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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Daphne A. Ingram, City Clerk

DATE: August 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Adoption of Filing Fees for the 2026 Election

Per Rebecca Buff with the Lincoln County Board of Elections, filing for the 2026 Elections are as follows:

Monday, December 1, 2025 – 12:00 noon – Filing Starts
Friday, December 19, 2025 – 12:00 noon – Filing Ends

The Primary Election date is March 3rd, 2026 and the General Election date is November 3rd, 2026.

Current filing fees are $48.00 for the Mayoral race and $36.00 for a City Council Member. Per G.S. 163-291, the governing board shall have the authority to set the filing fee at not less than five dollars ($5.00), nor more than one percent (1%) of the annual salary of the office sought unless one percent (1%) of the annual salary of the office sought is less than five dollars ($5.00).

This election will include the Mayor's seat, as well as Ward 1 and Ward 3 - to be elected for a four year term. Once action is taken and filing fees are set, the Lincoln County Board of Elections will be notified.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.