

NOMINATION PAPERS

All forms required for nomination and election to all municipal offices will be furnished by the City elections officer, the City Clerk, during regular business hours (E.C. § 10227). There is no fee for filing nomination papers in Monterey.

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The nomination paper is the petition circulated to obtain signatures of voters. The signer should sign his/her name as it appears on the registration form. The signer must personally affix his/her printed name and his/her residence address. P.O. Box or other mailing addresses may not be used. Ditto marks are not acceptable.

Candidates collecting signatures for their Nomination Paper must obtain at least 20 but no more than 30 signatures from **registered** voters of the City of Monterey. Twenty valid signatures are required to qualify as a candidate. No voter may sign more than one nomination paper for the same office. Each seat on the City Council is a separate office (E.C. § 10220).

It is recommended that you obtain the full 30 signatures in case any signers are not "legally registered."

Signatures will be checked by the County Elections Department. If there are so many "Not Sufficient" or "Not Registered" signatures that the minimum requirement is not met, the city clerk will be notified. New nomination papers may be circulated and filed if there is time before the close of the nomination period.

All signatures on a nomination paper must be witnessed by the same circulator. The total number of signatures obtained by the circulator for a candidate must not exceed the maximum allowed. The person who circulates the nomination paper must fill out and sign the "Affidavit of Circulator" section of the nomination paper.

All nomination papers must be left with the City Clerk's Office no later than the last day of the nomination period, Friday, August 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. or Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. if the nomination period is extended.