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Filing period for Town Council elections is now open *Two at-large places up for election in May*

LITTLE ELM (January 31, 2017) Residents who may have an interest in running for election to a seat on the Town Council must file an application with the Town Secretary before the mid-February deadline.

“Individuals who have an interest in running, or who simply want to know more about the process, are welcome to pick up a candidate packet,” says Town Secretary Kathy Phillips. “Two places on the Council are up for election, and anyone who is interested must follow a specific procedure to file for election to those seats.”

The filing timeframe closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. The deadline is firm, and no late applications can be accepted.

Designed to ensure a continuity of experience on the Council, the Town charter ensures that only two Council seats, called places, are eligible for election each year. This year, Place 1 and Place 6 are on the May 6 ballot. Mayor Pro Tem Michael McClellan is the incumbent in Place 1 and Council member Stephanie Shoemaker is the incumbent in Place 6.

Both of the places up for election in 2017 are at-large, meaning that any resident of Little Elm, if they meet all of the other requirements, are eligible to place their name in consideration for election.

“Residents who are considering placing their names on the ballot should become familiar with the rules and regulations that apply before submitting an application,” she said. Requirements are listed in the Municipal Code tab on the Town’s home page at www.littleelm.org.

In general terms, candidates for election to the Town Council must be qualified voters, and be at least 21 years of age. They must have resided in the Town for no less than 12 months prior to Election Day, and must meet all of the requirements of the Texas Election Code. And, residents who are in arrears in the payment of any taxes or other charges due the Town are not eligible to run.

Applications can be obtained from and must be returned to the Town Secretary’s office at Town Hall, 100 West Eldorado Parkway in Little Elm. Office hours are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.