

**Action Requested/Required:**

- ☒ Vote/Action Requested
☐ Discussion or Presentation Only
☐ Public Hearing
Report Date: 1/2/25
Hearing Date: _____
Voting Date: 1/16/25

Department: Administration Presenter(s) & Title: Annie Fortner, City Clerk

Agenda Item Title:

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution for Call of General Election for November 4, 2025 and Setting Qualifying Dates, Times, and Fee

Summary:

A General Election will be held on November 4, 2025. The Council seats that are up for election are one seat in Ward 1, one seat in Ward 2, and one seat in Ward 3. The election will be conducted by Cherokee County and held at all Cherokee County precincts as specified in the City's current Intergovernmental Agreement. Qualifying for the election will take place at City Hall on Monday, August 18th from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday, August 19th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Wednesday, August 20th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. A qualifying fee of three percent (3%) of the total annual salary of a Councilmember is due at the time of qualifying. This fee is \$360.00. A qualifying packet will be made available online and in the Clerk's office beginning in March.

Budget Implications:

Budgeted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Total Cost of Project: Check if Estimated ☐

Fund Source: General Fund ☐ Water & Sewer ☐ Sales Tax ☐ Other:

Staff Recommendations:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the resolution calling for the General Election on November 4, 2024 and setting qualifying dates, times, and fee.

Reviews:

Has this been reviewed by Management and Legal Counsel, if required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attachments:

Municipal General Election Resolution

**City of Canton
State of Georgia
County of Cherokee
Resolution 2025-1
2025 Municipal General Election**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Canton, Georgia, that:

WHEREAS: Terms for a Ward 1 Council Seat, Ward 2 Council Seats, and Ward 3 Council Seat will expire on December 31st of 2025, thereby requiring a Municipal General Election. The election is to be held on November 4, 2025 at Cherokee County election precincts serving the residents of the City of Canton to fill these positions; and

WHEREAS: Qualifying will be held at City Hall, located at 110 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia 30114. Specific dates and hours are as follows:

Monday, August 18, 2025	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 20, 2025	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

and

WHEREAS: The non-refundable qualifying fee shall be three percent (3%) of the total annual salary of the Councilmember position or \$360.00; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cherokee County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct Municipal Elections. This agreement sets forth the election duties of the City Clerk and the Supervisor of Cherokee County Elections and Registration.

RESOLVED, this 16th day of January, 2025.

Bill Grant, Mayor

Attest: _____
Annie Fortner, City Clerk

Approved as to Form: _____
Robert M. Dyer, City Attorney