number (optional): _____ Email: _____

3	Campaign Committee Chairperson (full name): _____
	Address: _____

	City, State, Zip: _____ Email : _____

4	Treasurer (full name): _____
	Address: _____

	City, State, Zip: _____ Email : _____

5	Candidate (full name): _____
	Address: _____

	City, State, Zip: _____ Email : _____

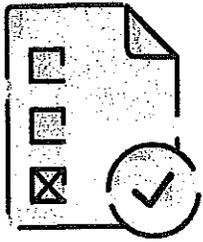
6	Name County/City: _____	Party Affiliation (optional): <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Non Partisan <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	Name of Office Sought or Held: _____ (include office, district, post, or judicial seat)	

I CERTIFY THAT THIS STATEMENT IS COMPLETE, TRUE AND ACCURATE.

 Signature of Person Registering Committee

 Date

Campaign Finance Basics



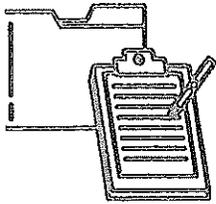
DOI

Declaration of Intent (DOI): This form must be filed with and accepted by the commission before a candidate can receive any type of campaign contribution. Upon filing DOI, candidates must qualify for office with the Secretary of States Office.

Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report (CCDR): This is a complete financial report of a campaign's contributions, expenditures, loans, and investments. The due date of these reports vary on the level of office sought and if it is an election year or non-election year.



CCDR



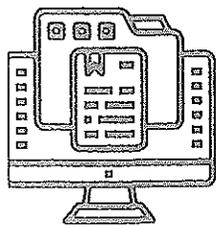
PFDS

Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (PFDS): This is a statement of personal financial interests for the preceding calendar year filed by each candidate and public officer.

Account Management: Campaign accounts may be managed by the following: The candidate themselves, a member of a candidate's designated campaign committee or a third party vendor.

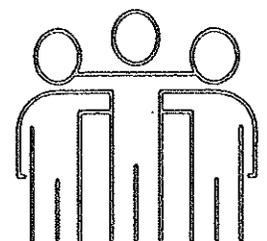


Account Management



e-Filing: Our e-Filing system provides an intuitive process for filers and lobbyists to file, DOI's, CCDR's, and PFDS. It also features an easy-to-use interface for public inquiry.

Who do we regulate? Our agency is responsible for regulating all state level elected officials, appointed public officers, lobbyists, political action committees, independent committees, and all candidates for public office.



Limit Effective August 2021	New Limit
\$3,000.00 (primary & general)	\$3,300.00 (primary & general)
\$1,600.00 (run-off)	\$1,800.00 (run-off)

 [< https://ethics.ga.gov/candidate-information-local/>](https://ethics.ga.gov/candidate-information-local/)

Local Filer Information [< https://ethics.ga.gov/candidate-information-local/>](https://ethics.ga.gov/candidate-information-local/)

 [< https://ethics.ga.gov/open-records-request/>](https://ethics.ga.gov/open-records-request/)

Open Records Request [< https://ethics.ga.gov/open-records-request/>](https://ethics.ga.gov/open-records-request/)