

PRESS RELEASE

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At the 2010 General Election on November 2, 2010, the positions of Mayor and two Councilor positions will appear on the ballot. The Mayor's position is a two-year term and the Councilor positions are four-year terms.

<u>Incumbents:</u>	Randy Peterson	Mayor
	Douglas Morten	Council Position No. 1
	Phillip Barlow	Council Position No. 3

Serving as an elected official certainly requires a significant time commitment but is extremely rewarding and enriching. The decisions of the officials produce long-term, qualitative affects upon the community. Should you or someone you know be interested in running for City Council, there are a couple requirements you should be aware of:

Qualifications:

- Registered to vote in Oregon.
- Must have resided in the City of St. Helens during the 12 months immediately preceding the election.

Candidate packets are now available from City Recorder Kathy Payne (aka: City Elections Official) at City Hall, 265 Strand Street, St. Helens. Or you may go online to www.ci.st-helens.or.us to view or download the packet materials. Candidates may file by petition or by declaration.

Option 1 - Candidates Filing by Declaration

Per City of St. Helens Municipal Code, you have the option of filing a \$50.00 fee in lieu of obtaining signatures on a petition

Option 2 - Candidates Filing by Petition

Petition form must be approved by the City Elections Official before you begin to gather signatures. After your petition is approved, the City Elections Officer will return the form to you to start the gathering of signatures. St. Helens candidates must collect **39** valid signatures to place a candidate on the ballot.

All required forms must be properly completed and returned to Kathy Payne, City Recorder, at St. Helens City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2010.

For more information, please visit the City's website or contact City Recorder Kathy Payne at (503) 366-8217 or kathyp@ci.st-helens.or.us.

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