



# City of Hamtramck

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City Clerk

## 2017 Hamtramck City Election Candidate Packets

**FILING DEADLINE – APRIL 25, 2017 4:00PM**

Please read both sides of this document

### **THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE TO BE ELECTED:**

3 four (4) year terms for Hamtramck City Council – Term ending December 31, 2021

1 four (4) year term for Mayor of Hamtramck – Term ending December 31, 2021

You must indicate on the *Affidavit of Identity and Receipt of Filing* which office you wish to run for.

### **WHEN FILING AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT:**

- Affidavit of Identity – 2 Notarized Copies
  
- Candidates may file their affidavit with the \$100 filing fee OR  
Minimum of 40 Maximum of 100 VALID signatures.

### **INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET:**

- 2 Affidavit of Identity forms
- 1 Nominating Petition (candidates can request more or make their own copies, read instructions on the reverse side of the petition)
- Instructions on circulating petitions
- Campaign Finance Brief
- Statement of Organization (Must be filed with Wayne County)

3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212  
Clerk's Department 313-800-5233 ext. 821

Here are excerpts from the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance regarding the placement of political signs and the City Charter regarding sitting council members running for mayor.

- 5.09.1. *Political Signs.* Political signs shall be permitted in all zoning districts, subject to the following limitations:
- a. All political signs shall be no larger than sixteen square feet.
  - b. All political signs may be displayed for a period of sixty days preceding the election to which the message pertains and shall be removed within ten days after the election, Signs promoting successful candidates or ballot propositions in a primary election may remain displayed until not more than ten days after the general election.
  - c. Such signs shall not be placed in any public right-of-way or obstruct traffic visibility.
  - d. No political sign shall be displayed on or in any vacant or abandoned property in the City of Hamtramck.
  - e. No permit shall be required.

IN ADDITION – Per Hamtramck Public School Policy, there are no political signs allowed on school property, including parks and fences.

#### Sec. 4-04 Council members who run for mayor

Any councilperson who decides to become a candidate for mayor shall, unless his term as councilperson shall expire in the year of the election, resign his seat on the city council not later than sixty (60) days prior to the filing deadline for council or mayor by tendering his irrevocable, written resignation to the city clerk, such resignation to become effective upon the seating of the next succeeding city council in January. If the resignation is not received by the city clerk at least sixty (60) days prior to the filing deadline for mayor or council, the councilmember shall be deemed ineligible to seek the office of mayor in that election. The vacancy, if any, created by such resignation shall be nominated at the primary and filled at the general election for the balance of the council term so vacated. No individual shall at the same election be a candidate for both mayor and councilperson.

SITTING COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 24, 2017 4:00PM

**It is highly recommended that you do not wait until the last minute to file candidate petitions. In the event that you lack valid signatures or made a mistake on your affidavit there is no time to fix the problem and your filing may be rejected.**

**More information available at: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>  
Click: *Elections In Michigan* then click *Information for Candidates***