

CITY OF MILFORD



MAYORAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FILING DEADLINES FOR ANNUAL ELECTION

Election Date - Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

City Council Filing Deadline - Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Voter Registration Deadline - Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Unregistered, qualified persons may register to vote during normal business hours at Milford City Hall, 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware or by making special arrangements by calling 302-424-3712.

FILING PETITIONS

A candidate running for the Office of City Council must file a nominating petition for the Ward in which they reside signed by not less than ten (10) **registered** voters from the Ward for which they are filing.

NOTE: The City of Milford maintains their own voter registration list. All persons not on the City of Milford Voter Registration List are required to register in person at Milford City Hall, 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware. The City Office is open for the purpose of registering persons who are qualified to be voters in the City of Milford Election during normal working hours, Monday through Friday, except holidays. By calling City Hall, arrangements will be made to accommodate any qualified person who is unable to register during business hours.

Petitions, along with the Statement of Eligibility Requirements and Acknowledgment of Candidacy & Receipt of Documents, must be filed in the City Clerk's Office for confirmation in accordance with the filing deadline date indicated above.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 302-424-3712 in advance to schedule an appointment to pick up your packet. Refer any questions regarding these issues to that office.

In accordance with 15, Del. C. §7555, you will be provided the necessary documents regarding requirements for filing campaign finance reports with the State Election Commissioner's Office.

Voter Registration List(s) will be provided.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Candidate for Office of Mayor

In order to be eligible to be elected as the Mayor of the City of Milford, the person must:

- (1) Be a Citizen of the United States of America;
- (2) Be a Resident of the City of Milford;
- (3) Have continuously resided in the City of Milford for a period of two years preceding the day of the election;
- (4) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of the election;
- (5) Be nominated therefor;
- (6) Provide prior to the candidate filing deadline, a criminal background check from the State Bureau of Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation showing their entire criminal history record;
- (7) Not have been convicted of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude.

The deadline to file for the Office of Mayor is Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

I hereby represent that I have read and understand the above qualifications, and that I meet all of the above qualifications.

DATE

SIGNATURE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of

_____,
A.D. , as witnessed by my hand and seal of office.

NOTARY PUBLIC

DATE COMMISSION EXPIRES

CITY OF MILFORD, DELAWARE



DATE: _____

I acknowledge that I am a qualified candidate for the Office of Mayor in the City of Milford and am petitioning for candidacy of that office.

I further acknowledge that I have received a packet containing a petition and other pertinent paperwork required by the Code of the State of Delaware and the Code of the City of Milford and that all applicable documents will be filed accordingly.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE# _____

CELL # _____

WARD#: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of _____, _____, A.D. , as witnessed by my hand and seal of office.

