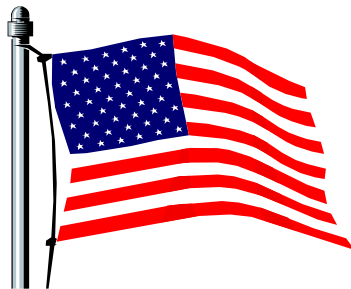




# **2025 MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION**



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## **CITY OF BLOOMINGTON 2025 MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

This packet contains general information regarding the candidate filing and election process for municipal offices in the City of Bloomington. The process is principally governed by the Bloomington City Charter, the Bloomington City Code, and Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 200 through 211B. Please refer to these sources for complete information.

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Statement of Economic Interest Form

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# COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION DESCRIPTION

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>City Council Member</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO:</b>	<b>Citizens of Bloomington</b>

## **PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF POSITION**

To identify and discuss issues impacting the City of Bloomington, receive and consider public input, and make appropriate decisions and policies in a manner which encourages full and open discussion.

## **MAJOR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

- I. Regularly attends and thoroughly prepares for each City Council Meeting.**
  - Thoroughly reads and reviews agenda materials supplied.
  - Becomes familiar with the City Comprehensive Plan, City Charter, and other City documents and understands how these documents impact City policy.
  - Solicits and receives input from affected parties and the general public.
  - Disqualifies self from participation where actual or potential conflict of interest occurs.
  - Participate in discussion of issues keeping a city-wide perspective and respect of other council members' view of the impact of a proposal.
  - Assumes responsibility and directs requests to the City Manager for necessary and appropriate research and follow-up.
  - Abides by Open Meeting Laws.
  - Conducts site visits, as appropriate.
- II. Responds to constituent requests for information or assistance with problem resolution.**
- III. May serve as Council liaison to a city commission or participate on a committee or task force serving Bloomington.**
  - Responsible for keeping the Council informed of commission, committee or task force activities and provides relevant information for Council consideration.
  - Assumes a constructive and active role by attending additional meetings and study sessions.
- IV. Discusses pertinent legislative issues impacting the City with appropriate representatives.**
- V. Annually evaluates the performance of the City Manager.**
- VI. Establishes and modifies goals, objectives, and policies for the City.**
- VII. Reviews and approves annual budget, tax levy, and capital improvement programs.**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Bloomington City Council is composed of the Mayor and six Council Members. The offices of Mayor and two Council Members are filled by election at large. The offices of the four District Council Members are elected from apportioned Council Districts in which they reside.

The current annual salary for the Mayor is \$26,400 and the current annual salary for the Council Members is \$12,396.

### **City Council Meeting Schedule**

- Regular City Council meetings take place on several Mondays per month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- A Listening Session will take place monthly at 5:45 p.m. in a Civic Plaza Conference Room.
- Council Study sessions take place on an as-needed basis and will be held at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified. These meetings are held in the Haeg Conference Room.
- The Council also holds joint meetings and concurrent meetings with other organizational groups, special meetings, and meetings on property taxes.

A candidate for the offices of Mayor and Council Member At Large must reside within the City of Bloomington while seeking election and while serving in office.

A candidate for the office of District Council Members must reside within the City of Bloomington and in that specific district while seeking election and while serving in office.

The terms of office commence on the first Monday in January following the election.

Municipal elections are nonpartisan. The candidate names are placed on the ballot without party designation.

Regular municipal elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years. Municipal elections are conducted using Ranked Choice Voting, therefore, there is no August primary election.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

A candidate for municipal elective office must be:

1. Eligible to vote in Minnesota;
2. 21 years of age or more on assuming office; and,
3. A resident of the election district for at least 30 days before the election.

# CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

The following offices will be up for election in 2025:

Council Member At Large	4-year term
Council Member District I	4-year term
Council Member District II	4-year term

## **AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY AND FILING FEE**

Candidates must file a complete affidavit of candidacy form (enclosed) along with a \$50.00 filing fee or file with a qualifying petition in place of the filing fee.

## **STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST**

Minnesota Statutes Section 383B.053 requires that a Statement of Economic Interest form be filed with the City Clerk's Office within 14 days of filing for candidacy (form enclosed).

## **CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD**

### **Filings Open:**

Tuesday, July 29, 2025  
8 a.m.

