

OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION

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LOCAL COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, OR SCHOOL CANDIDATES

The acceptance of funds or assets or making expenditures for campaign activity require records of the activity be maintained for at least four (4) years and may require publicly filed reports disclosing activity. The Oklahoma Ethics Commission provides resources to assist candidates and committees on the law and reporting requirements.

1. Access Campaign Specific Web Pages.

- a. Visit www.ethics.ok.gov
- b. Click the Local Campaigns link.
- c. Select County, Municipal*, or School to access the campaign resources page.

These pages provide checklists, forms, reporting calendars, a Guide for Candidates, a contribution chart, and other information.

2. Register and File Reports if needed.

A candidate must register a committee with within 10 days of either:

- <u>receiving</u> over \$1,000 worth of funds, loans, goods, services, transfers from prior committees of same candidate; <u>or</u>
- **spending** over \$1,000 <u>including</u> the candidate's own funds.

All local campaign committees that are required to register <u>must</u> register and file reports with the appropriate office.

County Office Campaign? File with:	Municipal Office Campaign? File with:	School or Tech Center District Campaign? File with:
County Election Board	Municipal Clerk	School Board Clerk

Need Help? Most committee questions and common campaign scenarios are addressed in the Candidate Guides and other resources available at www.ethics.ok.gov. Compliance Officers are available to assist committees with registrations and reporting campaign activity but questions on how the laws apply to specific or hypothetical situations are answered (as time permits) by the Director or General Counsel.

All Commission staff may be reached by email at <u>ethics@ethics.ok.gov</u> or phone at 405-521-3451.

*MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

Not all municipal campaign fall within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. Only municipalities that meet <u>both</u> of the following criteria are within the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act. (11 O.S. § 56-103, et seq.).

- 1. A population of more than 10,000 according to the most recent Federal Decennial Census; and
- 2. A general revenue fund expenditure budget in excess of Ten Million Dollars.

