

**City of Fritch**  
**PO Box 758, Fritch TX 79036**  
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Dear Prospective Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Fritch City Council. The citizens of Fritch appreciate your willingness to give of your time and talents.

This process requires compliance with certain state statutes. *As a candidate, it is your responsibility to be familiar with the laws applicable to campaigning for office.* The Secretary of State of Texas and the Texas Ethics Commission each regulate portions of the election process. Telephone and website information has been provided below for your convenience.

- The Secretary of State of Texas:
  - PH: (800)252-8683 or (512)463-5650
  - Website: [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)
- Texas Ethics Commission:
  - PH: (512)463-5800
  - Website: [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)

#### **ELECTION SEATS & TERMS**

The Fritch City Council is composed of six (6) members – the Mayor, and five (5) Aldermen who are elected by the qualified voters of the City of Fritch to serve a two (2) year term each.

- There will be Three (3) Alderman seats and the Mayor seat placed on the ballot for May 4, 2024.
  - Two (2) Alderman for two-year term
  - One (1) Alderman for one-year expired term
  - Mayor for one-year expired term

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Filing Period - Wednesday, January 17, 2024, through Friday, February 16, 2024

Write-In Candidate Deadline – Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Last day for Candidate to Withdraw – Friday, February 23, 2024

Election Day – Saturday, May 4, 2024

#### **DRAWING FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT**

The order in which the candidates' names are listed on the ballot is determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary. The drawing will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, time TBD. You are invited, but not required, to attend the drawing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (806) 857-3143 or come to my office at City Hall. You also may e-mail me at [admin@fritchcityhall.com](mailto:admin@fritchcityhall.com).

Sincerely,

Christina Athey – City Secretary

**NOTICE OF PERIOD FOR FILING FOR  
PLACE ON CITY OF FRITCH GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT  
ELECTION DAY - May 4, 2024**

**January 17, 2024** is the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the City of Fritch General Election; May 4, 2024.

**February 16, 2024** is the last day to file for a place on the ballot.

**February 20, 2024** is the last day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy.

**February 23, 2024** is the last day for a candidate to withdraw.

Filing may be done at City Hall; 104 N. Robey, Fritch Texas 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(Monday - Friday).

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**CANDIDATE AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE EMAIL ADDRESS**

Candidate for the City of Fritch General Election.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The "Application for a Place on the \_\_\_\_\_ General Election Ballot" form includes a box to list a candidate's email address. Disclosing your email address on the form is optional. The "Application" form is subject to release as an open record under the Public Information Act; however, personal emails are considered confidential.

By signing this acknowledgement form, you are indicating your approval to release your email address if it was included on the application form.

Acknowledged and Approved to release:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION FOR A CITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL<sup>1</sup> Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