### **Filings Close:**

Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
5 p.m.

JULY / AUGUST						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

## **WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**

A candidate for municipal elective office may withdraw their name from the election by submitting a written request of withdrawal (form enclosed) by 5 p.m. of the second day after the last day for filing affidavits of candidacy.

### **Deadline for Withdrawal for Candidate Filings**

Thursday, August 14, 2025  
5 p.m.

# 2025 IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

SEPTEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## **Absentee Voting Begins**

Friday, September 19, 2025

- In-person voting available  
Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at  
Bloomington Civic Plaza,  
1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd.  
Bloomington MN 55431

OCTOBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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## **Pre-registration Closes**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

## **Direct Balloting Begins**

Friday, October 17, 2023

NOVEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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## **Direct Balloting Extended Hours**

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, November 3, 2025

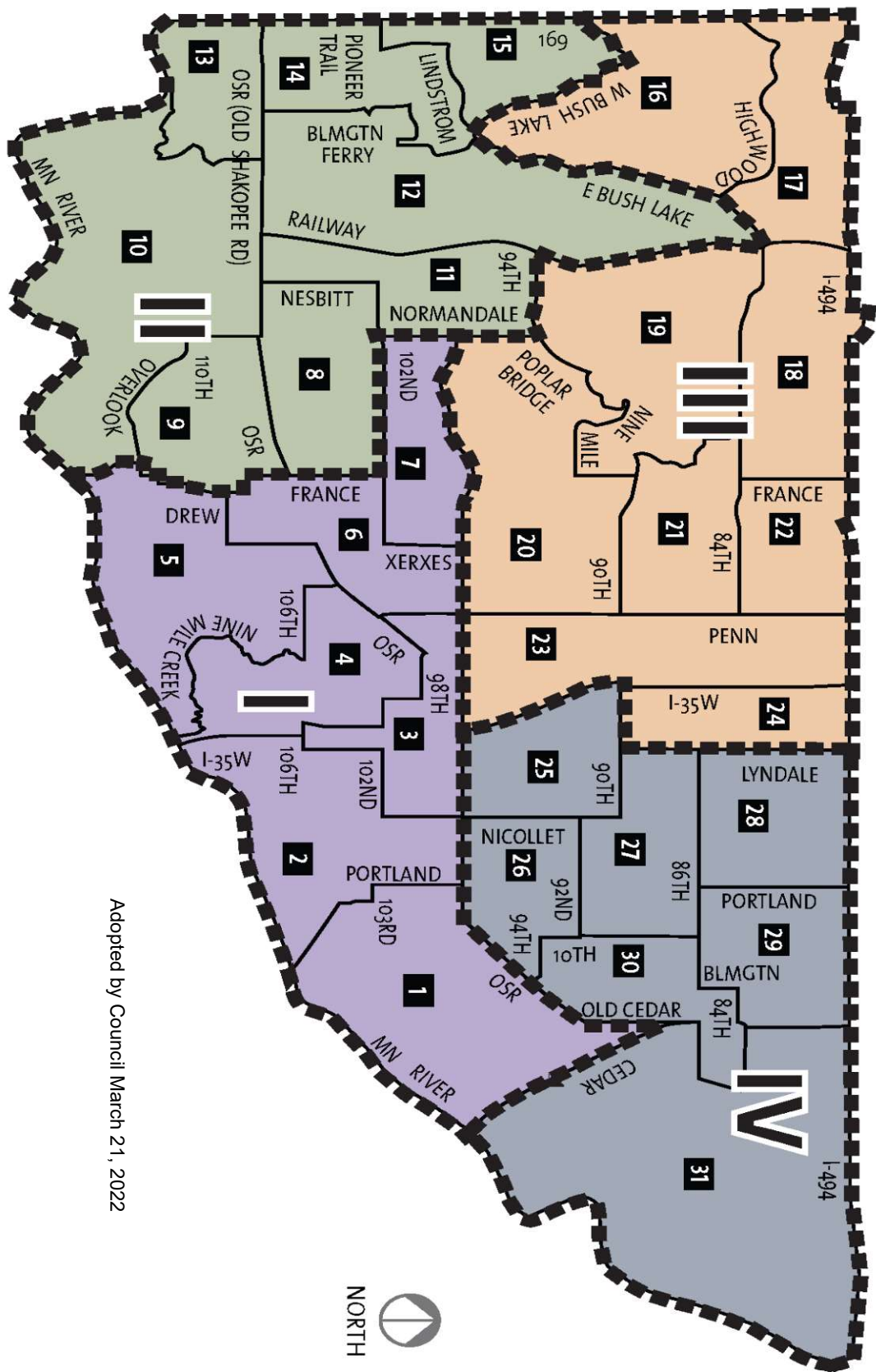
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## **General Election**

