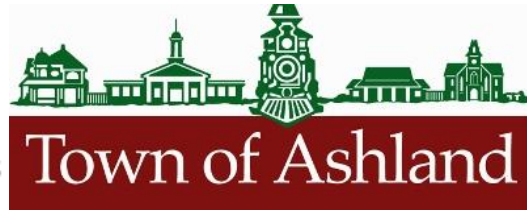




★ VIRGINIA ★
DEPARTMENT of ELECTIONS



BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR ASHLAND TOWN COUNCIL

Next election: Tuesday, May 5th, 2020

WHAT IS ASHLAND TOWN COUNCIL?

Citizens of Ashland elect a five-member council to direct and establish the goals and policies of the Town. These elected and appointed officials represent the people of Ashland and are responsible for adopting all ordinances and resolutions for the Town. You can learn more about Town Council and Ashland's current council members [here](#).

ARE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS COMPENSATED?

Council members are compensated \$7,500 annually, and the Town provides funding for Council members to attend professional development meetings and conferences.

WHAT KIND OF TIME COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED?

Each Council member serves a staggered four-year term. Council meetings are held at 7:00PM on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Additional meetings are occasionally held for specific topics, such as budget work sessions every March. Each Council member is also typically assigned as a liaison to a few Town or regional committees

WHEN IS THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION?

Tuesday, May 5th, 2020

HOW MANY SEATS ARE UP FOR ELECTION?

Three of the five Town Council seats will be open to new candidates during this election cycle.

WHO CAN RUN FOR TOWN COUNCIL?

All individuals that meet the following residency and voter registration requirements are encouraged to run! To become a candidate you **MUST**:

1. Be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia for one year immediately preceding the election;
2. Be a resident of the Town of Ashland; and,
3. Be registered to vote in Ashland. Learn how to register to vote [here](#).

Qualifications for voter registration:

- a. Be a resident of Virginia (a person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes).

- b. Be a U.S. Citizen.
- c. Be 18 years old (any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance).
- d. Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.
- e. Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.
- f. If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored.

I'M ELIGIBLE AND INTERESTED! HOW DO I BECOME A CANDIDATE?

That's great! Please complete and file the following forms with the [Hanover County Voter Registration & Election Office](#) **BY MARCH 3rd, 2020 AT 7:00PM.**

- a. [Certificate of Candidate Qualification – Local Office](#)
- b. [Statement of Economic Interest – Local Office](#)
- c. [Declaration of Candidacy – Local Office](#)
- d. [Petitions of Qualified Voters](#) – 125 signatures from Town residents

Late and/or incomplete forms will not be accepted. Forms can be filed via mail (P.O. Box 419 / Hanover, VA 23069), email (hanovervoting@hanovercounty.gov), or delivered in person to: Wickham Building / 7497 County Complex Road / Hanover, VA 23069

QUESTIONS?

We have the answers! Contact Matt Reynal, Assistant Town Manager at mreynal@ashland.gov or 804-798-9219.

For more information on running for elected office in Virginia, please contact the Virginia Department of Elections (804-864-8901, TTY 711 or info@elections.virginia.org) or visit their [website](#) for up to date information.

Thank you for your interest in serving on Ashland's Town Council and good luck!