NOTARY PUBLIC

DATE COMMISSION EXPIRES

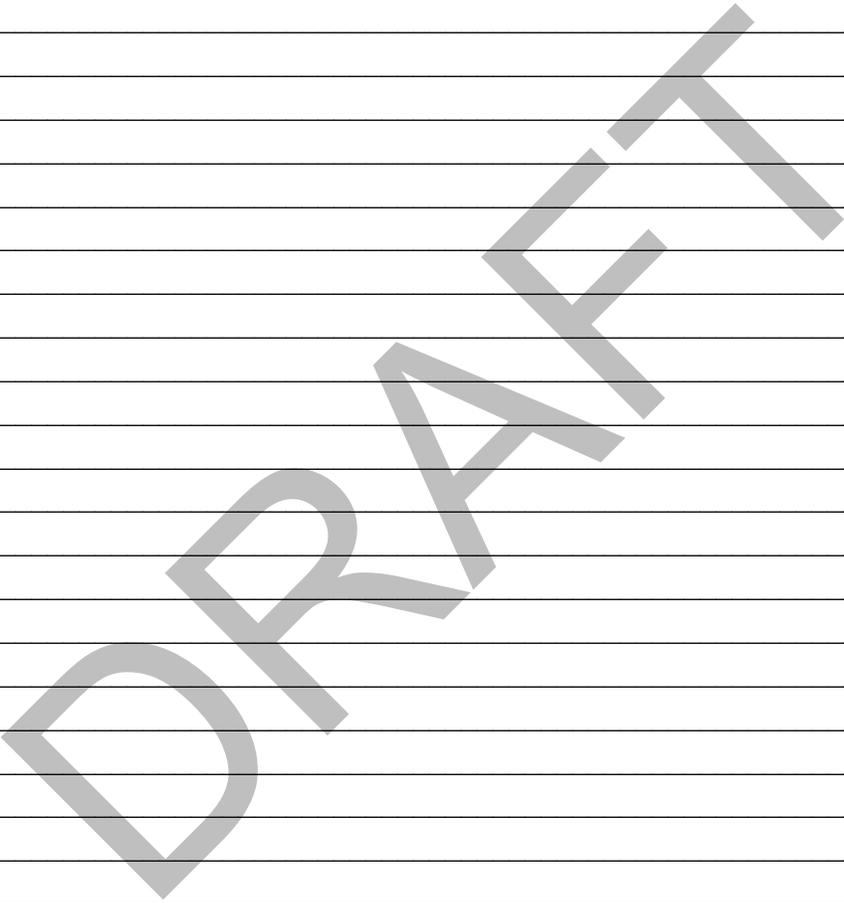
THE CITY OF MILFORD, DELAWARE

Nominating Petition

(Filing Deadline is February 23, 2016)

We the undersigned, electors of the City of Milford, hereby nominate _____ who resides at _____ in the municipal limits of the City of Milford, for the Office of Mayor to be voted for at the municipal election to be held in Milford, Delaware, on the 23rd day of April in the Year 2016; and we individually certify that we are registered voters in the City of Milford who are qualified to vote for a candidate for the office so named and that our places of residence are as truly stated after our signatures.

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	NUMBER and STREET
1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	_____
7) _____	_____	_____
8) _____	_____	_____
9) _____	_____	_____
10) _____	_____	_____
11) _____	_____	_____
12) _____	_____	_____
13) _____	_____	_____
14) _____	_____	_____
15) _____	_____	_____
16) _____	_____	_____
17) _____	_____	_____
18) _____	_____	_____
19) _____	_____	_____
20) _____	_____	_____
21) _____	_____	_____
22) _____	_____	_____
23) _____	_____	_____
24) _____	_____	_____
25) _____	_____	_____



STATE OF DELAWARE
COUNTY OF _____ ss: _____ SIGNATURE

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2016, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, _____, being duly sworn (or affirmed) and says that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing Petition containing _____ signatures; that each signature appended thereto was made in his/her presence; that each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be; that all of said signers are registered to vote at the regular City of Milford Municipal Election in the Ward so referred to.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED (or affirmed) before me the day and year aforesaid.

Notary Public Signature:

Commission Expires:

City of Milford



NOTICE TO QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MILFORD

****Registration Deadline for April 23, 2016 Annual Election****

***Residents of the City of Milford & Non-Resident Property Owners
Eligible to Vote in City Elections***

Please note that having registered through the State of Delaware, Kent County or Sussex County Department of Elections does not qualify you to vote in a City of Milford Election. To be eligible, you must have registered through Milford City Hall.

New registrations are accepted from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday at Milford City Hall.

**THOSE PEOPLE UNAVAILABLE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS MAY
SCHEDULE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION TIME BY CALLING 302-424-3712**

Applicants are required to present verification of identity and residence and/or proof of ownership of property.

The deadline for registering to vote in the 2016 City of Milford Annual Election is
Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

**ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS LISTED ON THE CITY OF MILFORD
VOTER REGISTRATION LOGS* ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION.**

Those people voting by absentee ballot should call the City Clerk's Office at 302-424-3712
to be added to a list to obtain an affidavit for absentee balloting.

Please contact City Hall at 302-424-3712
if you have questions or to verify your voting status in the City of Milford.



Welcome to Delaware Campaign Finance! We hope you will find this information helpful.

Any political committee created for the purposes of supporting the election of a candidate, by contributing and expending funds that exceed \$500 during an election cycle, is subject to the requirements contained under Delaware Code Title 15, Chapter 80. Also contained therein are the responsibilities in reference to legitimate contributions, expenditures, report filings, the penalties associated with tardy report filings, and responsibilities of candidates and treasurers, where applicable, for keeping committee records updated with the Office of the State Election Commissioner. Updates to the law occur frequently, and because of this, it is best to refer to the Delaware Code, Title 15, for the most up to date information:

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title15>.

The Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS) online is where you will file all of your financial reports for your committee. A training manual on how to use the system is also available on the CFRS website at <https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov>. Keep in mind that late fees for tardy reports and non-filing accrue at a rate of **\$50.00 per day** (including weekends and holidays). Failure to file your report and pay outstanding fines or file an appeal to the Commissioner within thirty (30) days will cause the State Election Commissioner to notify the Office of the Attorney General (15 Del. C. §8044). **Fines are not authorized campaign expenditures, and are the personal responsibility of the individual reporting parties fined.**

Who must file (15 Del. C. §8005):

Political Committees (15 Del. C. §8002(19)):

- a. Any organization or association, whether permanent or created for the purposes of a specific political campaign, which accepts contributions from or makes expenditures to any candidate, candidate committee or political party in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500 during an election period, not including independent expenditures; and
- b. All political parties and candidate committees.

➤ Political Party (15 Del. C. §8002(20)):

"Political party" means an organization eligible to be listed on any general election ballot under § 3001 of this title, or any other organization which desires to be listed on any ballot on any election, and any constituent part of such party which receives contributions and makes expenditures. For purposes of the contribution limits of subchapter II of this chapter, a "political party" includes all constituent parts of such party, including the statewide, county, regional, municipal and district committees, all finance committees and all other committees, subdivisions and organizations related to the political party.

➤ Candidate Committees (15 Del. C. §8002(2)):

"Candidate committee" means each political committee formed on behalf of a candidate for public office.

➤ Political Action Committees (15 Del. C. §8002(18)):

"Political action committee" means a political committee which is neither a political party nor a candidate committee.

- Third Party Advertisers (15 Del. C. §8002(27)):
"Third-party advertisement" means an independent expenditure or an electioneering communication.

All committees must keep their Statement of Organization information up-to-date, including treasurer name, contact numbers, addresses, and email addresses. (15 Del. C. § 8005(1), (2); 15 Del. Admin C. §100.5.3). Email addresses in the Statement of Organization will be used for official notifications.

Who is responsible for filing reports (15 Del. C. §8030):

- Candidate Committees (15 Del. C. §§ 8003(e), 8005).
The candidate and the treasurer are jointly responsible for filing reports. If the treasurer of a candidate committee resigns, the candidate remains responsible for filing the reports.
- Political Committees (including Candidate Committees and Political Parties), Political Action Committees, and Third Party Advertising Committees.
 - The treasurer is responsible for filing reports. If the person identified in the Statement of Organization as the treasurer is no longer serving as treasurer, the committee must file an amended Statement of Organization within 7 days designating a replacement treasurer. (15 Del. C. § 8005(2)).
 - If the committee fails to amend its Statement of Organization to name its new treasurer, other officers may be deemed liable for the failure to file reports, and the committee may be referred to the Office of the Attorney General for criminal prosecution. (15 Del. C. § 8043(a)).

When to file (15 Del. C. §8030(b), (c)):

- Political Committees and Political Action Committees must file 30 Day and 8 Day reports in primary and general elections.
- Candidate Committees must file 30 Day and 8 Day reports in any election in which the candidate's name *appears* on the ballot. The filing deadlines for 2016 Primary and General elections are contained on the reporting period chart on page 12. The Commissioner will notify your committee of filing deadlines for all other types of elections (municipal, special, school board) upon notice of candidacy.
- In addition, all Political Committees must file an annual report every year until the Committee files a closeout report. The annual report for 2015 is January 20, 2016. This requirement does not apply to Third Party Advertisers (15 Del. C. §8031, 15 Del. Admin C. §100.9).
- The Commissioner may grant one 24-hour extension of a filing deadline upon written request by *email* (coe_campaignfinance@state.de.us) or fax (302-739-6794) no later than 11:59 pm on the date the report is due (15 Del. C. §8044). A form requesting an extension is available on the Commissioner's website (elections.delaware.gov).

Closing a committee (15 Del. C. §8022, §8030):

- Any committee wishing to close must file a *year-end close out report to close* the committee. This requirement does not apply to Third Party Advertisers.
- Current office holders may close their candidate committees but should not if they expect to receive contributions or make expenditures while in office.

