

Councilmember Replacement Process

With Councilmember Holly Plackett's resignation, the City Council must fill the vacancy. The process as determined by the City Council is as follows:

1st Council night (July 23):

- Announcement the upcoming vacancy
- Statement of process: qualified individuals will write a letter or send a resume to the City Clerk Administrative Assistant Sandy Madison (email to smadison@osgov.com) or drop it off at Utility Billing, indicating their wish to apply for the vacant position. Qualified individuals may also mail their letter or resume to Sandy Madison, PO Box 909, Ocean Shores, WA 98569.
- Regardless of the delivery method used, the letter or resume is due at City Clerk's office between **9am Tuesday, July 24, and 2 pm on Thursday, August 9**. No exceptions.
- Qualifications:
 - At least 1 year full-time residency in the City at time of appointment
 - Current registered voter in this district at time declares candidacy
 - Able to serve out the term until the Nov. 2019 election certification

August 10:

- Announcement on number of applicants
- Invitation to applicants to attend the August 13th Council meeting to speak individually for 3 minute and answer Council questions
- City Clerk provides copies of letters/resumes to Council members and the press

2nd Council night (August 13):

- Councilmember applicants will be asked to wait outside the Council Chamber
- Each applicant will be called into the meeting one at a time to speak and answer questions
- Applicants may then sit in Council and listen to subsequent applicants
- When all available have spoken, Mayor will recess into executive session
- Mayor and Council will discuss qualifications in the executive session
- Mayor will reconvene the regular meeting
- Council may then vote on a new Councilmember to fill the vacancy
- Mayor may break any tie vote
- New Councilmember may be sworn in and take his or her seat on the Council
- Regular meeting continues

RCW 35A.12.030 Eligibility to hold elective office.

No person shall be eligible to hold elective office under the mayor-council plan unless the person is a registered voter of the city at the time of filing his or her declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of the city for a period of at least one year next preceding his or her election. Residence and voting within the limits of any territory which has been included in, annexed to, or consolidated with such city is construed to have been residence within the city. A mayor or councilmember shall hold within the city government no other public office or employment except as permitted under the provisions of chapter [42.23](#) RCW.

[[2009 c 549 § 3006](#); [1979 ex.s. c 18 § 20](#); [1967 ex.s. c 119 § 35A.12.030](#).]

NOTES:

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 18: See note following RCW [35A.01.070](#).