



MUNICIPAL OFFICER DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Candidate Information and Oath

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate's name as it will appear on ballot: CHRISTIAN BENJEL

Candidate's full legal name: CHRISTIAN DEAN BENJEL Date of birth: (Month, Date, Year): 12/11/67

Title of Office Sought: (include district office or ward number if applicable) TULSA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Name of Municipality: CITY OF TULSA

Candidate's Residence Address: (Street, City, State, Zip) 13173 E 29TH ST. TULSA, OK 74134

Candidate's Mailing Address: (Street, City, State, Zip) 13173 E 29TH ST. TULSA, OK 74134

I am a registered voter in precinct # 720081 in the County of TULSA

Optional Information:
Phone number: 9186389855 Email Address: christianbenjelfor Website: benjel4tulsa
council@gmail.com

CRIMINAL HISTORY DISCLOSURE AND OATH

CRIMINAL DISCLOSURE:

Have you been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or otherwise been determined by a court of proper authority in Oklahoma or in another state to be guilty of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States? YES NO

Have you been named in an outstanding warrant for arrest for a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony in this or any other state or of the United States? YES NO

If you answer YES to either of these questions, you are required to fill out and sign the Criminal History Disclosure form and include it in your Declaration of Candidacy.

I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that the information provided in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and correct, that I have read and signed the Candidate Qualifications for the office that I seek, that I am fully qualified to become a candidate for said office, and that I will be fully qualified to hold said office, if elected.

Signature of Candidate Christian Benjel

NOTARY

State of OKLAHOMA County of TULSA

Subscribed and sworn before me Millage Samuel House III JUNE 20 22

My Commission expires MAY 16, 2026 Commission Number 14004447

SEAL

MILLAGE SAMUEL HOUSE III
Notary Public, State of Oklahoma
Commission # 14004447
My Commission Expires 05-16-2026

Signature of Notary Public or Officer Authorized to Administer Oath
Millage Samuel House III
NOTARY
Title of Officer (Notary Public or Other Officer)

Declaration of Candidacy Checklist

1	✓	Determine if the Declaration is being filed by the <u>candidate</u> or an agent. If by an agent, check the Not in Person or NIP box at the bottom left of the Declaration. The agent should have the candidate correct any mistakes found on a Declaration of Candidacy before the CEB accepts it. Remember, only a candidate may make changes to a Declaration of Candidacy. (Declarations received by mail should also be marked NIP.)
2	✓	Read aloud and spell out the Candidate's name as it will appear on the ballot. Be sure to verify spelling. Ask if it is correct. If not, the candidate must correct the entry and initial the correction. Complete a pronunciation sheet, if applicable. (Hint: If you didn't pronounce the name correctly, complete the sheet.)
3	✓	Read aloud the Candidate's full legal name. Ask if it is correct. If not, the candidate must correct the entry and initial the correction.
4	✓	Read aloud the Candidate's date of birth. Ask if it is correct. If not, the candidate must correct the entry and initial the correction.
5	✓	Read aloud the Title of Office sought, <u>including the district, office or ward number, school district, or municipality</u> , if applicable. Ask if this is correct. If not, the candidate must correct the entry and initial the correction.
6	✓	Read aloud the Candidate's residence address, including street, city, state, and ZIP. Ask if it is correct. If not, the candidate must correct the entry and initial the correction.
7	✓	Read aloud the Candidate's mailing address, including street, city, state, and ZIP. Ask if it is correct. If not, the candidate must correct the entry and initial the correction.
8	✓	Read aloud; "I am a registered voter in precinct number" (read the precinct number provided by the candidate) "in the County of" (read the county name provided by the candidate). If the precinct number or county name are missing or incorrect have the candidate correct the entry and initial the correction.
9	✓	Read aloud optional information; read the phone number if provided, the email address if provided, and the website if provided. Have the candidate correct and initial any items that are incorrect.
10	✓	Read aloud; the Declaration is accompanied by a 50.00 Cashier's/Certified Check made out to the City of Tulsa or Petition. Make sure the correct box is checked. Have the candidate correct and initial any items that are incorrect. If correct, verify the Cashier's/Certified Check is for the correct amount for the office sought. If filing by petition, verify that the petition contains at least the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought. Then check the Petition or PET box at the bottom left of the page and indicate the number of signatures in the line provided. A Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by a Cashier's/Certified Check or Petition, but not both.
11	✓	Read aloud the Criminal History Disclosure and Oath statements with the Yes or No answers given by the candidate. If a box is not checked for each question, the candidate must correct and initial any items that are incorrect. If the candidate answers Yes, verify that a completed and signed Criminal History Disclosure form is included.
12	✓	Verify that the candidate has signed the Declaration of Candidacy.
13	✓	Verify that the Candidate's signature has been properly notarized by an appropriate authority. Ensure that both the Notary's signature and an impression of the notary seal are present on the form.
14	✓	Verify that the appropriate Candidate Qualifications page for the office sought is included.
15	✓	After conducting your review of the Declaration of Candidacy and finding no errors, you may accept the Declaration, unless it shows on its face that the candidate does not meet the qualifications for the office sought. See <i>Secretary's Digest</i> 8-22(b).
16	✓	Date stamp the Declaration of Candidacy, and provide a copy for the candidate or their agent.