If you do not timely file your complete report (15 Del. C. § 8044):

- An incomplete report is a late report. The Commissioner will impose fines of \$50 per day **upon each reporting party (including, for candidate committees, both the candidate and the treasurer)** until the report is complete.
- If you do not timely file your complete report, the Commissioner shall notify you one time in writing within two days following the filing deadline.

Appeals (15 Del. C. §8044):

- If you are assessed a civil fine, and you believe that you have reasonable cause for the untimely filing, you may request an appeal before the State Election Commissioner. Filing an appeal will not stop fines from accruing.
- You must request your appeal within 30 days of the receipt of the letter notifying you that you failed to timely file a complete report.
- A form for requesting an appeal is on the CF website <https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov>. You must provide an explanation of reasonable cause and you may include documentation of that reasonable cause. The Commissioner may request additional information and may schedule one or more meetings to discuss your explanation of reasonable cause. The Commissioner will make a written decision based on your explanation of reasonable cause, any documentation submitted, statements you made during the meeting[s] with the Commissioner, if any.

After the appeal period has ended or appeal process is complete (15 Del. C. § 8044):

- If you do not appeal the Commissioner's decision that you did not timely file a complete report, or if you did file an appeal and the Commissioner did not find reasonable cause for your failure to timely file a complete report, the Commissioner shall send your file to the Office of the Attorney General to commence collection efforts.
- Once the Commissioner has sent the file to the Office of the Attorney General, the Commissioner will not speak to you directly about your fines; all communications must go through the Office of the Attorney General.

Criminal Sanctions (15 Del. C. §§ 8043, 8044):

- If you do not file your complete report within either 30 days after a determination by the Commissioner that your failure to timely file was not due to reasonable cause or the expiration of the 30-day appeal period described above, the Commissioner shall notify the Office of the Attorney General of your failure to file such complete report.
- The failure to file your complete report within the time frames listed above may result in criminal sanctions. Offenses include but are not limited to:
 - Violation of Section 8003 (class B misdemeanor) – failure of a candidate to timely file reports, failure to name a treasurer.
 - Violation of Section 8004 (class B misdemeanor) – failure of a candidate for school board to timely file CF reports where the candidate's committee contributes or expends more than \$2000.00.
 - Violation of Section 8005 (class B misdemeanor) – failure of a political committee to timely amend its Statement of Organization to reflect changes in its officers and to timely file its reports.
 - Violation of Section 8043 (class A misdemeanor) – failure of a candidate, treasurer or other person required to file reports to file a report at all.

Important Links:

- Delaware Code - <http://delcode.delaware.gov/title15/c080/index.shtml>
- Campaign Finance Regulations - <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title15/100/100.shtml#1040780>

More election related information may be found at the State Election Commissioner website at <http://elections.delaware.gov>. If you have any questions regarding Campaign Finance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Campaign Finance Section
Office of the State Election Commissioner
905 S. Governors Ave., Suite 170, Dover, DE 19904
Phone: (302)739-4277 Fax: (302)739-6794
E-mail: coe_campaignfinance@state.de.us

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¹ Please refer to the table before receiving/making contributions. Always list contributors as an individual person or organization. One person may not donate on behalf of another person (see Delaware Code Title 15 § 8006. Prohibitions).

² If a company, partnership or LLC is controlled by an individual or corporation, they are required by Delaware law to disclose the ownership to the recipient committee in order to determine if an over contribution might occur. You may use the form to verify if an over contribution occurred and you have no information concerning such contributions. You would request completion of this form from the contributor.

³ Pass this information along to the other members of your committee. Please be aware of political sign rules and usage. Political subdivisions, such as towns, may have additional rules/regulations about political sign usage, so be sure to check with the town.

⁴ Visit these websites for more information: <http://www.missutility.net/delaware> and <http://call811.com>

Your Guide To Filing Campaign Finance Reports

New Committees

Both the treasurer and/or candidate, where applicable, will receive an email with their login and password after registering a committee upon activation. To have your committee activated, the Campaign Finance Section of the State Election Commissioner's office must receive your original, signed and notarized Statement of Organization. Once the process is complete, you may follow the instructions below to begin filing your Campaign Finance Reports.