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Polling places are open from  
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP



Adopted by Council March 21, 2022





## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON POLLING LOCATIONS

<u>PCT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ZIP CODE</u>
1	Atonement Lutheran Church	601 East Old Shakopee Road	55420
2	Grace Covenant Church	10201 Nicollet Avenue South	55420
3	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	1701 West Old Shakopee Road	55431
4	Oak Grove Presbyterian Church	2200 West Old Shakopee Road	55431
5	MN Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship	10715 Zenith Avenue South	55431
6	Mt. Hope Lutheran Church	3601 West Old Shakopee Road	55431
7	Crosspoint Church	9801 France Avenue South	55431
8	Bloomington Covenant Church	10150 Xerxes Avenue South	55431
9	Transfiguration Lutheran Church	11000 France Avenue South	55431
10	Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center	11411 Masonic Home Drive	55437
11	Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church	9920 Normandale Boulevard South	55437
12	Community of the Cross Lutheran Church	10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	55438
13	Founders Ridge	6600 Auto Club Road	55438
14	Bloomington Lutheran School	10600 Bloomington Ferry Road	55438
15	Hyland Visitors Center	10145 Bush Lake Road	55438
16	Peace Lutheran Church	8600 East Bush Lake Road	55438
17	Westwood Community Church	6301 Cecilia Circle	55439
18	St. Stephen Lutheran Church	8400 France Avenue South	55431
19	The Church of St. Edward's	9401 Nesbitt Avenue South	55437
20	St. Michael's Lutheran Church	9201 Normandale Boulevard	55437
21	Penn Lake Library	8800 Penn Avenue South	55431
22	Southtown Baptist Church	2600 West 82nd Street	55431
23	Bloomington City Hall	1800 West Old Shakopee Road	55431
24	Christ the King Lutheran Church	8600 Fremont Avenue South	55420
25	Oxboro Evangelical Free Church	9431 Nicollet Avenue South	55420
26	Bloomington Lutheran Church	9350 Portland Avenue South	55420
27	St. Bonaventure Catholic Church - Social Hall	901 East 90th Street	55420
28	Unity South Church	7950 1st Avenue South	55420
29	Portland Avenue United Methodist Church	8000 Portland Avenue South	55420
30	Cedar Valley Church	8600 Bloomington Avenue	55425
31	MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Bldg.	3815 American Boulevard East	55425

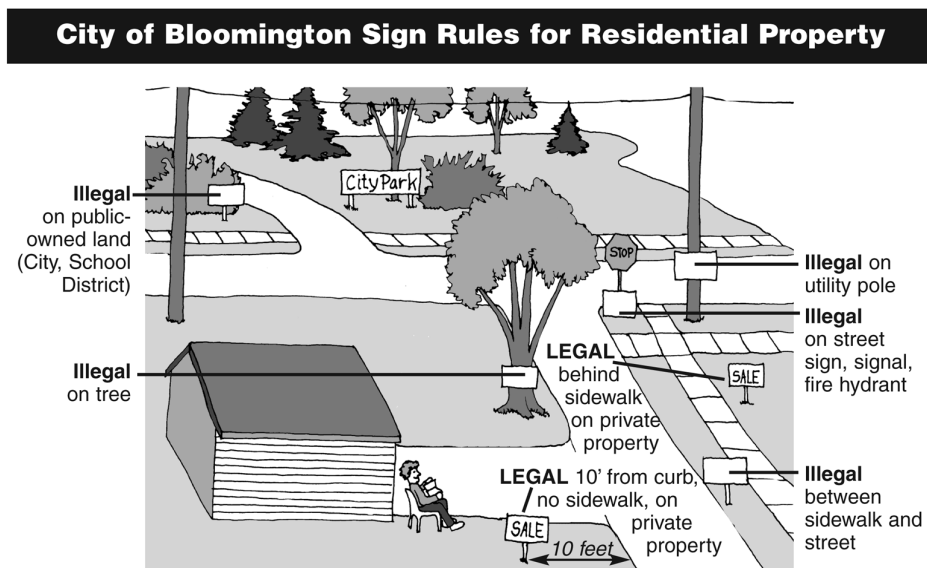
# ELECTION CAMPAIGN SIGNS

The goal of regulating the placement of signs is the safety of all who drive, walk, or bike in our City.

