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## Candidate Filing for 2026 Elections: What to Expect

### When to File:

- Monday, December 1, 2025, 12:00 Noon through Friday, December 19, 2025, 12:00 Noon

### Where to File: *Candidates must file in the county where they are qualified to be registered to vote*

- Orange County Board of Elections  
208 S. Cameron Street  
Hillsborough, NC 27278

### Qualifications for Candidates Required to File at the Orange County BOE:

- You must be a registered voter in this county.
- You must live within the district for which you are filing as a candidate.
- You must be at least 21 years old on Election Day, November 3, 2026.

### What to Bring to File:

- Yourself- the candidate! Filing an in-person Notice of Candidacy may not be done by a surrogate.
- A valid NC Driver's License or other photo ID for identification.
- Payment for filing fee:
  - Fees of \$50 or less may be paid by cash, check, cashier's check, certified check or money order.
  - Fees over \$50 must be paid by check, cashier's check, certified check or money order.
  - Checks should be made payable to Orange County Board of Elections.
- You may complete your campaign finance paperwork before you arrive. A link to the required documents is found on the 'Filing for Office' page of our website.

### What to Expect When You Arrive:

- If you file on the first or last day, please be prepared to wait.
- Entourages must wait in our hallway. Candidates may have up to two people with them when filing.
- A staff member will verify your eligibility to file for the office sought.
- A staff member will assist you with completion of your Notice of Candidacy and will notarize your signature. Please bring identification for notarization services.
- Filing fee **must be paid** at the time of filing.

### Campaign Finance Information:

- Your first campaign finance disclosure report is due within 10 days of your organized date on your Statement of Organization.
- Treasurers must receive training within 90 days of appointment and then once every four years.
- Existing candidate committees – Please ensure that all information is current.