Previously Established Committees



For committees that are previously established but have not filed a report in CFRS. Both the treasurer and/or candidate, where applicable, need to reconnect to the committee prior to filing, even though only one officer is required to file a report. To reconnect, go to the CFRS homepage and click on the **Reconnect to your Committee** icon located on the lower right portion of the page. It only takes a minute to activate your username and receive an email with your login and password. You will be prompted to provide your committee's Legacy account number during this process. If you do not know your account number, you may contact the Campaign Finance Section at (302)739-4277. Once the treasurer and candidate have reconnected and received the login and password, follow the instructions below to begin filing your Campaign Finance Reports.

**NOTE: Only the registered treasurer or candidate can file Campaign Finance Reports.
If you are a data entry user, you will not be able to file a Campaign Finance Report.**

1 Login to the system using your credentials.

cfrs.elections.delaware.gov

2 Enter transactions by clicking the appropriate link on the left menu.

3 Click 'Edit / File Pending Transactions' from the left menu.

To view all transactions that have been entered for the current filing period, click **Search**. You may view, edit or delete individual transactions as well as view any compliance issues here. If the compliance flag  is red, click on it; the system will then alert you to the issue that exists for the selected transaction.

If you have compliance issues that you do not agree with, you may proceed with filing and subsequently contact the Campaign Finance Section of the State Election Commissioner's office to resolve them.

4 File a Campaign Finance Report.

Once you have clicked **Search** on the **Edit / File Pending Transactions** screen, you will notice a number of buttons placed below the search grid. You may **Preview Filing** or file a Campaign Finance Report by clicking

File All to State

This will file ALL transactions to state. When prompted with "Are you sure you want to file all pending transactions to the state?" click **OK**. On the **Cash Balances** screen, enter your beginning balance (if different from system calculated amount) as well as the ending balance. If you enter an amount different than the system calculated balance, this will be noted as a difference to be reconciled prior to the next Campaign Finance Report. In the authorization section, you must check the box below your name before you can continue. For Candidate Committees, the candidate need not be present should you, the treasurer, file the report. You may still continue by leaving the other officer's section blank and vice versa. They will receive a notice on their **Reminders** screen to verify the filing submitted by you.



2016 REPORTING PERIODS
CF REPORTS

Candidates that appear on the Primary or General Election Ballot
PACS and Party Committees

Report Name	Period Beginning	Period Ending	Due Dates
30 Day Primary Report	1/1/16	8/14/16	8/16/16
8 Day Primary Report	8/15/16	9/5/16	9/7/16
30 Day General Report	9/6/16*	10/9/16	10/11/16
8 Day General Report	10/10/16	10/31/16	11/2/16
Year End Report	11/1/16	12/31/16	1/20/17

***The beginning date for the General 30-day financial report for candidates who did not participate in the Primary Election would be 1/1/16 or the date the committee was established.**

- Reports are due two days after the closing deadline.
- Report close-outs and due dates are as of 12 midnight.

Reports must be filed electronically at: <https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov/>

REPORTING PERIODS
CF REPORTS

2016 Candidate Committees not on a Ballot
Reports Due 1/20/17

Report Name	Period Beginning	Period Ending
Year End Report	1/1/16	12/31/16

All candidates who do not appear on a 2016 ballot will file a Year End Report as a non-election year.

PAC's and Party Committees are required to file all 5 reports during an election year, unless the committee was established in between report dates.

CONTRIBUTION TABLE

MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION LIMIT PER ELECTION PERIOD

