

# COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

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### FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES

**Candidates for Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee, Parks & Recreation, and Constable file with the Township Clerk of the appropriate jurisdiction.**

#### **Democratic and Republican Party Candidates:**

Democratic and Republican Party candidates must file partisan nominating petitions **OR** a \$100 filing fee, no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.**

Democratic and Republican Party candidates who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the Tuesday, August 6, 2024 Primary Election ballot.

#### **Candidates Without Political Party Affiliation:**

Candidates without political party affiliation must file qualifying petitions no later than **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026.** Candidates without political party affiliation **may not** file a \$100 filing fee in lieu of qualifying petitions.

Candidates without political party affiliation who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the Tuesday, November 3, 2026 General Election ballot.

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY REQUIRED OF ALL CANDIDATES**

All candidates must submit an Affidavit of Identity when filing for office. Under Public Act 394 of 1984, a candidate who fails to file an Affidavit of Identity as required cannot be placed on the ballot. PA 217 of 1999 requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to state on the form that at the date the affidavit was executed all statements, reports, late filing fees, and fines required of the candidate or any candidate committee organized to support the candidate's election under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act have been filed or paid. Therefore, a candidate may not have any outstanding notices of failure to file or late fees with any filing official in the state.

A person becomes a candidate under the Campaign Finance Act on the date he or she:

- files a nominating petition, a filing fee or an affidavit of incumbency; **or**
- receives a contribution or makes an expenditure, or gives consent to someone else to receive a contribution or make an expenditure with a view to bringing about the individual's nomination or election to an elective office; **or**
- is nominated for an elective office by a political party caucus or convention.

#### **CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL**

Candidates must withdraw, in writing, with their filing official by the dates below:

Democratic/Republican candidates: Friday, April 24, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

Candidates without party affiliation: Friday, July 24, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

## **CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

All candidates have 10 days to form a campaign finance committee and then 10 days to file the Statement of Organization form with the County Clerk. All candidates are required to comply with the Campaign Finance Act filing requirements. Information is available in our office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Or visit this link: [http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633\\_8723---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8723---,00.html)

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a registered and qualified elector of the jurisdiction by the filing deadline.

## **FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

A candidate who wishes to seek the Democratic or Republican Party nomination to Township office with write-in votes for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election must file a Declaration of Intent with the appropriate filing official no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026.

A candidate who wishes to seek election with no party affiliation to Township office with write-in votes for the November 3, 2026 General Election must file a Declaration of Intent with the appropriate filing official no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2026.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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| Township Offices                                     |                     | 2026 Signature Requirements |     |            |     |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----|------------|-----|
| FILE PETITIONS AND AFFIDAVIT WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK |                     |                             |     |            |     |
| Township   | District Population | Partisan                    |     | Qualifying |     |
|  |                     | Min                         | Max | Min        | Max |
| Blue Lake Township                                   | 2406                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Casnovia Township                                    | 2803                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Cedar Creek Township                                 | 3343                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Dalton Township                                      | 9596                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Egelston Township                                    | 11415               | 20                          | 50  | 60         | 150 |
| Fruitland Township                                   | 5951                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Fruitport Township                                   | 15458               | 20                          | 50  | 60         | 150 |
| Holton Township                                      | 2607                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Laketon Township                                     | 7709                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Montague Township                                    | 1572                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Moorland Township                                    | 1631                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Muskegon Township                                    | 17810               | 20                          | 50  | 60         | 150 |
| Ravenna Township                                     | 2987                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Sullivan Township                                    | 2578                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| White River Township                                 | 1329                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| Whitehall Township                                   | 1796                | 3                           | 10  | 9          | 30  |
| *Population based on 2024 Census                     |                     |                             |     |            |     |