



CITY OF DALLAS

The number of signatures required for a place on the May 6, 2017 City General Election ballot is listed by city council place on the table below.

Council Place	Number of Signatures Required **
1	25
2	25
3	25
4	25
5	25
6	25
7	25
8	25
9	32
10	29
11	25
12	25
13	25
14	25

The first day to file an Application for a Place on the Ballot and corresponding Candidate Petition is Wednesday, January 18, 2017. To insure enough voters have signed the petition, it is recommended the candidate submit more than the required number of signatures. Communication with the Texas Secretary of State reveals that supplementing a petition is not possible. Therefore, it is recommended the application/petition be filed as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to submit an entirely new application/petition in the event the first review results in insufficient signatures when verified by this office.

Each petition will be checked to ensure it has been signed by the required number of qualified voters eligible to vote for the candidate. Petitions will be checked in the order they are received. The filer will be notified of the results of the review as soon as possible.

\*\*The Dallas City Charter, Chapter IV, Sec. 7, states in part, “A person desiring to become a candidate for the city council shall file with the city secretary, within the time required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, an application for a place on the ballot and a petition signed by qualified voters of the city eligible to vote for the candidate equal in number to the minimum number of signatures required for a candidate petition by the Texas Election Code, as amended.” The Texas Election Code Section 143.005 (d) states, “ For any petition required or authorized to be filed in connection with a candidate’s application for a place on the ballot for an office of a home-rule city, the minimum number of signatures that must appear on the petition is the greater of: (1) 25; or (2) one half of one percent of the total vote received in the territory for which the office is elected by all candidates for mayor in the most recent mayoral general election”. These signatures were derived using the 2015 General Election results for City Council Member Places 1-14.

**IMPORTANT** – The Election Code also requires each person obtaining the signatures and other necessary information for a candidate’s petition complete the Affidavit printed on the petition for that part of the petition he or she was responsible. If the Affidavit has not been completed and notarized, the petition is considered incomplete and the signatures will not be counted.