COMMITTEE TYPE	MAY CONTRIBUTE TO	AMT. \$	MAY RECEIVE FROM	AMT. \$
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE Non-Statewide Candidate	Candidate Committee	\$600/\$1,200	Candidate Committee	\$600
	Political Action Committee	*NA	Political Action Committee	\$600
	Political Party	\$20,000	Political Party	-
			1. NCC Executive	\$25,000
			2. NCC President	\$15,000
			3. All Other County Offices	\$5,000
			4. State Senate	\$5,000
	Individual Contributor		5. State House of Representatives	-
	Corporate or Other Entity		6. All Other Offices	\$3,000
		*NA	Individual Contributor	\$600
		*NA	Corporate or Other Entity	\$600
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE Statewide	Candidate Committee	\$600/\$1,200	Candidate Committee	\$1,200
	Political Action Committee	*NA	Political Action Committee	\$1,200
	Political Party	\$20,000	Political Party	-
			1. Governor	\$75,000
			2. Other Statewide Offices	\$25,000
	Individual Contributor	*NA	Individual Contributor	\$1,200
	Corporate or Other Entity	*NA	Corporate or Other Entity	\$1,200
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	Candidate Committee	\$600/\$1,200	Candidate Committee	NA
	Political Action Committee	*NA	Political Action Committee	No Limit
	Political Party	\$20,000	Political Party	NA
	Individual Contributor	*NA	Individual Contributor	No Limit
	Corporate/Other Entity	*NA	Corporation or Other Entity	No Limit
POLITICAL PARTY	Candidate Committee	See §8010	Candidate Committee	NA
	Political Action Committee	0	Political Action Committee	\$20,000
	Political Party	No Limit	Political Party	No Limit
	Individual Contributor	0	Individual Contributor	\$20,000
	Corporate/Other Entity	0	Corporate/Other Entity	\$20,000
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR Independent of all Candidate Committees and Other Political Groups and Organizations	Non-Statewide Candidate	\$600	Non-Statewide Candidate	0
	Statewide Candidate	\$1,200	Statewide Candidate	0
	Political Action Committee	No Limit	Political Action Committee	NA
	Political Party	\$20,000	Political Party	NA
CORPORATION, COMPANY, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP, SOCIETY, JOINT STOCK COMPANY, ETC. (Person Definition)	Non-Statewide Candidate	\$600	Non-Statewide Candidate	NA
	Statewide Candidate	\$1,200	Statewide Candidate	NA
	Political Action Committee	*NA	Political Action Committee	NA
	Political Party	\$20,000	Political Party	NA

*NA - Not Addressed in Title 15, Delaware Code



Campaign Finance Section
Corporate Contribution Notice

According to Title 15, Chapter 80, Section 8012(e) of the Delaware Code, a corporation, partnership or other entity (other than a Political Committee) that makes a contribution to a Political Committee MUST notify the recipient Committee, in writing, of the names and addresses of all persons who, directly or otherwise, own a legal or equitable interest of 50% or more in such corporation, partnership or other entity, or that no such persons exist. Ownership interest includes stock ownership, percentage of partnership interest, liability for the debts of the entity, entitlement to the profits from the entity or other indicia of interest.

Date _____

Recipient Committee

NAME _____

Contributing Organization

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

\$ _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

Does anyone own 50% or more interest in the contributing organization? [] YES [] NO

If yes, please fill out the following:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Mailing Address, % Ownership. Title: INTEREST HOLDER OF 50% OR GREATER

DeIDOT is enforcing laws designed to keep the State's Rights-Of-Way clear from illegal and dangerous signs.

- DeIDOT must remove any sign posted in the Clear Zone (in medians and approx. 10' from the edge of the pavement), including those attached to utility poles anywhere along the roadway.
- Any sign in the State's Rights-of-Way that is not in the Clear Zone will also be removed.
- *Exemptions apply outside the Clear Zone* only for signs posted during a period of 30-days prior to and 30-days after an election, in a district in which an election is held.
- Sign owners are subject to fines of \$25 per sign and a recovery fee of \$15 per sign.
- Confiscated signs will be disposed of after 30 days. The fines still apply.



Delaware Department of Transportation Enforcing Sign Laws

**Don't post illegal signs
HELP MAKE DELAWARE'S
HIGHWAYS SAFER AND
MORE ATTRACTIVE**



Delaware Department of Transportation
For more information, contact
DeIDOT Public Relations
1-800-652-5600
www.deldot.gov
email to: dot-pr@state.de.us

See graphic on reverse



Before you dig to place campaign signs:

Call Miss Utility of Delmarva

(800) 282-8555

OR

(800) 441-8355

Penalties for violating the Miss Utility laws: Actual repair costs and civil penalties up to \$2,500 per violation as well as up to three times the actual repair cost of the damaged utilities, plus punitive damages up to \$10,000 per incident.

Welcome to Municipal Elections!

In compliance with the Delaware Campaign Finance law, all municipal candidates must either file a Certification of Intention or form a Candidate Committee no later than seven (7) days after declaring candidacy. Please refer to the Delaware Code, Title 15, §7555(d)(e)(f) and §8004 for details.

