



City Election

New Sharon, like the vast majority of cities in Iowa uses the Mayor-Council form of government. City elections in Iowa are held in odd-numbered years. The City Council terms are four years and are staggered, so that in one city election three Council terms are expiring and in the next city election two Council terms are expiring. The terms of Council members **Thomas German, Leslie VanWyk and Ben Hansen** are up at the end of 2021.

The opportunity to run for political office is a privilege we enjoy in our society. To hold office in a city, a candidate must meet the same qualifications required to vote and be a resident of the city he or she plans to serve. For the 2021 election cycle, the filing period is August 23 to September 16. Anyone wishing to have their name on the ballot to serve on the City Council must complete two forms and submit them to the County Auditor during this filing period. The two forms are an Affidavit of Candidacy, which must be completed by the candidate and signed in the presence of a notary, and a Nomination Petition, which must contain the signatures of at least ten eligible voters.

These forms are available from the city clerk, from any courthouse in Iowa or from the Secretary of State website at

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/cityelections.html>.

The election will be held on **Tuesday, November 2.**