

COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

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CANDIDATE PACKET VILLAGE OFFICE

Filing Deadline: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
Filing Official: Township Clerk – Affidavit of Identity and Nominating Petitions
Filing Official: County Clerk – Statement of Organization

Affidavit of Identity

All candidates seeking elective office in Michigan must submit an Affidavit of Identity when filing.

A candidate who fails to file Affidavits of Identity as required is ineligible to appear on the ballot (MCL 168.558 as amended under PA 163 of 2002).

Nominating Petitions

Petitions for Village Office need to be signed by registered electors in the Village. A Non-Partisan Village Nominating Petition Form is available. The number of signatures required is a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 20. The number of the signatures required is based on the population of the district based on the 2020 Federal Census results.

Statement of Organization

As soon as an individual becomes a “candidate” under Michigan’s Campaign Finance Act, P.A. 388 of 1976, as amended, he or she has 10 calendar days to form a Candidate Committee. After the committee’s formation date, the candidate has an additional 10 calendar days to register the committee. A candidate registers a Candidate Committee by filing a Statement of Organization form with his or her filing official. 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 candidacy; 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.

Campaign Finance Manual/Instructions & Forms/Dates to Remember

Candidate Committee’s that expend or receive \$1,000 or more in an election cycle are required to file campaign finance reports. Included in this packet are the instructions to find the Candidate Committee Manual and Candidate Committee Instructions and Forms on the Secretary of State’s website. Also included are the filing deadlines for each election cycle. A Candidate Committee that does not expect to expend or receive \$1,000 or more in an election is required to request a reporting waiver on their Statement of Organization by checking box 10.