

## Comparable Cities – Residency Requirements

### Residency Requirement Summary (days in advance of filing)

City	Council (in district)	Mayor (in city)
Albuquerque	0	0
Atlanta	365	365
Cleveland	0	0
Colorado Springs	365	365
Denver	365	730
Fort Worth	183	183
Fresno	30	30
Honolulu	0	0
Kansas City	183	730
Miami	365	365
Minneapolis	30	30
Oakland	30	30
Oklahoma City	183	183
Omaha	365	1825
Sacramento	30	30
St. Louis	365	730
Tucson	365	365
Tulsa	90	0
Wichita	0	0
<b>Average</b>	<b>174</b> about 6 months	<b>314</b> about 10 months

### Charter Provisions

City	Council	Mayor
Albuquerque	Each of the Council Districts shall elect one Councillor, who shall be a qualified voter of the District.	The Mayor shall be a registered qualified elector on the date of filing of the declaration of candidacy for the office of Mayor.
Atlanta	Must be a resident of the city and of the council district from which he or she seeks to qualify for at least one year immediately preceding the date of his or her filing of notice of candidacy to seek office;	Must be a resident of the city for at least one year immediately preceding the date of his or her filing of notice of candidacy to seek office;
Cleveland	Members of the Council shall be residents of the City and have the qualifications of electors therein. A member of the Council, who at the time of his election, was a resident of the ward which he represents shall forfeit his office if he removes therefrom.	The Mayor shall be an elector of the City and shall not hold any other public office or employment, except that of notary public or member of the State Militia, and shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract job, work or service for the Municipality.
Colorado Springs	No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor or Councilmember unless he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least twenty-five (25) years of age, and shall have been for one (1) year immediately preceding such election a resident of the City of Colorado Springs.	No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor or Councilmember unless he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least twenty-five (25) years of age, and shall have been for one (1) year immediately preceding such election a resident of the City of Colorado Springs.
Denver	Each Councilmember shall be a citizen of the United States; a resident of the City and County of Denver for the two (2) years immediately preceding the member's election; a qualified elector of the City and County of Denver; over twenty-five (25) years of age and if elected from a Council District, the second year of	The Mayor shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, and until a successor is elected and qualified. The Mayor shall be a citizen of the United States; a resident of the City and County of Denver for the two (2) years immediately preceding the election; a qualified elector of the City and County of Denver; over thirty (30) years

	residency shall have been within the district.	of age and shall devote full time to the duties of the office.
Fort Worth	Only qualified voters under the laws of Texas, twenty-one (21) years of age and over, who have continuously resided in the Council District for which he or she seeks election for six (6) full months before the first allowed filing date for the election, shall be eligible to the office of councilperson.	Same. The person elected as councilperson, Place No. 1, shall be the presiding officer who shall be known as the mayor of the City of Fort Worth. He shall have a vote on all matters coming before the council, but no power of veto. He shall represent the city on all ceremonial occasions and be known as the official head of the city government.
Fresno	Commencing with the 1981 general municipal election, no person shall be eligible to hold elective office as a Councilmember unless that person is, and has been for a period of at least thirty days immediately preceding the filing of nomination papers for such office or appointment to such office, a resident within the Council district corresponding in number to the office to which that person is elected or appointed.	No person shall be eligible to hold an elective office unless that person is, and has been for a period of at least thirty days immediately preceding the filing of nomination papers for such office or appointment to such office, a resident of the City, and unless that person is, and has been at the time of assuming such office, an elector of the City.
Honolulu	To be eligible for election or appointment to the council, a person must be a duly qualified elector of the council district from which the person seeks to be elected. Any councilmember who removes his or her residence from the district from which the councilmember was elected or appointed shall, by that fact, be deemed to have vacated the office.	Any duly qualified elector of the city not less than thirty years of age shall be eligible to fill the office of mayor. Upon removal of the mayor's residence from the city, the mayor shall, by that fact, be deemed to have vacated the office.
Kansas City	<i>Council members.</i> Resided at least two years immediately prior to election day in the territory embraced within the City limits. Resided at least six months immediately prior to election day within the district from which elected.	<i>Mayor.</i> Resided a total of at least five years before election day, including the two years immediately prior to election day, in the territory embraced within the City limits.
Miami	Further, candidates for the city commission shall have resided within the district at least one (1) year before qualifying and be electors in that district, and shall maintain residence in that district for the duration of their term of office.	There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city at large a mayor who shall be a qualified elector residing within the city at least one (1) year before qualifying and must maintain a residence in the city for the duration of his or her term.  Candidates for mayor shall be residents of the city for at least one (1) year prior to qualifying and shall be electors therein.
Minneapolis	(3) is, or will be on assuming the office, 21 years of age or more, and will have maintained residence in the district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the general election.	(3) is, or will be on assuming the office, 21 years of age or more, and will have maintained residence in the district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the general election.
Oakland	No person shall be eligible for or continue to hold the office of Councilmember, either by election or appointment, unless he is a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector, a resident for at least thirty days of the City or of a territory lawfully annexed or consolidated, and a resident of the district from which he may be a candidate for at least thirty days immediately next preceding his nomination or appointment.	No person shall be eligible for or continue to hold the Office of Mayor, either by election or appointment, unless he is a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector and resident for at least thirty days of the City or a territory lawfully annexed or consolidated.
Oklahoma City	No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor or Councilmember unless he or she be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma, at least 21 years of age, a qualified voter in The City of Oklahoma City, a resident of the ward for which representation is sought for at least six months, and shall have been for three years immediately preceding such election a resident of The City of Oklahoma City or an area which has been annexed to and has become a part of the City.	No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor or Councilmember unless he or she be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma, at least 21 years of age, a qualified voter in The City of Oklahoma City, a resident of the ward for which representation is sought for at least six months, and shall have been for three years immediately preceding such election a resident of The City of Oklahoma City or an area which has been annexed to and has become a part of the City.
Omaha	A candidate for the office of Councilmember shall, at the time of filing for the office, be a qualified elector and a resident of the district from which such candidate seeks election and a resident in the city and district or any area annexed by the city for one year.	A candidate for the office of Mayor shall, at the time of filing for the office, be a qualified elector and resident of the city, or an area annexed by the city, for five consecutive years immediately prior to taking office, and shall be at least twenty-five years of age.
Sacramento	Each member of the council or candidate therefore, other than for the office of mayor, at the date of candidacy	The mayor or candidate therefore, at the date of candidacy and election or appointment, shall be an

