

**INFORMATION FOR QUALIFYING FOR CANDIDACY IN
THE CITY OF HINESVILLE ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

Qualifying fees: Mayor - \$450.00; City Council - \$225.00

Qualifying Period and Place: August 29, 2011 – September 2, 2011 (from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) City Clerk's Office, New City Hall, 115 East M. L. King Jr. Drive, Hinesville, Georgia.

Mayor and Council Qualifications: City of Hinesville Charter

-Section 5 (a)

A candidate for mayor may not offer for election unless such person has been a resident of the City of Hinesville for at least 12 months immediately preceding the date of the municipal election. If the mayor moves his legal residence from the city, the office of mayor shall immediately become vacant.

-Section 5 (b)

A candidate for city council may not offer for election unless such person has been a resident of the council district from which such person offers as a candidate for at least 12 months immediately preceding the date of the municipal election. In the event a member moves his legal residence from the district the member represents, the member's place on the council shall immediately become vacant.

-Section 11

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person shall be eligible to the position of mayor and council unless he has reached the age of twenty-one years, a citizen of the United States and of the State of Georgia, and shall have resided in the City of Hinesville for at least (12) months prior to his election.

Refer to General Provision O.C.G.A. (Code Section 45-2-1)

In order to hold any civil office, a person must:

1. Be a citizen of this state and at least 21 years of age;
2. Not be the holder of any public money due this state or any county who has refused to account for and pay over the same to the proper officer;
3. Have not been convicted of a felony offense involving moral turpitude under the laws of this or any other state unless restored to all his rights of citizenship by a pardon from the State Board of Pardons & Paroles;
4. Not hold any office of profit or trust under the government of the United States other than that of postmaster & officers & enlisted men of Armed Forces Reserve (see code section);
5. Not be of unsound mind or unfit to discharge the duties of the office from advanced age or bodily infirmity;
6. Be an inhabitant of the state, county, district, or circuit for the period required by the Constitution & laws of this state.

Article II, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia

Persons not eligible to hold office. No person who is not a registered voter or who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, unless that person's civil rights have been restored & at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the completion of sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude, or who is the holder of public funds illegally shall be ineligible to hold any office or appointment of honor or trust in this state.

EARLY VOTING: Voters Registration Office, 204 West Memorial Drive, Hinesville, Georgia (Building next to the Hinesville Branch Library)

POLLING PLACE: New polling place for the City of Hinesville elections effective May 18, 2006: Charles M. Shuman Recreation Center, 800-C Tupelo Trail, Hinesville, Georgia.