|  |              |  |   |  |  |
|--|--------------|--|---|--|--|
| <b>APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT</b>  |              |  |   |  |  |
| TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board _____ (name of election)   |              |  |   |  |  |
| I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.   |              |  |   |  |  |
| <b>OFFICE SOUGHT</b> (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)  |              |  |   | <b>INDICATE TERM</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED |  |
| <b>FULL NAME</b> (First, Middle, Last)   |              |  | <b>PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT*</b>   |  |  |
| <b>PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS</b> (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)   |              |  | <b>PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional)</b> (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.) |  |  |
| <b>CITY</b>  | <b>STATE</b> | <b>ZIP</b>                             | <b>CITY</b>   | <b>STATE</b>   | <b>ZIP</b>   |
| <b>PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional)</b> (Address for which you receive campaign related emails, if available.)  |              | <b>OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)</b> | <b>DATE OF BIRTH</b><br>/ /   | <b>VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER<sup>2</sup> (Optional)</b>                             |  |
| <b>TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)</b><br>Home: _____ Office: _____ Cell: _____   |              |  |   |  |  |
| <b>FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one)</b>   |              |  | <b>LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN</b>   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have not been finally convicted of a felony.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I have been finally convicted of a felony, but I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of that felony conviction and I have provided proof of this fact with the submission of this application. <sup>3</sup>   |              |  | <b>IN THE STATE OF TEXAS</b><br>_____ year(s)<br>_____ month(s)   |  | <b>IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED</b><br>_____ year(s)<br>_____ month(s) |
| *If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan or contain a title, nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election. Please review sections 52.031, 52.032 and 52.033 of the Texas Election Code regarding the rules for how names may be listed on the official ballot.   |              |  |   |  |  |
| Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name of candidate) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:<br>"I, (name of candidate) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code. I am aware that I must disclose any prior felony conviction, and if so convicted, must provide proof that I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of any such final felony conviction. I am aware that knowingly providing false information on the application regarding my possible felony conviction status constitutes a Class B misdemeanor. I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct." |              |  |   |  |  |
| <b>X</b> _____<br><b>SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE</b>  |              |  |   |  |  |
| Sworn to and subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, _____, by _____ (name of candidate).  |              |  |   |  |  |
| Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath <sup>4</sup>  |              |  | Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath   |  |  |
| Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath   |              |  | Notarial or Official Seal   |  |  |
| <b>TO BE COMPLETED BY FILING OFFICER: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE (If Applicable) PAID BY:</b>  |              |  |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> CASHIERS CHECK OR <input type="checkbox"/> PETITION IN LIEU OF A FILING FEE.  |              |  |   |  |  |
| This document and \$_____ filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ pages received. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Voter Registration Status Verified</b>  |              |  |   |  |  |
| _____/_____/_____ (See Section 1.007)  |              | _____/_____/_____ (See Section 1.007)  |   | _____  |  |
| Date Received  |              | Date Accepted                          |   | Signature of Filing Officer or Designee  |  |

## INSTRUCTIONS

An application for a place on the general election for a city, school district or other political subdivision, may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields of the application **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

For an election to be held on a uniform election date, the day of the filing deadline is the 78th day before Election Day.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

## NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. When a candidate signs the application, it is an acknowledgment that the candidate is aware of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to the officer, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which the officer serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at an election other than the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>An application for a place on the ballot, including any accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Section 141.035, Texas Election Code)

<sup>2</sup>Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

<sup>3</sup>Proof of release from the resulting disabilities of a felony conviction would include proof of judicial clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701, proof of executive pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01, or proof of a restoration of rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05. (Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0251)

**One of the following documents must be submitted with this application.**

Judicial Clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701

Executive Pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01

Restoration of Rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05

<sup>4</sup>All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas. See Chapter 602 of the Texas Government Code for the complete list of persons authorized to administer oaths.



## INSTRUCCIONES

Una solicitud para un lugar en la elección general para una ciudad, distrito escolar u otra subdivisión política, no puede ser presentada antes de los 30 días antes de la fecha límite prescrita por este código para presentar la solicitud. Una solicitud presentada antes de ese día es nula. Todos los campos de la solicitud **deben** completarse a menos que estén específicamente marcados como opcional.

Para una elección que se lleve a cabo en una fecha de elección uniforme, el día de la fecha límite de presentación es el 78º día antes del día de la elección.

Si tiene preguntas sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la División de Elecciones del Secretario de Estado llamando al 800-252-8683.

## LEY DE NEPOTISMO

El candidato debe firmar esta declaración indicando su conocimiento de la ley del nepotismo. Cuando un candidato firma la solicitud, es un reconocimiento de que el candidato conoce la ley del nepotismo. Las prohibiciones de nepotismo del capítulo 573, Código de Gobierno, se resumen a continuación:

Ningún funcionario puede nombrar, votar o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de cualquier persona emparentada dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre) con sí mismo, o con cualquier otro miembro del órgano de gobierno o corte en el que se desempeña cuando la compensación de esa persona debe pagarse con fondos públicos o honorarios del cargo. Sin embargo, nada en la ley impide el nombramiento, la votación o la confirmación de cualquier persona que haya estado empleada continuamente en la oficina o el empleo durante el período siguiente antes de la elección o el nombramiento del funcionario o miembro emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el funcionario o miembro es elegido en una elección que no sea la elección general para funcionarios estatales y del condado.