File a Certification of Intention

- Office pays less than \$1,000 per year **and** you intend or expect to receive or spend no more than \$2,000 in your campaign.

→ **How to file a Certification of Intention:**

- Go to <https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov>
- Select 'Certification of Intention'
- Complete the application online
- Print, sign, and mail the document to:

Office of the State Election Commissioner
Attention: Campaign Finance
905 S. Governors Ave., Suite 170, Dover, DE 19904

NOTE: If you subsequently receive or spend over \$2,000, you must then form a Candidate Committee within seven (7) days of exceeding \$2,000, and you will be required to file Campaign Finance reports. 15 Del. C. §8004

Form a Candidate Committee

- Office pays \$1,000 or more; **or**
- Office pays less than \$1,000 and you intend or expect to receive or spend more than \$2,000 during your campaign.

→ **How to form a Candidate Committee:**

- Go to <https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov>
- Select 'Register a Candidate Committee'
- Complete the registration online. This will create a Statement of Organization.
- Print the Statement of Organization, sign the document in the presence of a notary, and mail to:

Office of the State Election Commissioner
Attention: Campaign Finance
905 S. Governors Ave., Suite 170, Dover, DE 19904

Failure to comply with 15 Del. C. §7555(d)(e)(f) will require the State Election Commissioner to notify your municipality's Board of Elections and may result in the removal of your name from the ballot.

Contact the Campaign Finance Team at (302) 739-4277 if you have questions or need assistance.



Campaign Finance Section
Certification of Intention
Municipal Candidates Only
(Except City of Wilmington)

Title 15, Section 7555 of the Delaware Code: Candidate for Municipal Election

A candidate for municipal office (except City of Wilmington) shall file a Certificate of Intention or a Statement of Organization establishing a campaign committee with the Commissioner of Elections no later than seven (7) days after declaring his candidacy. A Certificate of Intention is submitted by a candidate when the yearly salary for the office for which he has filed a Declaration of Candidacy is less than \$1,000 or who does not intend to receive more than \$2,000 in contributions or expend more than \$2000 for campaign expenses during the campaign pursuant to § 7555 Title 15 of the Delaware Code.

If the campaign subsequently receives or expends more than \$2,000 (including any contributions or expenditures by the Candidate), the candidate must notify the Office of the State Election Commissioner within seven days of the receipt or expenditure which brings the total to more than \$2,000. The Candidate must then form a Committee and file all required reports with the Campaign Finance Section of the Office of the State Election Commissioner.

STATEMENT

With this Certification of Intention, I, [NAME], TYPE OR PRINT CANDIDATE'S FULL LEGAL NAME

as a candidate for the office of [OFFICE], NAME OF OFFICE

for [TOWN], NAME OF TOWN, OR MUNICIPALITY, hereby certify under penalty of perjury,

that I do not intend to receive or expend more that \$2000 and I will comply with and adhere to the provisions mandated in Title 15, Section 7555 of the Delaware Code as they pertain to my tenure. I also certify that all information I provide herein is true and complete.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE DATE

ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER



Campaign Finance Section
Candidate Withdrawal

I, _____, hereby withdraw as a candidate for
(Print or Type Name of Candidate)

Office: _____

I request my Candidate Campaign Finance Committee be inactivated. YES NO
(If zero balance)

(Signature of Candidate and Date)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ Day of _____ 2 _____

Notary Public or Election Officer

-----For Office Use Only-----

Received by: _____ Date: _____

BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

for Mayoral and City Council Candidates

Delaware State Police
State Bureau of Identification
Blue Hen Corporate Center
655 Bay Road, Suite 1B
Dover, DE 19901

Location is in the rear of the old Blue Hen Mall and Corporate Center.

Hours of operation:

Monday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm (fingerprinting services)

Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (fingerprinting services)

Candidates must ask to be fingerprinted for a State and Federal Background Check. You will be fingerprinted on two different cards (state and federal).

At this location, you will be required to pay the fee for:

State Fingerprint Card & Federal (FBI) Fingerprint Card \$62.50 (Total)

Payments accepted: debit cards, cash, cashier checks (NO PERSONAL CHECKS), money order and/or most major credit cards (EXCLUDING AMERICAN EXPRESS). Cashier checks and/or money order should be made payable to: Delaware State Police

You will be provided a federal fingerprint card which you are to bring to the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk's Office will compile your packet, consisting of the Federal Fingerprint Card, your \$18.00 Payment and/or Credit Card Payment form (if applicable) and Applicant Information form. Both forms must be completed and signed by candidate.

