

**CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR
2026 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
MARCH 10, 2026
STEPS TO QUALIFYING**

1. Designate a Campaign Treasurer
 - a) Purchase the Candidate Handbook (\$40 – returned if candidate qualifies to run).
 - b) Complete Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates (DS-DE 9) and file with City Clerk (**before** opening campaign account; F.S. § 106.021).
 - c) Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84) must be filed with the City Clerk within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates is filed (F.S. § 106.023).

(The forms for Steps 1(b) and (c) must be filed with the City Clerk prior to opening your campaign account, gathering petition signatures or filing the forms in the following steps.)

2. Open campaign account [must include name of candidate; F.S. § 106.11(b)(1)] Accounts **MUST** be opened within 5 days of receiving first campaign contribution (F.S. § 106.05).

John Doe Campaign Account
State Senate District 3
Date 7/2/10 00001
PAY TO THE ORDER OF XYZ Lumber Company \$ 200.00
Two Hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS
BANK OF FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32323
FOR Sign materials Signature of Campaign Treasurer
003382558 0326 0075894

3. Circulate petition cards for signatures (DS-DE 104) [100 minimum, in accordance with City Charter].
4. After Qualifying has started, complete the following forms and file with the City Clerk along with petition cards:
 - Candidate Oath (DS-DE-302NP) – **Must be filled out exactly as candidate would like his or her name to appear on Ballot.**
 - Qualifying Statement.
 - Residency Statement.
 - Submit Voter Identification Card (a copy will be made and original returned).
 - Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests – Complete online utilizing the FL Commission on Ethics Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System.
 - Certification of Receipt of Notice of Penalty for Late Filing of Campaign Treasurer's Reports.
 - Submission of Petition Cards.
 - Election Assessment (acknowledgement of receipt), or Affidavit of Financial Hardship.
4. Remit payment to City Clerk for state election assessment and the candidate qualifying fee. Fees are paid from the campaign account. If temporary checks are used, the check must state, at a minimum, the name of the candidate.
Mayor: \$160.87 (\$65 City Fee; \$95.87 State) – payable to the City of Safety Harbor
Commissioner: \$123.87 (\$40 City Fee; \$83.87 State) – payable to the City of Safety Harbor

*This is an informational guide only. All candidates are responsible for reading and understanding all qualifications and steps to qualifying regardless of whether summarized here. All candidates are also responsible for ensuring that there are no new or updated steps to qualifying. Nothing contained in this summary is intended to create any kind of fiduciary relationship between the City and any candidate.