

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL
AND BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER**

**August 5, 2025 Primary Election
November 4, 2025 General Election**

Each Candidate for positions on the Grand Haven City Council or the Board of Light and Power should be aware of the following:

A. Qualifications for Office [Sec. 4.2 Grand Haven City Charter]

1. Over twenty-one years of age;
2. A registered elector of the City; and
3. A resident of the City or of territory annexed to the City, or both, for at least six months immediately preceding his or her election or appointment, if a person be appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office.

B. Terms of Office [Sec. 4.4 Grand Haven City Charter]

1. Mayor - 2 years (November 2025 - November 2027).
2. Two Council member seats - 4 years (November 2025 - November 2029).
3. One Board of Light and Power Member seat - 6 years (November 2025- November 2031).
4. One partial-term City Council seat (November 2025 - November 2027).
5. One partial-term Board of Light and Power Member seat (November 2025 - November 2027).

C. Circulating Petitions [Sec. 11.7 Grand Haven City Charter]

1. Official nominating petitions, in substantially the same form as required by law or by the Secretary of State for non-partisan City/Township officers, shall be prepared and furnished by the City Clerk or her staff.
2. Before the City Clerk shall furnish a form of nominating petition to any person, the City Clerk shall enter thereon with typewriter or in ink the name of the office for which the person is to be a candidate.
3. The candidate or his/her agent shall circulate the petition in compliance with State law.
4. Nominating petitions shall be properly signed by not less than 25 nor more than 100 of the registered voters of the City. Voters may sign only the number of petitions equal to the number of offices being filled.
5. Nominating petitions must be filed with the City Clerk, at 519 Washington by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.** Candidates are urged to file early; if

petition signatures are not acceptable, and the approved number falls below the minimum required, the Clerk's Office will contact you to advise you of the shortfall. However, if a shortfall in the number of signatures required is discovered near or after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.

D. Other forms to be filed by candidates:

1. Affidavit of Identity (form provided by City Clerk) must be filed with nominating petitions submitted to the City Clerk.
2. Affidavit of Qualification for Office (form provided by City Clerk) must be filed by **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**; and
3. All candidates are required to file a Campaign Finance Statement of Organization form with the Ottawa County Clerk. Please see the included information provided by the Ottawa County Clerk's Office for campaign finance requirements. This should be done prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.
4. Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit, in writing, no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025**.

If necessary, a Primary Election will be held on August 5, 2025. A Primary Election will be held if any of the following occur:

1. Three Candidates successfully file for the office of Mayor.
2. Five Candidates successfully file for the office of City Council (full-term).
3. Three Candidates successfully file for the office of Trustee for the Board of Light and Power (full-term).
4. Three Candidates successfully file for the office of City Council (partial-term).
5. Three Candidates successfully file for the office of Trustee for the Board of Light and Power (partial-term).
6. Any qualified entity requests to hold an election on that date.

The General Election will be held on November 4, 2025.

If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk's Office at 616-847-4886.