



November 7, 2023, City/School Elections: City Signature Requirements

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§45.1(9) Nominations by petition.

9. Nominations for candidates for elective offices in cities where the council has adopted nominations under this chapter may be submitted as follows:

a. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10, in cities having a population of twenty-five thousand or greater according to the most recent federal decennial census, nominations may be made by nomination papers signed by not less than seventy-five eligible electors who are residents of the city or ward.

b. In cities having a population of seven thousand five hundred or greater, but less than twenty-five thousand, according to the most recent federal decennial census, nominations may be made by nomination papers signed by not less than fifty eligible electors who are residents of the city or ward.

c. In cities having a population of two thousand five hundred or greater, but less than seven thousand five hundred, according to the most recent federal decennial census, nominations may be made by nomination papers signed by not less than twenty-five eligible electors who are residents of the city or ward.

d. In cities having a population of less than two thousand five hundred, according to the most recent federal decennial census, nominations may be made by nomination papers signed by not less than ten eligible electors who are residents of the city or ward.

Population numbers taken from the 2020 Census.

Alburnett - Population: 675
Council Member (3 Positions): **10**

Bertram - Population: 269
Mayor: **10**
Council Member (5 Positions): **10**

Center Point - Population: 2579
Mayor: **25**
Council Member (2 Positions): **25**

Central City - Population: 1264
Mayor: **10**
Council Member (2 Positions): **10**

Coggon - Population: 701
Mayor: **10**
Council Member (3 Positions): **10**
Council Member – To Fill Vacancy: **10**

Ely - Population: 2328
Mayor: **10**
Council Member (3 Positions): **10**

Fairfax - Population: 2828
Mayor: **25**
Council Member (2 Positions): **25**

Hiawatha - Population: 7183
Mayor: **25**
Council Member (3 Positions): **25**

Lisbon - Population: 2233
Mayor: **10**
Council Member (2 Positions): **10**

Marion - Population: 41,535

Mayor: **75**

Council Member at Large: **75**

Council Member Ward 1: **75**

Council Member Ward 2: **75**

Council Member Ward 3: **75**

- *Signatures must come from within the ward.*

Mount Vernon - Population: 4527

Mayor: **25**

Council Member (3 Positions): **25**

Palo - Population: 1407

Council Member (2 Positions): **10**

Prairieburg - Population: 160

Mayor: **10**

Council Member (3 Positions): **10**

Robins - Population: 3353

Council Member (3 Positions): **25**

Springville - Population: 1154

Council Member (3 Positions): **10**

Walker - Population: 688

Mayor: **10**

Council Member (3 Positions): **10**

Council Member – To Fill Vacancy: **10**

Walford

Please Contact the Benton County Auditor's Office at 319-472-2365 for these numbers.

Benton County is the Control County since Benton County has a larger property tax base in Walford than Linn County.

Notes

These numbers are based on the city's population.

Linn County Election Services is the filing officer for city candidates per change to Iowa Code Section §376.4

For Runoff Cities (Cedar Rapids)

Candidates must collect signatures equal to 2% of the number of people who voted for that office at the last regular city election. If more than one person was elected to an office at the previous city election, divide the number of votes cast by the number of seats to be filled, then multiply that number by 0.02. If the result is a fraction, round up. (§376.4, 721-21.401)

Council Member at Large (2 Positions): **397**

Council Member District 2: **51**

Council Member District 4: **41**

- *Signatures must come from within the district.*

Cedar Rapids Council Member at Large

Total Positions: 1 from the 2021 City/School Elections

Total Votes: 19847 from the 2021 City/School Elections

Formula:

$(\text{Total Votes}/\text{Total Positions}) * .02 (2\%) = \text{Signatures Needed (Round up if number is a fraction)}$

$$(19847/1) * .02 = 396.94$$

Since 396.94 is a fraction, the number is rounded up to **397**.

Cedar Rapids Council District 2

Total Positions: 1 from the 2019 City/School Elections

Total Votes: 2521 from the 2019 City/School Elections

Formula:

$(\text{Total Votes}/\text{Total Positions}) * .02 (2\%) = \text{Signatures Needed (Round up if number is a fraction)}$

$$(2521/1) * .02 = 50.42$$

Since 50.42 is a fraction, the number is rounded up to **51**.

Cedar Rapids Council District 4

Total Positions: 1 from the 2019 City/School Elections

Total Votes: 2011 from the 2019 City/School Elections

Formula:

$(\text{Total Votes}/\text{Total Positions}) * .02 (2\%) = \text{Signatures Needed (Round up if number is a fraction)}$

$$(2011/1) * .02 = 40.22$$

Since 40.22 is a fraction, the number is rounded up to **41**.



November 7, 2023, City/School Elections: School Signature Requirements

Community College Director Districts

Kirkwood Community College/Merged Area X

Director District 2: 50 Signatures
Director District 3 - To Fill Vacancy: 50 Signatures
Director District 4: 50 Signatures

Director District 5: 50 Signatures
Director District 8: 50 Signatures

Community School Districts

Signature Requirements for School Board Positions

The minimum number of signatures needed depends on the number of registered voters in the school district as of May 1, 2023. All school director districts are elected at large for the school districts Linn County administers.

For school districts (or director districts when applicable) with fewer than 1,000 registered voters, the minimum number of signatures is 10.

For school districts (or director districts when applicable) with more than 1,000 registered voters, the minimum number of signatures is 1% of the number of registered voters or 50, whichever is less.

Alburnett Community School District

Director at Large (3 Positions): 26 Signatures

Cedar Rapids Community School District

Director at Large (2 Positions): 50 Signatures
Director District 1: 50 Signatures
Director District 4: 50 Signatures

Center Point - Urbana Community School District

Director at Large: 45 Signatures
Director District 2: 45 Signatures
Director District 3: 45 Signatures

Central City Community School District

Director at Large (2 Positions): 21 Signatures
Director at Large (1 Position) – To Fill Vacancy: 21 Signatures

College Community School District

Director at Large: 50 Signatures
Director District 1: 50 Signatures
Director District 3: 50 Signatures
Director District 4: 50 Signatures

Linn-Mar Community School District

Director at Large (4 Positions): 50 Signatures

Lisbon Community School District

Director at Large (3 Positions): 25 Signatures

Marion Independent School District

Director at Large (4 Positions): 50 Signatures

Mount Vernon Community School District

Director at Large (4 Positions): 50 Signatures
Director at Large (1 Position) – To Fill Vacancy: 50 Signatures

North Linn Community School District

Director at Large: 25 Signatures
Director District 1: 25 Signatures
Director District 2: 25 Signatures

Springville Community School District

Director at Large (3 Positions): 19 Signatures
Director at Large (1 Position) – To Fill Vacancy: 19 Signatures