



## Want to be a Candidate ? *What, When, How, Who, When (again).....*

### **WHAT:**

The Leon Valley City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 "General Provisions", Article 1.03 "Elections" states "An election shall be held as provided in state law each even-numbered year to elect a mayor and two councilmembers at large for the city council, to wit: Council Place No. 2 and Council Place No. 4. An election shall be held as provided in state law each odd-numbered year to elect three councilmembers at large for the city council, to wit: Council Place No. 1, Council Place No. 3, and Council Place 5. "

***In 2010, registered voters, who are citizens of Leon Valley will vote for Mayor and Council Place No. 2 and Council Place No. 4.***

### **WHEN:**

Under the Chapter 41 of the Texas Election Code, uniform election dates are specified. Except as otherwise provided in the Election Code, general or special elections in Texas shall be held on either the second Saturday in May; or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The City of Leon Valley holds their General Election the second Saturday in May.

***This year, the General Election will be held on May 8, 2010.***

### **HOW:**

The Leon Valley City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 "General Provisions", Article 1.03 "Elections" states, "At said election each of the foregoing named officers shall be voted upon separately, and the person receiving the highest number of votes for each of said offices shall be elected to such office."

***For each Council Place race, the candidate with the most votes, shall be elected.***

### **WHO:**

To be a candidate for Council, each candidate must:

1. Be a United States citizen;
2. Have been a resident of Texas for at least 12 months, as of the last date to file for a place on the ballot;
3. Have been a resident of the City of Leon Valley and resided in the city for at least 12 months before Election Day;
4. Must be at least 18 years of age when taking office, if elected;
5. Be a current registered voter and have proof of such; and
6. Not be a convicted felon, for which he/she has not been pardoned or otherwise released, and
7. Not have been judged mentally incompetent by a final judgement of a court.

*From The Texas Municipal League's "Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers - General Law Cities" 2006.*

### **WHEN (again):**

Individuals interested in running for office in Leon Valley should contact the City Secretary to pick up a Candidate's Packet in early February. Candidates can file for a place on the May 8, 2010 General Election ballot beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, February 8, 2010. All applications for a candidate's name to appear on the May 8, 2010 General Election ballot must be filed with the office of the City Secretary before 5:00 p.m. of March 8, 2010. Write-in candidates can file to be a candidate in this election with the office of the City Secretary before 5:00 p.m. of March 15, 2010. Names of "write-in candidates" do not appear on the election ballot.

Candidates elected for Mayor and Council Places 2 and 4 will be sworn in after the votes are canvassed, which is expected to occur on May 18, 2010. The term of office for members of Council is two years and there are no term limits set by laws of the City.

*For additional information, please contact the City Secretary's office at 684-1391, ext. 216.*