Candidates for Elective Municipal Office Qualifications and Requirements

The following requirements and qualifications are set forth in the *Oklahoma Statutes* and apply to all candidates for elective municipal office in all Towns, Aldermanic Cities, Strong Mayor-Council Cities, and Council-Manager Cities. Charter Cities may include additional qualifications or requirements in their Charters.

Title 11 O.S., Section 8-101 – Qualifications for Elected Office

A municipal elected official shall be a resident and a registered voter of the municipality in which he serves, and all councilmembers or trustees from wards shall be actual residents of their respective wards. If an elected official ceases to be a resident of the municipality, he shall thereupon cease to be an elected official of that municipality.

Title 11 O.S., Section 8-102 – Term of Office

Unless otherwise provided for by law, the term of office of an elected municipal official shall be four (4) years. The term of office of an elected official shall begin at 12:00 noon on the second Monday following the general municipal election, and such official shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified. If a newly elected official does not qualify within thirty (30) days after his term of office begins, the office shall become vacant and shall be filled in the manner provided by law. In order to complete the unexpired term, the office of an official who is holding over shall be filled at the next general election in compliance with the provisions of Sections 16-101 through 16-213 of this Title.

Title 11 O.S., Section 8-103 – Oath of Office

Any officer, elected or appointed, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation of office prescribed by the *Oklahoma Constitution*. The oath or affirmation shall be filed in the office of the municipal clerk.

Title 11 O.S., Section 8-105 – Certain Officers to Give Bond

The municipal governing body shall require the municipal treasurer, any officer or employee designated by ordinance to sign municipal warrants or municipal checks, and any other officers and employees as the governing body may designate by ordinance, to give bond for the faithful performance of his duties within ten (10) days after his election or appointment, in such amount and form as the governing body shall prescribe. The municipality shall pay the premiums on such bonds.

Title 11 O.S., Section 8-106 – Nepotism

No elected or appointed official or other authority of the municipal government shall appoint or elect any person related by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree to any governing body member or to himself or, in the case of a plural authority, to any one of its members to any office or position of profit in the municipal government. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit an officer or employee already in the service of the municipality from continuing in such service or from promotion therein. A person may hold more than one office or position in a municipal government as the governing body may ordain. A member of the governing body shall not receive compensation for service in any municipal office or position other than his elected office.

Title 11 O.S., Section 16-106 – Unopposed Candidates in General Election

Any candidate who is unopposed for an office in a general municipal election shall be deemed elected and certified; and his name shall not appear on the general election ballot. If there is only one candidate for each of the offices which are to be filled at the election, and no questions are to be voted upon at the election, the general municipal election shall not be held.

