

May 8, 2010 General Election

The City will hold an election on May 8, 2010 for the following: Mayor (at-large), Place 1 (must reside in District 1), Place 3 (must reside in District 3) and Place 5 (at-large) Councilmember seats, all terms are for two years.

Mayor/Council qualifications to file to run for office:

- (a) Each person who becomes a candidate for Mayor or Councilmember shall meet the following qualifications:
- (1) be at least twenty one (21) years of age on the first day of the form to be filed;
 - (2) be a citizen of the United States;
 - (3) be a qualified voter of the City;
 - (4) reside and have resided for at least twelve (12) months preceding the election within the corporate limits of the City;
 - (5) no candidate may file for more than one office or position number per election;
 - (6) no employee of the City shall continue in such position after becoming a candidate for a City elective office; and,
- (b) When any member of the Council no longer possesses all of the qualifications specified in this section, or is convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude while in office, the office shall immediately and automatically become vacant. The Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members in accordance with Section 3.04(b) and for these purposes shall have the power to subpoena witnesses and require the production of records.

Filing Period

February 5 through March 8, 2010 Monday through Friday
(8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Filing period for place on the ballot (please call Diane Cockrell, City Secretary for an appointment 940-627-0057)

Voting Dates and Times

All voting (Early and Election Day) will be held at the Decatur City Hall, 201 E. Walnut, Decatur, Texas 76234.

March 9 – April 24	Application period to request to vote by mail	
Apr 26 - May 4	Early voting by personal appearance	
Monday, April 26	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, April 27	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, April 28	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Thursday, April 29	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Friday, April 30	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Monday, May 3	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, May 4	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
May 8 Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	ELECTION DAY

Need To Register To Vote Or Change Your Address? If you want to register to vote in the May 8, 2010 City Election, registration cards are available on the Secretary of State's Website located at: www.sos.state.tx.us or at the front counter of the City Hall Building located at 201 E. Walnut or from Wise County Elections Administrator, Lannie Noble, P.O. Box 1597 Decatur 76234, (940) 626-4453

To Vote by Mail: Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the City Secretary after March 9, 2010 or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010. Acceptance of the applications is based on the date received by the office NOT by the post mark date. Applications received before or after the time period listed will be rejected.

If you are physically unable to get to a voting location to cast your vote either on Election Day or during early voting, you may apply for a ballot by mail. These applications are good only for the election requested and only if they are received between the dates shown above. The ballot must be mailed to an out of county address if the reason for voting is absence from the county.

I. On Line Federal Postcard Application (OFPCA). The OFPCA is used for people who are:

- (1) In the military
- (2) US citizens temporarily residing outside the United States

II. Application For Ballot By Mail. The Application For Ballot By Mail is for people who:

- (1) Are over 65
- (2) Disabled
- (3) Confined in jail
- (4) Will be out of town during the early voting period and on Election Day

If you have questions please call 940-627-2741, Diane Cockrell, City Secretary