Here are some important things to remember before placing election campaign signs in the City of Bloomington:

- Signs must be placed at least 10 feet behind the curb and at least 2 feet behind sidewalks.
- You must have the permission of the property owner. Verify the location of sprinkler heads and irrigation systems.
- Signs may NOT be placed on or within trees, utility poles, street sign/signals, or fire hydrants.
- At intersections, signs must not be placed within the 15-foot clear view triangle.
- Signs must not obstruct vehicle and pedestrian views.
- Signs must not be placed on public property such as parks, school district, and highway or county right of ways.

The diagram below illustrates the basic regulations regarding signs.



In addition to City regulations, the State of Minnesota and Hennepin County have adopted rules and regulations related to campaign signs on state and county roads.

**State Trunk Highways**

- I-35W
- I-494
- T.H. 77
- US 169

**County Roads**

- East Bush Lake Road (CSAH No. 28)
- Normandale Boulevard (CSAH No. 34)
- France Avenue South (CSAH No. 17)
- Xerxes Avenue South (north of American Boulevard West) (CSAH No. 31)
- Penn Avenue South (CSAH No. 32)
- Nicollet Avenue South (CSAH No. 52)
- Portland Avenue South (CSAH No. 35)
- 24th Avenue South (CSAH No. 1)
- East Old Shakopee Road (south of Killebrew Drive) (CSAH No. 1)
- West Old Shakopee Road (CSAH No. 1)

## **Bloomington City Code**

### **SEC. 17.31 CLEAR VIEW TRIANGLE.**

On property at any corner formed by intersecting streets, it shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant to install, set out, maintain or to permit the installation or maintenance of any sign, fence, hedge, tree, shrubbery, natural growth, building, construction or other obstructions to a clear view to a height greater than three feet above the level of the center of the adjacent intersection within the triangle of land formed on the corner of the lot by measuring a distance of 15 feet along each lot line from the street-property line intersection. It is hereby declared that any such installation or construction within the clear view triangle as herein defined is a public nuisance and encumbrance and obstruction to the public streets.

### **SEC. 21.304.12 REGULATED SIGNS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A PERMIT.**

The City Council finds that allocating public funds and staff resources to those signs that present the most public safety and aesthetic problems will better achieve the overall purposes of this sign code. Requiring a permit for every type of sign in the city would unduly tax staff resources, thus diluting the overall enforcement of this sign code. Therefore, the City Council finds that the following sign types shall be regulated pursuant to this sign code but shall be exempt from the requirement of obtaining a sign permit and from the payment of a permit fee, provided the sign meets all other applicable requirements of this sign code. These exemptions do not override any more restrictive terms in contracts or leases between owners and tenants or between common-interest communities and owners, tenants, members, or occupants.

(10) Signs that exclusively express noncommercial speech, subject to the following

(A) *Residential lots or sites.* Residential lots or sites are allowed a maximum number of three signs per lot or site, except that one unit in a multi-unit site is also allowed that number of signs. Each sign may be a maximum of six square feet in area and a maximum height of four feet.

(B) *Nonresidential lots or sites.* Nonresidential lots or sites are allowed a maximum number of three signs per lot or site. Each sign may be a maximum of six square feet in area and a maximum of four feet in height.

(C) *Election period exemption.* Notwithstanding any provision of this sign code, noncommercial signs of any size in any number may be posted as follows:

(i) For state general election years, beginning 46 days prior to the state primary date, until ten days following the state general election.

(ii) For years other than state general election years in which elections (including any primaries or votes on ballot questions) are scheduled, beginning 46 days prior to the election, until ten days following the election date.

(iii) At all other times, the provisions of this sign code regulate the size and number of noncommercial signs.

