

OAKDALE ELECTIONS 2018 Q&A

Primary / Special Election: August 14

General / Special Election: November 6

Q. Why will the August 14 Primary Election ballot include a Special Election for the Office of Mayor? In December 2016, following the resignation of Mayor Stan Karwoski, Council Member Reinke was appointed to serve as mayor until a successor is elected at a special election. The date of the Special Election was set for August 14, 2018, the same day as the Primary Election. The person elected as mayor on August 14 will be sworn in that month and serve *until* the first Monday of January 2019.

Q. What is the candidate filing period for the August 14 Special Election? Persons may file at Oakdale City Hall from May 22 to June 5. The fee is \$5.

Q. The November 6 General Election ballot will also include the Office of Mayor. Why? Voters need to elect a mayor to serve the next four year term. The person elected as mayor will be sworn in January 2019 and serve until December 2022.

Q. Why will the November 6 General Election ballot include a Special Election for a two-year council member seat? In April 2017, following the resignation of Council Member Kristen Cici, Mark Landis was appointed to serve as council member until a successor is elected at a special election. The date of the Special Election was set for November 6, 2018, the same day as the General Election. The person elected to this seat will be sworn in January 2019 and serve until December 31, 2020.

Q. Will the General Election ballot include any other offices for Oakdale? Yes, two council member seats will be on the ballot. Persons elected will be sworn in January 2019 and serve until December 2022.

Q. What is the candidate filing period for the November 6 Election? Persons may file at Oakdale City Hall from July 31 to August 14. The fee is \$5.

Q. How do I learn more about the candidates running for mayor and city council? The Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce typically hosts a candidate's forum prior to the General Election. Watch the city's web site for information on date and time.

Q. Do I need to register to vote each election year? You only need to register if (1) your name or address has changed, (2) you have not voted in the past four years, or (3) if this is your first time voting. You can register ahead of time at www.mnvotes.org or you can register at your polling place by providing the required proof of residency.

Q. What's the best way to find out where I vote? Enter your address at: <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us> or call 651-730-2704.

Q. I used to be able to early / absentee vote at Oakdale City Hall. Would it be possible to do so this year? Great news! Washington County has added Oakdale City Hall as its fifth in-person absentee voting location for the November 6 General Election. Voting begins September 21 and ends November 5. Other absentee voting locations are: Cottage Grove, Stillwater, Forest Lake, and Woodbury. Washington County residents may utilize any of these locations. Please note that Oakdale City Hall will not be a polling location on August 14 or November 6.

Q. Can I still absentee vote by mail? Yes, but be sure to submit your application as early as possible! Apply at www.mnvotes.org or call 651-430-6175 to request an application.