



BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD

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Burt Township Board Vacancy

With the resignation of the two (2) trustees on our board at the September 15th meeting, we are looking for full time residents to submit a letter of interest to the township office if you would like to be considered for a trustee position on the board. You must be a registered voter of Burt township.

Current salary for trustee: \$5,000 per year

Core Statutory Role & Responsibilities

- **Legislative Voting:** Act as a township legislator with an equal voice and vote on all policies, ordinances, resolutions, and motions brought before the board.
- **Fiduciary Oversight:** Share joint responsibility with the rest of the board for the township's financial health, budget approval, and prudent management of public funds.
- **Meeting Attendance:** Attend regular and special township board meetings and participate actively in deliberations.
- **Assigned Duties:** Perform other general duties or committee assignments as delegated by the township board (such as serving as a liaison to planning commissions, parks, or local committees).

We will be scheduling a meeting for the week of October 19th to review and interview the candidates.

General Requirements

- **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen.
- **Voter Status:** Must be a registered, qualified elector in the district by the filing deadline.
- **Residency:** Must live within the geographic boundaries of the office (state, county, township, or precinct).
- **Paperwork:** Must submit an Affidavit of Identity

In Michigan, a person is barred from holding state or local elective office only if convicted within the past 20 years of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of the public trust related to an official government capacity. [1]

Disqualifying Felony Criteria

Under Michigan Constitution Article XI, Section 8, the specific criteria include:

- **Types of Crimes:** Felonies involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or breach of the public trust.
- **Official Capacity:** The conviction must relate to the person's official duties while holding a prior local, state, or federal elective office or public employment position.
- **Timeframe:** The restriction applies for **20 years** following the conviction. [1]

General Rules for Other Felonies

- **General Eligibility:** Outside of misconduct or corruption in a prior official government role, having a felony record does not automatically disqualify an individual from running for or holding political office in Michigan. [1]
- **Campaigning and Voting Rights:** While currently incarcerated individuals lose their right to vote, that right is restored upon release, and a standard criminal record does not strip a citizen of the constitutional eligibility to run for office unless it fits the specific public-trust criteria above. [1, 2]



Affidavit of Identity and Receipt of Filing

All information must be completed unless otherwise noted. Missing or incorrect information may result in disqualification. Judicial candidates should use a combined judicial affidavit of identity/qualification form rather than this form.

SECTION 1 Candidate information	First name		Middle name		Last name	
	Year of birth	☐ My name has formally changed in the last 10 years for a reason other than marriage or divorce. My former name is: _____				
	Residential address			City	ZIP	
	Mailing address, if different than above			City	ZIP	
	Phone number		Email		Campaign website, if applicable	
SECTION 2 Office & ballot information	Office name		Jurisdiction Burt Twp		District/Ward 1/1	
	Select one	☐ I am running for a partisan office, and my political party is: _____				
		☐ I am running for a nonpartisan office without party affiliation (<i>judicial office: see note above</i>)				
		☐ I am running for a partisan office without party affiliation.				
	☐ Primary election _____ DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)		☐ General election _____ DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)			
Term of office (select one): ☐ Regular term ☒ Partial term expiring: Nov 2028 _____ DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) ☐ Recall						
Indicate exactly how you want your name to be printed on the ballot (use upper and lowercase letters): _____						
Filing method (Select one): ☐ Petitions ☐ Return to me in January ☐ Destroy in January ☐ \$100 filing fee (<i>if applicable</i>) ☐ Certification of party nomination and certificate of acceptance (<i>if applicable</i>)						
SECTION 3 Certification & attestation	☐ I previously ran in Michigan for office that required filing reports under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. I ran in the following counties: _____					
	By signing, I certify that: - At this date, all statements, reports, late filing fees, and fines required of me or any candidate committee organized to support my election under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act have been filed or paid; and - I am a United States citizen and meet the statutory and constitutional requirements for the office sought; and - I acknowledge that making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury - a felony punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to five years or both and may result in disqualification from the ballot.					
	Candidate signature			Date		
	Notary signature			Notary name		
	County of commission			Acting in the County of		
My commission expires DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)			Date of notarization (MM/DD/YYYY)			
Office use only	Date of filing (MM/DD/YYYY)		Received by DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)		Reviewed by	
	Number of petition sheets		Check number			
		Campaign Finance Number				