2027 Ballot Access Checklist:
Municipalities Where Nomination Papers are Used

Each of the following forms must be completed and filed on time by a candidate for municipal office for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot at the **February 16, 2027 Spring Primary** and the **April 6, 2027 Spring Election**.

In the City of Milwaukee, the filing officer is the Milwaukee City Election Commission. In all other municipalities, the filing officer is the municipal clerk (town, village, or city). Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

- ☐ **Complete and Submit a Registration Statement (Form CF-1)** to the filing officer prior to raising or spending any funds, and no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2027** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow postmarked no later than January 5, 2027. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.30(2), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04.

  New Candidates
  File a campaign registration statement before campaign funds are collected or spent or before submitting nomination papers. Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0202(1)(a),11.0101(1).

  Continuing Candidates
  Amend your current registration, indicating the office sought and the new primary and election dates. Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1).

- ☐ **Complete and Submit a Declaration of Candidacy (Form EL-162)** to the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2027** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow, postmarked no later than January 5, 2027. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.21, 8.30(4), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04.

- ☐ **Circulate and Submit Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office (Form EL-169)** to the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2027** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot**.** Only original nomination papers (no photocopies, faxes, or emailed documents) will be accepted. Nomination papers may not be circulated before December 1, 2026. Wis. Stat. § 8.10(2), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04(2).
  THERE ARE GUIDES TO ASSIST CANDIDATES WITH NOMINATION PAPERS ON the WEC website.

The number of signatures required follows:

All village and town offices		20-100
1st Class Cities	Citywide offices	1,500 - 3,000
	Alderperson elected to district	200 - 400
2nd and 3rd Class Cities	Citywide offices	200 - 400
	Alderperson elected at large	100 - 200
	Alderperson elected to district	20 - 40
4th Class Cities	Citywide offices	50 - 100
	Alderperson elected to district	20 - 40

Municipal Judge Candidates:

- **Complete and submit a Statement of Economic Interests (SEI)** online to the Ethics Commission. Incumbent candidates will receive a filing notice around December 1, 2026, and new candidates will receive an email notice within one or two days of registering their committee. The SEI must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2027, or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.30(3), 19.43(4). Candidates may also print the SEI form and instructions from the Ethics Commission website and return those forms by email or fax. For more information, please contact the Ethics Commission at 608-266-8123 or ethics@wi.gov.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:
A MUNICIPALITY MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS THAT MAY REQUIRE A CANDIDATE FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE, IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS (SEI). THE ORDINANCE MAY ALSO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE AN SEI WILL PREVENT THE CANDIDATE'S NAME FROM BEING PLACED ON THE BALLOT. WIS. STAT. § 19.59(1M)(3)(B). PLEASE CONTACT THE FILING OFFICER TO LEARN IF THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO YOU.