We will then mail the completed packet on your behalf.

FBI Background Check \$18.00

An \$18.00 fee **must be mailed** with the FBI fingerprint card. Payment options include money order, cashier check or credit card. If paying with a credit card, the **credit card payment form** must be completed and signed. If sending a cashier check or money order, it must be made payable to: Treasury of the United States

An Applicant Information Form must also be completed and signed. This form allows the FBI to provide the City of Milford with your background results. The results will be sent directly to the City Clerk's Office, City of Milford, 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, DE 19963.

Please call 302-739-5871 (State Bureau of Identification) for additional information.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The FBI's acquisition, retention, and sharing of information submitted on this form is generally authorized under 28 USC 534 and 28 CFR 16.30-16.34. The purpose for requesting this information from you is to provide the FBI with a minimum of identifying data to permit an accurate and timely search of criminal history identification records. Providing this information (including your Social Security Account Number) is voluntary, however, failure to provide the information may affect the completion of your request. The information reported on this form may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may also be disclosed by the FBI without your consent pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable routine uses. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, you are not required to complete this form unless it contains a valid OMB control number. The form takes approximately 3 minutes to complete.

Applicant Information * Denotes Required Fields

*Last Name _____ *First Name _____
Middle Name 1 _____ Middle Name 2 _____

*Date of Birth: _____ *Place of Birth: _____ U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident:
Yes No

*Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Residence: _____ Prisoner Number (if applicable): _____

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: _____

*Height: _____ *Weight: _____

*Hair (please check appropriate box):

- Bald Black Blonde/Strawberry Blue Brown Gray Green Orange Pink
- Purple Red/Auburn Sandy Unknown White

*Eyes (please check appropriate box):

- Black Blue Brown Gray Green Hazel Maroon Multicolored Pink Unknown

Applicant Home Address

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____

*Postal (Zip) Code _____ *Country _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Mail Results to Address

C/O CITY OF MILFORD ATTN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Address 201 S. WALNUT STREET

City MILFORD State DE

Postal (Zip) Code 19963 Country USA

Phone Number (if different from above) 302-424-3712

Payment Enclosed: (please check appropriate box)

- CERTIFIED CHECK MONEY ORDER CREDIT CARD FORM

Reason for Request:

- Personal review Challenge information on your record Adoption of a child in the U.S.
- International adoption Live, work, or travel in a foreign country Other Candidate - Elected Office

* APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Mail the signed applicant information form, fingerprint card, and payment of \$18 U.S. dollars to the following address:

FBI CJIS Division – Summary Request
1000 Custer Hollow Road
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306

You may request a copy of your own Criminal History Summary to review it or obtain a change, correction, or an update to the summary.

Credit Card Payment Form

* Denotes Required Fields

Applicant Name

* Name

(as it appears on credit card)

Company Name (if applicable)

* Billing Address

Billing Address 2

* City

* State/Province

* Postal (ZIP) Code

* Country

* Credit Card #:

* Expiration Date (MM/YYYY)

* Total Amount To Be Billed To Credit Card \$

(x \$18 US Dollars Per Request)

* Card Holder Signature _____

No Charge Backs or Refunds

All Sales Final



CITY OF MILFORD CANDIDATE PACKET CHECKLIST

	Date Received/Initials
1) City of Milford Candidate Information/Filing Deadlines	_____
2) Eligibility Requirements	_____
3) Qualified Candidate-Candidate Confirmation	_____
4) City of Milford Nominating Petition	_____
5) Notice of Voter Registration Requirements & Registration Times	_____
6) State of Delaware Candidate Instructions	_____
7) Campaign Finance Form Explanation	_____
8) Campaign Finance Certificate of Intention	_____
9) Campaign Finance Statement of Organization	_____
10) Candidate Withdrawal Form	_____
11) Background Check Information	_____
12) Applicant Information Form (FBI Background)	_____
13) Credit Card Payment Form	_____
14) Packet Checklist/Acknowledgment of Candidacy & Receipt of Documents	_____