

**CITY OF COTTONWOOD ELECTION  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

2013 PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013  
2013 GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

**COUNCIL POSITIONS TO BE FILLED**

Three Council Member positions (4-year terms). The current Council Member terms that expire in May of 2013 are Tim Elinski, Linda Norman, and Karen Pfeifer.

A candidate is declared elected to office in the Primary election if that candidate receives a majority of all votes cast (50 percent plus 1.) A vote cast is the same as a ballot (A.R.S. § 9-821.01.)

Any candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the Primary election will be declared elected without running at the General election.

The Mayor and Council Members shall assume the duties of office following the canvass of votes, at the first special or regular meeting following the date of the General election at which, or effective as of the date of which, the Mayor and Council Members were elected. (Cottonwood Municipal Code 2.08.030)

**CANDIDATE PACKETS & FILING DEADLINE**

Candidate “packets” containing the forms and petitions that are required to run for Mayor or Council Member will be available on November 13, 2012, from the City Clerk. Prospective candidates are highly encouraged to set an appointment to meet with the City Clerk to review the forms. Candidate nomination forms must be filed with the City Clerk at Cottonwood City Hall, 824 North Main Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. The deadline for filing is **5:00 p.m., December 12, 2012.**

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

A candidate for local office must be a qualified elector at the time of election. Any such candidate, in addition to other requirements, must be 18 years of age or more on or before the election, have resided in the city limits for one year preceding the election, and restored his civil rights if having been convicted of a felony.

A candidate must file Nomination Petitions containing at least 72 and no more than 144 signatures of qualified electors who reside within the corporate limits of the City of Cottonwood.

## **QUALIFIED ELECTORS**

1. A person who has properly registered to vote, if he is at least 18 years of age, shall be deemed a qualified elector.
2. Reside within the corporate limits of the City of Cottonwood, and be registered in the Cottonwood districts.

## **QUALIFICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE (A.R.S. § 16-101.)**

- A. Every resident of the state is qualified to register to vote if he:
  1. Is a citizen of the United States
  2. Will be 18 years of age or more on or before the date of the regular general election next following his registration.
  3. Will have been a resident of the state 29 days next preceding the election, except as provided in § A.R.S. 16-126.
  4. Is able to write his name or make his mark, unless prevented from so doing by physical disability.
  5. Has not been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights.
  6. Has not been adjudicated an incapacitate person as defined in § 14-5102.
- B. For purposes of this title, “resident” means an individual who has actual physical presence in this state, or for purposes of a political subdivision actual physical presence in the political subdivision, combined with an intent to remain. A temporary absence does not result in a loss of residence if the individual has an intent to return following his absence. An individual has only one residence for purposes of this title.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS**

Voter registration forms for individuals are available at the following locations: Cottonwood City Hall, Cottonwood Public Library, Cottonwood Post Office, and the Yavapai County Annex.

If you wish to obtain forms for distribution, please contact the Yavapai County Voter Registration Department at 639-8100.

## **CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION**

Voter registration for the City of Cottonwood Primary election will close on February 11, 2013, and on April 22, 2013, for the General election.

All dates and times specified refer to the regular business hours of the City, which are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.