

Municipal Elections and Voting

May 1, 2021

Is the next scheduled election for the City of Emory with the Mayor's position and councilmembers position 2 and 4 will be up for election.

Early voting and election day voting will be held at the **Rains ISD Administration Office, 1759 W. US Hwy. 69, Emory, Texas 75440** (unless the RISD is cancelled). If the RISD election is cancelled, the City's election will be held at **City Hall, 399 N. Texas St. Emory Texas 75440**.

Correspondence to Council, Mayor or any questions you have, may be sent to **City of Emory P.O. Box 100** (mailing address) **Emory, Texas 75440** or by stopping by our office **at 399 N. Texas St. Emory, Texas 75440** (physical address) or by **phone (903) 473-2465** or e-mail cityadmin@emorytx.com

Current Elected Officials	Term Expires
Earl Hill III - Mayor	May 2021
Emery Cathey – Mayor Pro Tem (4)	May 2021
Jannie Stephens – Councilmember (1)	May 2023
Travis Potts - Councilmember (2)	May 2021
Howard Garrett – Councilmember (3)	May 2023
Blake Cooper – Councilmember (5)	May 2023

Municipal elections for the Mayor and five City Council Members are in May bi-annually. The Mayor and all City Council Members are elected at-large and serve four (4) year terms. City Council Candidate Packets can be picked up after January 1st the year of the election at City Hall, located 399 N. Texas St., Emory Tx 75440.

Polling places for City election is at the **Rains ISD Administration Office, 1759 W. US Hwy. 69, Emory, Texas 75440** (unless the RISD is cancelled). If the RISD election is cancelled, the City's election will be held at **City Hall, 399 N. Texas St. Emory Texas 75440**.

Office of Councilmember

Councilmembers are the city's legislators. Their primary duty is policymaking making, which includes identifying the needs of local residents, formulating programs to meet the changing requirements of the community, and measuring the effectiveness of ongoing municipal services.

Unless restricted by state law, each councilmember is entitled to vote on every question decided at a council meeting and has full parliamentary privileges in council meeting- including the right to speak and make motion when recognized by the Mayor and the right to introduce new ordinances and amendments too existing ones.

QUALIFICATIONS for OFFICE

1. Must be a United States Citizen;
2. Must be at least eighteen (18 years of age at the time of the election for which they are filing;
3. Have been a resident of Texas for at least twelve (12) months as of the deadline for filing for the office;
4. Have resided in the City for at least six (6) months preceding election day;
5. Have a current voter registration certificate;
6. Not have been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
7. Not have been deemed mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court.

(Election-Code Section -141-001; Local Government Code Section 22.032 and 23.024)

One additional requirement: if a Type -A general law city has been divided into wards, every council candidate must, at the time of his or her election, be a resident of the ward her or she proposes to represent if elected (Local Government Code Section 22.032)

To be eligible to **vote** in Texas, you must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of City of Emory (for Emory's municipal election)
- Be 18 years of age (you may register at age 17 years and 10 months)
- Not be a convicted felon (unless sentence is completed, including any probation or parole)
- Not be declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.

Important 2021 notices and dates

Next Election Date: May 1, 2021.

Resources

Secretary of State Forms, Resources & Legal Library
https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/resources_legal.shtml

State of Texas Voter Information
<https://www.votetexas.gov/>