	and election or appointment, shall be an elector and a resident in such member's district for not less than 30 days preceding the date of candidacy and election or appointment, as the case may be, and must continue to reside in such district during the term of office, except that no boundary change under Section 24 or 25 shall disqualify a member from serving the remainder of the term.	elector and a resident of the city not less than 30 days prior to the date of candidacy and election or appointment, as the case may be, and shall continue to reside in the city during the term of office.
St. Louis	No person shall become an alderman except he be a voter and at least twenty-five years of age, and shall have been next before his election five years a citizen of the United States, three years a resident of the city, two years an assessed taxpayer of the city, and one year a resident of the ward from which elected, nor who shall have been convicted of malfeasance in office, bribery, or other corrupt practice or crime; and if any alderman shall be so convicted or shall at any time not be a resident of such ward, he shall thereby forfeit his office.	No person shall become mayor unless he be at least thirty years of age, and shall have been, next before his election, both a citizen of the United States and a resident of the city for five years and an assessed taxpayer of the city for two years, nor [shall any person be elected to such office] if he shall have been convicted of malfeasance in office, bribery or other corrupt practice or crime.
Tucson	Candidates for the office of mayor and councilman [councilmen] of the city shall be duly qualified electors under the laws of the State of Arizona and under the provisions of this Charter, and shall have resided within, and have been a qualified elector of, the City of Tucson for not less than three (3) years immediately prior to becoming a candidate, except that time of residence in any area and being a qualified elector thereof shall be counted as residence and electoral qualifications within the City of Tucson one (1) year after said area becomes annexed to the city. Any candidate for councilman shall have resided in his respective ward or annexed area at least one (1) year prior to his becoming a candidate, unless such residence has been shortened by the redistricting of the city as to wards.	Candidates for the office of mayor and councilman [councilmen] of the city shall be duly qualified electors under the laws of the State of Arizona and under the provisions of this Charter, and shall have resided within, and have been a qualified elector of, the City of Tucson for not less than three (3) years immediately prior to becoming a candidate, except that time of residence in any area and being a qualified elector thereof shall be counted as residence and electoral qualifications within the City of Tucson one (1) year after said area becomes annexed to the city. Any candidate for councilman shall have resided in his respective ward or annexed area at least one (1) year prior to his becoming a candidate, unless such residence has been shortened by the redistricting of the city as to wards.
Tulsa	No person shall be eligible to hold the office of Councilor for an election district unless such person shall have been a qualified elector and resident of the election district for more than ninety (90) days at the time of filing for the office of Councilor for that election district. The requirement that a person shall have been a qualified elector of an election district for more than ninety (90) days at the time of filing for the office of Councilor for that election district shall not apply to the election held immediately following the adoption of an Election District Plan	No person shall be eligible to hold the office of Mayor or City Auditor unless such person shall be a qualified elector and resident of the city at the time of filing for the office.
Wichita	Each Council member shall be a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector, and a resident of the City of Wichita and their respective district at the time of filing for election and thereafter for the duration of their term.	The Mayor shall be a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector, and a resident of the City of Wichita at the time of filing of election and thereafter for the duration of the term.