

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Becoming a Candidate in the City of Dania Beach

#### **What is a candidate?**

A candidate, as defined in F.S. 97.021(4), is any person to whom any one or more of the following applies:

1. Any person who seeks to qualify for nomination or election by means of the petitioning process.
2. Any person who seeks to qualify for election as a write-in candidate.
3. Any person who receives contributions or makes expenditures, or gives his/her consent for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bringing about his/her nomination or election to, or retention in, public office.
4. Any person who appoints a treasurer and designates a primary depository.
5. Any person who files qualification papers and subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

#### **Who can be a candidate?**

To become a candidate in the City of Dania Beach, you must:

1. Be a bona fide resident and citizen of the City of Dania Beach, a resident of the State of Florida, and a citizen of the United States of America;
2. Be duly qualified to vote at City, State and National Elections;
3. Shall be over the age of 21 years;
4. Shall have resided in the City for the 6 months immediately preceding the date of the election; and
5. Shall be otherwise qualified as provided in the City Charter.

#### **When may I announce my candidacy?**

You may "announce" your candidacy at any time, however:

1. F.S. 106.021 provides that **BEFORE** you accept contributions or make any expenditures, **you must file your Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-DE 9)** with your qualifying officer (City Clerk). This form contains the following information:
  - a. Your name, address and telephone number;
  - b. Your political party, if you are a partisan candidate;
  - c. Office sought, including district and group number if applicable;
  - d. Name, address and telephone number of your campaign treasurer;
  - e. Name and address of your depository (bank);

- f. Your signature;
  - g. Signature of campaign treasurer, showing acceptance of appointment.
2. A candidate may appoint herself/himself as campaign treasurer.
  3. F.S. 106.023 requires that **within 10 days** of filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-DE 9), **you must file a Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE 84)** with your qualifying officer, stating you have received, read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.