



City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Qualifications for Election

Candidate for Mayor

Candidates for the office of Mayor must have resided in the city for at least six months immediately preceding his/her election, must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, and must be a qualified voter of the city. The Mayor must maintain principal residence in the city during his/her term of office. If the Mayor changes his/her principal residence from the city, the Mayor's term shall be immediately terminated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 308 of the City Charter. The Mayor is prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during his/her term of office, and is prohibited from serving on any city board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.

Candidate for City Councilmember

Candidates for the office of Councilmember must have resided in the city (and ward from which they are elected) for at least six months immediately preceding her/his election, must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, and shall be a qualified voter of the city. The Councilmembers shall maintain their principal residence in the city and in their ward during their term of office. If a Councilmember changes his/her principal residence from the city or from the ward from which the Councilmember was elected, the Councilmember's term shall be immediately terminated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 308 of the City Charter. The Councilmembers are prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during their term of office, and are prohibited from serving on any city board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.