

BENJAMIN GOMEZ
Mayor

CAROL LYNN SANCHEZ
Mayor Pro Tem

ANTONIO GONZÁLES
Commissioner, Place 1

RENE VILAFRANCO
Commissioner, Place 2

RICARDO "RICK" GUERRA
Commissioner, Place 3



MANUEL DE LA ROSA
City Manager

FRED F. BELL
Assistant City Manager

RUTH A. MCGINNIS
City Secretary

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES

City of San Benito Home Rule Charter, Article III

Each candidate for an elective City office shall meet the following qualifications (City Charter Section 3.02(b) and Section 3.05):

Section 3.02

- (b) Eligibility: Only registered voters of the City shall be eligible to hold the office of City Commissioner or Mayor in accordance with the Texas Election Code as amended. He or she shall have paid all taxes due the City of San Benito and be free from debt to said City and shall have resided in the State of Texas twelve (12) months, must reside in the City during his or her term of office and in the City of San Benito six (6) months prior to filing deadline. He or she shall not be a stockholder or director in any public service corporation having a standing contract with the City government and he or she will not be pecuniarily interested, directly or indirectly, in any public work or improvement let, supervised or controlled by said City which shall be paid for wholly or in part by said City.

Section 3.05

- (a) An incumbent seeking re-election must file for the same position number presently held. No candidate may file for more than one office or position number per election.

The Mayor and each Commissioner shall meet the conditions of Section 3.02(b) while in office, and shall reside within the City while in office. (City Charter Section 3.02(b))

State Law Requirements – Texas Election Code §141.001(a)

- (1) Be a United States citizen;
- (2) Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- (3) Have not been determined by a final judgement of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
(A) totally mentally incapacitated; or (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- (4) Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- (5) Have resided continuously in the state for 12 months;
- (6) On the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected;
- (7) Satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.