### **SEC. 21.304.02 FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND INTENT.**

(a) *Findings.* The City Council finds it necessary for the promotion and preservation of the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the community that the construction, location, size, conspicuity, brightness, legibility, operational

characteristics, and maintenance of signs be controlled and regulated, based on the following findings:

- (1) Exterior signs substantially impact the character and quality of the environment;
- (2) Signs provide an important medium through which individuals may convey various messages;
- (3) Signs can create safety hazards that threaten the public health, safety, or welfare. Such a safety threat is particularly great for signs that are structurally inadequate, or that may confuse or distract the traveling public, or that may interfere with official traffic, directional, or warning signs;
- (4) Signs can also threaten the public welfare by creating aesthetic concerns connected to an accumulation of signs resulting in visual clutter, the spoiling of vistas or views, general harm to the physical environment, or an increase of commercialism in noncommercial areas;
- (5) The ability to erect signs serving certain functions, such as an address sign or a sign announcing that the property on which it sits is for sale or lease or a sign used to indicate the availability of areas for public use, is an integral part of nearly every property owner's ability to realize fundamental attributes of property ownership. The same cannot be said of signs serving other functions, such as off-premises advertising signs erected to be visible from public rights-of-way. Such signs are primarily designed to take advantage of an audience drawn to that location by the public's substantial investment in public rights-of-way and other public property; and
- (6) The city's land use regulations have included the regulation of signs in an effort to foster adequate information and means of expression, and to promote the economic viability of the community, while protecting the city and its residents from a proliferation of signs of a type, size, location, and character that would adversely impact the physical environment of the community or threaten the health, safety, or welfare of the community. The appropriate regulation of the physical characteristics of signs in the city and other communities positively impacts the community's safety and appearance.

#### **SEC. 21.304.11 PROHIBITED SIGNS.**

- (a) *Findings.* The City Council makes the following findings regarding the need to prohibit certain signs in all zoning districts:
- (1) The placement and accumulation of temporary and permanent signs in public rights-of-way, on traffic and utility devices, and upon the public sidewalks or sidewalk easements can present dangerous conditions to free and safe pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow. Such areas should be reserved for government signs, public signs, public utility signs, and traffic control devices to ensure safe traffic flow;
  - (2) The accumulation of signs on publicly-owned property and buildings present an intrusion and blight on public property that interferes with and diminishes the purpose for which the public space has been reserved and disrupts the aesthetic qualities of such property;
  - (3) The placement and accumulation of signs on such natural features as trees, shrubs and rocks degrade the aesthetic qualities of such features;
  - (4) The experience of this and surrounding communities establishes the unsightly visual clutter caused by portable signs. Such portable signs also present unique safety problems. Their lightweight design and common placement along streets and sidewalks present hazards to the safe use of public streets and sidewalks;
  - (5) Large, temporary, and permanent balloon signs on buildings, roofs and sites present unique aesthetic concerns to the community. The experience of this city in allowing such large balloon signs temporarily in the past is that it has not

achieved the aesthetic goals of the City Council. The balloons have been commonly thought to be obtrusive and have resulted in commercial enterprises exceeding the prescribed signage limits of this sign code; and

(6) The installation and maintenance of roof signs can negatively affect roofing materials. Roof signs may also be unwarranted and unsightly additions to the overall clutter of streets and thoroughfares.

(b) *Prohibited signs.* The following signs are prohibited in all sign districts:

(1) Signs or sign structures, whether temporary or permanent, placed on or within the public right-of-way, except for government signs, public signs, public utility signs, or traffic control devices, unless expressly permitted in this sign code.

(2) Signs or sign structures placed upon any public lighting system, public bridge, public drinking fountain, public emergency response or safety equipment, traffic control device, utility apparatus, public retaining or noise-barrier wall, or public fence, unless the sign is a government sign, public sign, or public utility sign.

(3) Signs or sign structures that prevent a person operating a vehicle from having a clear and unobstructed view of any official traffic control device or approaching or merging traffic.

(4) Signs or sign structures that attempt or appear to attempt to direct the movement of traffic, or which imitate, resemble, or interfere with or obstruct the view of a traffic control device.

(5) Signs that display any rotating beam, beacon or flashing illumination resembling any emergency light, unless the sign is a government sign, public sign, public utility sign, or traffic control device.