Title 11 O.S., Section 16-110 – Filing as a Candidate in a Nonpartisan Municipal Election

A candidate may have his or her name printed upon the nonpartisan general municipal election ballot as candidate for any office to be filled at the election. To become a candidate, a declaration of candidacy must be filed with the county election board no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the first Monday in February and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Wednesday. A candidate must also be a registered voter at an address within the municipality, or of the ward where the office is from a ward for at least six (6) months prior to filing a declaration of candidacy. Filing as a candidate in a nonpartisan municipal election or voting for such candidate shall not affect one's party affiliation or regularity.

Title 26 O.S., Section 4-110.1(D) – Submitting Voter Registration Applications

D. Registration for candidate filing or party affiliation purposes occurs at the earliest time the completed voter registration application is received at the State Election Board, any county election board, any agency designated to accept voter registration applications or any Motor License Agent as part of a driver license or identification card application provided that the application subsequently is approved by the secretary of the county election board for the county of the applicant's residence; or, in the case of mail applications, registration for candidate filing or party affiliation purposes shall occur at the time when the completed voter registration application is postmarked provided that the application subsequently is approved by the secretary of the county election board for the county of the applicant's residence; or, in the case of a mail application received without a postmark, registration for candidate filing or party affiliation purposes shall occur at the earliest time when the completed application is received by the State Election Board or any county election board provided that the application is subsequently approved by the secretary of the county election board for the county of the applicant's residence.

Towns: The following qualifications apply to candidates for Town Board of Trustees.

Title 11 O.S., Section 12-103 - Qualifications of Trustees

The trustees who are nominated from wards shall be actual residents of their respective wards. Removal of a trustee from the ward for which he was elected shall not cause a vacancy in the office of that trustee.

Title 11 O.S., Section 12-103.1(A) - Nomination and Election of at Large Trustees - Ordinance - Petition

A. The board of trustees may, by ordinance, provide for the nomination and election at large of the trustees of a statutory town board of trustees form of government; provided, however, that such ordinance shall not become effective until sixty (60) days following the date of its publication. After the ordinance becomes effective, the requirement that trustees of a town be residents of and nominated from wards shall not apply.

Statutory Cities: The following qualifications, as indicated below, apply to Councilmember candidates in Aldermanic, Strong-Mayor-Council, and Council-Manager cities in Oklahoma.

Title 11 O.S., Section 9-103 (Aldermanic City) – Qualifications of Governing Body Members

The governing body members shall be residents and registered voters of the city, and the councilmembers from wards shall be actual residents of their respective wards. Removal of a councilmember from the ward for which he was elected shall cause a vacancy in the office of that councilmember.

Title 11 O.S., Section 10-103 (Council-Manager City) – Qualifications of Councilmembers

The councilmembers shall be residents and registered voters of the city. The councilmembers from wards shall be actual residents of their respective wards at the time of their candidacy and election; but removal of a councilmember from one ward to another within the city after his election, or a change in ward boundaries, shall not disqualify him from completing the term for which he was elected.

Title 11 O.S., Section 11-103 (Strong Mayor-Council City) – Qualifications of Governing Body Members

The governing body members shall be residents and registered voters of the city. The councilmembers from wards shall be actual residents of their respective wards at the time of their candidacy and election; but removal of a councilmember from one ward to another within the city after his election, or a change in ward boundaries, shall not disqualify him from completing the term for which he was elected.

Charter Cities: Cities governed by charter may have established additional and/or unique qualifications and requirements for candidates for municipal offices. Any such additional candidate qualifications and requirements for an elected municipal office in a charter city are described in the election resolution. If the charter is silent in regard to candidate qualifications and requirements, then the provisions of state law apply to such candidates.

By my signature below, I indicate that I have read these qualifications and requirements, that I am eligible to be a candidate for the office I seek, and, if elected, I am eligible to serve in such office.

CHRISTIAN BEYER
Name of Candidate (print or type)

Christian Beyer 6/12/22
Signature of Candidate Date