

Candidate Petitions

The blanks in the top section of the petition must be filled in with the candidate's name and ward number, if any.

Signatures:

May 9, 2024 is the first day candidates may circulate petition for nomination. Signatures collected before May 9, 2024 will be disqualified.

The petition is to be signed by qualified electors in his/her own handwriting. It is unlawful to sign another person's name, including a spouse's name.

Under Arkansas law, a person shall be deemed guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if the person:

1. Signs any name other than his/her own to any petition;
2. Knowingly signs his/her name more than once to a petition;
3. Knowingly signs a petition when he/she is not legally entitled to sign; or
4. Knowingly and falsely misrepresents the purpose and effect of the petition or the measure affected for the purpose of causing anyone to sign a petition.

Failure to sign the name exactly as it appears on voter registration records does not invalidate the signature if said signature is sufficient to verify the voter's name. However, signing as registered is preferable.

Sufficiency of Petition:

If the City Clerk is unable to verify at least 50 qualified electors on the petition, the candidate may obtain and file additional signatures until the filing period ends.