(6) Signs or sign structures greater than three feet in height and located in the clear view triangle area, as defined by § [19.03](#), or otherwise located in such a manner as to materially impede the view of any street or highway intersection or in such a manner as to materially impede the view of the intersection of a street or highway with a railroad crossing.

(7) Signs or sign structures located in a manner that could impede traffic on any street, alley, sidewalk, bikeway, trail, or other pedestrian or vehicular travel way.

(8) Signs painted on, attached to, or maintained upon trees, shrubs, rocks, or other natural features.

(9) Signs that fluctuate in light intensity or use intermittent, strobe, or moving lights that do not fall under the definition of video signs, electronic changeable copy signs, or electronic graphic display signs.

(10) Abandoned signs.

(11) Balloon signs.

(12) Flashing signs.

(13) Off-site advertising signs, unless expressly allowed by this sign code.

(14) Roof signs.

(15) Shimmering signs.

(16) Rotating signs.

(17) Portable signs, unless expressly allowed by this sign code.

(18) Vehicle signs.

(19) Unlawful signs.

(c) Any sign erected that is not identified as a permitted sign by this sign code or any sign located in a sign district where the sign is not permitted by this sign code is prohibited.

## **21.304.09 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

### *Consent of property owner.*

No person may erect, place, use or permit the use of any permanent sign or sign structure on private or public property without the property owner or authorized representative's written consent.

No person may construct, erect, place, use, or permit the use of any temporary sign on private or public property without the property owner or authorized representative's written consent.

*Required permits.* Any sign not exempted from the requirements of obtaining a sign permit by § [21.304.12](#) must obtain a sign permit pursuant to §§ [14.553](#) and [14.554](#).

*Sites with unlawful signs.* No person may erect or construct a sign on a site that contains unlawful signs.

*Signs not to be a traffic hazard.* No sign that obstructs clear vision of persons using the streets, or may be confused with any traffic control sign, signal, or device may be installed.

*Pedestrian clearance.* Any sign which projects over a sidewalk or other pedestrian way must have a minimum clearance of eight feet above ground level.

# CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Minnesota Statutes 211A and 211B govern campaign finance and campaigning activities. Candidates and their committees should refer to the State of Minnesota Campaign Manual for information about legal requirements.

Required campaign financial reports must be received by the Bloomington City Clerk by the deadlines noted below. Reports can be submitted:

- Electronically to [cityclerk@bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:cityclerk@bloomingtonmn.gov)
- Via the mail to City of Bloomington, Attn: City Clerk's Office, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431
- In-person at the City Clerk's Office counter at Civic Plaza

## **Certification of Filing (November 11, 2025)**

**All candidates or committees** must file a Certification of Filing within 7 days of a general or special election in which their name is on the ballot.

## **Initial Report**

An Initial Report must be filed within 14 days after a candidate or committee raises or spends more than \$750. Additional required reports, detailed below, must be filed once an Initial Report is filed.

## **Pre-Primary Report (August 2, 2025)**

A Pre-Primary Report is due 10 days before a primary date. This report covers the period from when the previous report left off until 15 days before the primary or special primary.

## **Pre-General Report (October 25, 2025)**

A Pre-General Report is due 10 days before the general election or special election when the candidate's name or ballot question appears on the ballot. This report covers the period from when the previous report left off until 15 days before the general election or special election.

## **Post-General Report (December 4, 2025)**

A Post-General Report is due 30 days after a general or special election when the candidate's name or ballot question appears on the ballot. This report covers the period from 15 days before the general election or special election through 25 days after the general election or special election.

## **Year-End Report (January 31, 2026)**

A Year-End Report is due on January 31 of each year after the Initial Report is filed.

## **Final report**

A candidate or committee may file a Final Report once all debts are paid and all assets in excess of \$100 in the aggregate are disposed of. Filing a Final Report ends campaign reporting activity, so a new Initial Report must be filed if the candidate or committee raises or spends more than \$750 after this point.



# STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

All candidates must file a Statement of Economic Interest with the City Clerk's Office within 14 days of filing an affidavit of candidacy. Statements can be submitted:

- Electronically to [cityclerk@bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:cityclerk@bloomingtonmn.gov)
- Via the mail to City of Bloomington, Attn: City Clerk's Office, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431
- In-person at the City Clerk's Office counter at Civic Plaza

Elected officials are required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest annually by the last Monday in January.