

VILLAGE OF ESTERO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS INFORMATION

Nonpartisan Elections

All elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis without designation of political party affiliation.

Electors

Any person who is a resident of the Village, who has qualified as an elector of this state, and who registers as prescribed by law shall be an elector of the Village.

Qualifying

Each candidate for Village Council shall be a qualified elector of the Village and must reside in the Village for at least 1 year before the beginning of the qualifying period for the office sought. Each Council member must reside in the district the member represents for the duration of his or her term.

Any elector of the Village who wishes to become a candidate for Village Council shall qualify with the Village Clerk by providing proof of voter registration, current address, or 1 year's residency.

A Village candidate may utilize the candidate-petition method in lieu of paying the filing fee. Qualifying fees shall be applicable as follows: At the time of qualifying, each candidate shall pay the Lee County Supervisor of Elections, a qualifying fee equal to four percent (4%) of the annual salary (\$6,000.00), for the office sought. The qualifying fee shall consist of a filing fee and an election assessment. The amount of the filing fee is (3% or \$180.00), and the election assessment is (1% or \$60.00).

The qualifying period for candidates for Village Council shall begin at noon on the second Monday in January of odd-numbered years and end at noon on the Friday immediately after.

Once qualified, as a candidate, all Federal, State, and Local election laws must be followed.

At-Large Elections

Electors may vote for one candidate from each of the Council districts. The candidate in each district receiving the highest number of votes in the Village at-large election shall be elected to such Council district.

Districts 1, 2 and 6 are up for election in 2017. If more than one candidate seeks election for any one district seat, an election will be held on March 7, 2017. Only opposed candidate races for Village Council district seats will appear on the ballot. Polling places are established by the Lee County Supervisor of Elections and are subject to change.

Term of Office

The term of office for an elected Council member shall begin on the second Tuesday after the Council election, and end on the Monday immediately before commencement of the following term. The term of office for Council members shall be 4 years. No Council member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. After 1 year out of office, a former Council member may requalify for a seat on the Council. For purposes of calculating term limits, partial terms shall not be counted toward term limits.

Contact Information

Prospective candidates are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the Village Clerk to review the candidate packet.

Kathy Hall, Village Clerk
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928
239-221-5035
hall@estero-fl.gov

For questions related to voting, voter registration, precincts, polling places, and absentee voting, please contact the Lee County Supervisor of Elections at 2840 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL, 239-533-8683 or visit www.lee.vote.

Candidate Information and Forms

[Candidate Qualifying Insert](#)

[Candidate Qualifying Resource Guide 2016-2017](#) Rev. 12/30/2016

[2016 Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook \(Rev. 01/22/2016\)](#)

[2016 Candidate Petition Handbook \(Rev. 01/27/2016\)](#)

[Florida Statutes - Chapter 99](#)

[Florida Statutes - Chapter 104](#)

[Florida Statutes - Chapter 106](#)

[A Compilation of the Election Laws of the State of Florida \(Rev. July 2016\)](#)

[Florida Commission on Ethics Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics \(2016\)](#)

[Village of Estero Charter](#)

[Village of Estero Map](#)

[Village of Estero Political Signs Information](#)

[Candidate Campaign File Cover Sheet](#)

[DS-DE 9 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository](#)
(Must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account)

[DS-DE 84 – Statement of Candidate](#)

(Must be filed with the qualifying officer within 10 days after Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed)

[DS-DE 104 – Candidate Petition \(English and Spanish versions\)](#)

[DS-DE 25 – Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office](#)

[\(Filed with Financial Disclosure Form 1 Statement of Financial Interest for 2016 during the qualifying period\)](#)

[Form 1 – Statement of Financial Interest](#)

[\(Filed with DS-DE 25 Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office during the qualifying period\)](#)

[DS-DE 12 – Campaign Treasurer’s Report Summary](#)

[DS-DE 13 – Campaign Treasurer’s Report – Itemized Contributions](#)

[DS-DE 13A – Campaign Treasurer’s Report – Fund Transfers](#)

[DS-DE 14 – Campaign Treasurer’s Report – Itemized Expenditures](#)

[DS-DE 14A – Campaign Treasurer’s Report – Itemized Distributions](#)

[DS-DE 2 – Contributions Returned](#)

[DS-DE 87 – Waiver of Report](#)

[DS-DE 19A – Affidavit of Undue Burden](#)

[Calendar of Campaign Treasurer’s Reporting Dates](#)