Ningún candidato puede tomar medidas para influir en un empleado del cargo al que aspira a ser elegido o en un empleado o funcionario del organismo gubernamental al que aspira a ser elegido en relación con el nombramiento o el empleo de una persona emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido, tal como se ha indicado anteriormente. Esta prohibición no se aplica a las acciones de un candidato con respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados prospectos.

## NOTAS

<sup>1</sup>Una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta electoral, incluida cualquier petición que la acompañe, es información pública inmediatamente después de su presentación. (Sección 141.035, Código Electoral de Texas)

<sup>2</sup>La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Inglés) es opcional. Sin embargo, a muchos candidatos se les exige que estén registrados como votantes en el territorio desde el cual se elige el cargo en el momento de la fecha límite de presentación. Por favor, visite el sitio web de la División de Elecciones de la Secretaría de Estado para obtener información adicional. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

<sup>3</sup>La prueba de liberación de las discapacidades resultantes de una condena por un delito grave incluiría prueba de clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701, prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01, o prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05. (Opinión de Fiscal General de Texas KP-0251)

**Se debe enviar uno de los siguientes documentos con esta solicitud:**

Clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701

Prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01

Prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05

<sup>4</sup>Todos los juramentos, declaraciones juradas o afirmaciones hechas dentro de este estado pueden ser administrados y un certificado del hecho dado por un juez, secretario(a) o comisionado de cualquier corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario municipal (para una oficina de la ciudad) y el Secretario de Estado de Texas. Consulte el Capítulo 602 del Código del Gobierno de Texas para obtener la lista completa de personas autorizadas a administrar juramentos.

# APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

**FORM CTA**  
**PG 1**

|   |  |                             |           |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------|
| <b>See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.</b>   |  | <b>1</b> Total pages filed: |           |
| <b>2</b> CANDIDATE NAME   | MS / MRS / MR  | FIRST                       | MI        |
|   | NICKNAME   | LAST                        | SUFFIX    |
| <b>3</b> CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS  | ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE   |                             |           |
|   | Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked  |                             |           |
| <b>4</b> CANDIDATE PHONE  | AREA CODE  | PHONE NUMBER                | EXTENSION |
|   | (      )   |                             |           |
| <b>5</b> OFFICE HELD (if any)   | Date Imaged  |                             |           |
| <b>6</b> OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)   | Receipt #      Amount \$   |                             |           |
| <b>7</b> CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME  | MS/MRS/MR  | FIRST                       | MI        |
|   | NICKNAME   | LAST                        | SUFFIX    |
| <b>8</b> CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)  | STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE); APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE                              |                             |           |
|   | AREA CODE  | PHONE NUMBER                | EXTENSION |
| <b>9</b> CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE   | (      )   |                             |           |
| <b>10</b> CANDIDATE SIGNATURE   | I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code.                            |                             |           |
|   | I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code. |                             |           |
| I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations. |  |                             |           |
| _____   |  | _____                       |           |
| Signature of Candidate  |  | Date Signed                 |           |

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# CANDIDATE MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION

FORM CTA  
PG 2

11 CANDIDATE  
NAME

12 MODIFIED  
REPORTING  
DECLARATION

## COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING

•• This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before the first election to which the declaration applies. ••

•• The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. ••  
(An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.)

•• Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party may NOT choose modified reporting. ••

I do not intend to accept more than \$500 in political contributions or make more than \$500 in political expenditures (excluding filing fees) in connection with any future election within the election cycle. I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I will be required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a runoff report.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year of election(s) or election cycle to  
which declaration applies

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

**This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.**

TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at [treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us) or  
Fax this form to (512) 463-8808 or mail to  
Texas Ethics Commission  
P.O. Box 12070  
Austin, TX 78711-2070

**Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority  
DO NOT SEND TO TEC**

For more information about where to file go to:  
<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/NewFilersGettingStarted.html>