

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**COUNTY OF CHATHAM**

**RESOLUTION TO FIX AND PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES AND PERIOD  
FOR CITY OF SAVANNAH 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia while in regular session on **January 12, 2023**, as follows:

**WHEREAS**, effective January 1, 1999, the Georgia Municipal and Georgia Election Codes were combined into one code known as the Georgia Election Code; and

**WHEREAS**, such Code provides at O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)(1) that qualifying fees shall be fixed and published not later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of any year in which a general election is to be held; and

**WHEREAS**, State Law provides that such fees shall be three percent (3%) of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding year, if a salaried office; and

**WHEREAS**, Internal Revenue Service Code section 3401(c) indicates that an elected official of government is an employee for income tax withholding purposes. Therefore, holders of public office are not subject to self-employment tax; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with Article 2, Chapter 3., Section 2-304. of the City's Code of Ordinances (The Charter and Related Laws), the City of Savannah will be holding elections for the Mayor and Aldermanic Districts, including Post 1 (At-Large), Post 2 (At-Large), and Districts One, Two, Three, Four, Five and Six in 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, pursuant to its authority, do hereby adopt by Resolution as follows:

1. The following qualifying fees shall apply to candidates seeking municipal office in the election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023:

<b>Position/Seat</b>	<b>Qualifying Fee (3%)</b>	<b>Salary</b>
<b>Mayor</b>	<b>\$ 1,710.00</b>	<b>(\$57,000.00)</b>
<b>Alderman (Post 1, at-large)</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>(\$25,000.00)</b>
<b>Alderman (Post 2, at-large)</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>(\$25,000.00)</b>
<b>Alderman (District 1)</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>(\$25,000.00)</b>
<b>Alderman (District 2)</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>(\$25,000.00)</b>
<b>Alderman (District 3)</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>(\$25,000.00)</b>
<b>Alderman (District 4)</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>(\$25,000.00)</b>
<b>Alderman (District 5)</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>(\$25,000.00)</b>
<b>Alderman (District 6)</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>(\$25,000.00)</b>

2. The approved qualifying fees shall be published in the **Savannah Morning News** (a newspaper of general circulation) and the **Savannah Tribune**, following the adoption of this Resolution.
3. The qualifying dates shall begin on the Third Monday in August, specifically **Monday, August 21, 2023, through Thursday August 24, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, August 25, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
4. The Clerk of Council shall be authorized to contract with the Chatham County Board of Elections and Board of Registrars to conduct the election and shall transmit a copy of this resolution upon approval.

**RESOLVED** this the 12th day of January, 2023.

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Van R. Johnson, II  
Mayor, City of Savannah

ATTEST:

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Mark Massey  
Clerk of Council