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Resources Available for Iowans Interested in Running for City Office

Iowa's city elections will be held on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, and residents across the state have the opportunity to step forward and serve their communities.

Serving as a mayor or city council member is one of the most direct ways to make a difference. Local elected officials:

- Shape policies on streets, public safety, parks, and other services that affect everyday life.
- Bring new ideas and perspectives to community leadership.
- Strengthen civic engagement and ensure a responsive, citizen-led government.

Candidate filing deadlines:

- For most cities: **August 25 – September 18, 2025 (by 5 p.m.)**
- For cities with a primary: **August 11 – August 28, 2025 (by 5 p.m.)**, with a primary election on **October 7, 2025** if needed.

Resources for prospective candidates, including the **2025 Candidates Guide**, are available from the Iowa League of Cities at iowaleague.org/resource/elections.

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