

CANDIDATE PETITIONS

The blanks in the top section of the petition must be filled in with the candidate's name and ward number.

Signatures:

The petition is to be signed by qualified electors in his/her own handwriting. It is unlawful to sign another person's name, including a spouse's name.

Under Arkansas law, a person shall be deemed guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if the person:

1. Signs any name other than his/her own to any petition;
2. Knowingly signs his/her name more than once to a petition;
3. Knowingly signs a petition when he/she is not legally entitled to sign; or
4. Knowingly and falsely misrepresents the purpose and effect of the petition or the measure affected for the purpose of causing anyone to sign a petition.

Failure to sign the name exactly as it appears on voter registration records does not invalidate the signature if said signature is sufficient to verify the voter's name. However, signing as registered is preferable.

Affidavit:

Each canvasser circulating a petition must complete the affidavit stating each person signed his/her own name in canvasser's presence. More than one petition may be circulated for a candidate, but each person circulating a petition must complete the affidavit. The various petitions may then be grouped and filed with the City Clerk. The affidavit provides verification of the authenticity of signatures.

Sufficiency of Petition:

If the City Clerk is unable to verify at least 50 qualified electors on the petition, the candidate may obtain and file additional signatures until the filing period ends.

ARKANSAS LAW STATES—

"The candidate for any designated position on the board of directors who, in any general or special election, shall receive votes greater in number than those cast in favor of any other candidate for the position shall be deemed to be elected." ACA 14-17-110(a)(4)

"No person shall hold an appointive position or employment in the pay of the city if that person is related by blood or marriage in the third degree either to a member of the board of directors or to the city manager. Provided, however, this prohibition shall not prevent a person who holds an appointive or employment position with the city at the time the person's relative becomes city manager or a member of the board of directors from continuing in that position or employment." ACA 14-47-135

**CANDIDATE FILING STATEMENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS**

I hereby state that I reside at _____ (street address), City of
Texarkana, Arkansas; that I am a qualified elector of said City and the Ward in which I reside;
that I am a candidate for the office of Director, **Ward** to be voted upon at the General Election
to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2020, and I hereby request that my name be placed on the
election ballot as follows: _____ (printed name).

Signature of Candidate

STATE OF ARKANSAS §
 §
COUNTY OF MILLER §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the person whose
name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument in writing and acknowledged to me that he/she
executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Notary Public, Miller County, Arkansas