

**Section 3.03. Qualifications. [Amendment to go into effect for the 2016 general election]**

(a) On the day prior to the date of the scheduled election to be held for such office or at the time of appointment to fill a vacancy, the mayor and council members must:

- (1) be at least twenty-one years of age;
- (2) be citizens of the United States;
- (3) be qualified voters of the city;
- (4) have been residents of the State of Texas for at least twelve consecutive months;
- (5) have been residents of the city, being one's declared place of habitation within the corporate limits or an area having been annexed into the city, for at least the maximum number of consecutive months permitted by state law but in no instance less than twelve consecutive months;
- (6) not be delinquent on any indebtedness to the city;
- (7) not be related to a council member within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity; and
- (8) meet the other qualifications for eligibility set forth in the Texas Election Code.

(b) At the time that a person files an application for a place on the ballot, the person may not be related within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity to:

- (1) a council member, unless the place held by such council member is scheduled to be filled on the same election date for which the person has filed the application and such council member has not filed an application for a place on the ballot for such election date; or
- (2) a candidate for a city council place to be filled on the same election date for which the person submitted the application.

(c) No city employee shall be eligible to file for election as a member of the council. Also, no candidate for or member of the council shall hold any other elective public office. If any member of the council ceases to possess any of the qualifications of office, including continuous residency within the city, his or her office shall, upon such fact being determined by the council, immediately become vacant; provided that if the residence of a member of the council is disannexed, the member shall serve the remainder of his or her term of office.

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