

2025 MUNICIPAL DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Please note that the information on this form may be available to the public in accordance with Utah State Code 63G-2-301 and 63G-2-201.

Melissa

FIRST NAME (as it will appear on the ballot)

MIDDLE NAME (as it will appear on the ballot)

Durfey

LAST NAME (as it will appear on the ballot)

for the office of City Council for the 2025 (two) or four-year term
for the city/town of Emery

State of Utah }
County of Utah } ss.

I, Melissa Durfey, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at 227 North 300 West
Street, City of Emery, County of Utah, state of Utah, Zip Code 84522, Telephone Number (if any) 435-609-3574; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of City Council (stating the term). I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If filing via a designated agent, I attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate filing period. I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the applicable official ballots.

mommy448@icloud.com
Email Address
(one that is closely monitored)

Candidates must provide the filing officer with an email address at the time of filing if the candidate wishes to display a candidate profile on the Statewide Electronic Voter Information website. [20A-9-203\(4\)\(c\)\(iv\)\(B\)](#)

Melissa Durfey

Signature of Candidate
(must be signed in the presence of the filing officer)

Subscribed and sworn to before

Kristine Ashley
(filing officer name)

on this

6/5/2025
(month/day/year)

(Seal)

(City or town)

(Date Received)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATE FILING DECLARATION

Please initial:

MS

The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory qualifications as listed below to me, and I meet those qualifications.

MS

I understand that an individual who holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected office.

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I agree to file all campaign financial disclosure reports, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office, possible fines and/or criminal penalties, including removal of my name from the ballot.

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I have complied with the conflict of interest disclosure requirements as required in 10-3-301.5.

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I received a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices, and I understand that signing this pledge is voluntary.

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I provided a valid email, or physical address if no email is available, and I understand this will be used for official communications and updates from election officials.

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I understand I will receive all financial disclosure notices by email.

MS

I understand my name will appear on the ballot as it is printed on this declaration of candidacy, and that I may not make any amendments or modifications after 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2025.

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I have received a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program and its applicable deadline.

Kristin Ashley

Signature of Filing Officer

6/3/2025

Date

QUALIFICATIONS

Before the filing officer accepts any declaration of candidacy, the filing officer shall read to the candidate the constitutional and statutory requirements for candidacy, and the candidate shall state whether he/she fulfills the requirements. If the candidate indicates that he/she does not qualify, the filing officer may not accept his/her declaration of candidacy (Utah Code Section 20A-9-203).

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE

Utah Code §10-3-301

Utah Code §20A-9-203

- Registered voter in the municipality in which the individual is elected*
- Must have resided within the municipality for which the candidate is seeking office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.
- Maintain a principal place of residence within the municipality, and within the district that the elected officer represents, during the officer's term of office
- If the individual resides in a territory which was annexed into the municipality: must have resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.
- Pay filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance
- Not convicted of a felony, treason, crime, or offense relating to elections**
- Cannot have been declared mentally incompetent

* Utah Code §20A-2-101 states: A registered voter (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) is a resident of Utah; (3) will, on the date of that election, be at least 18 years old, (4) has been a resident of Utah for 30 days immediately before that election; (5) and is registered to vote.

** Utah Code §20A-2-101.5 states: A person convicted of a felony loses the right to hold office until (1) all felony convictions have been expunged, OR (2) ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction AND the person has paid all court-ordered restitution and fines AND the person has completed probation, been granted parole, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the felony.



PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Utah Code §20A-9-206)

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Utah has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their right to a free election, and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

I SHALL conduct my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing, without fear or favor, the record and policies of my opponents that I believe merit criticism.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, defamation, libel, or slander against any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, any other criticism of any candidate or the candidate's immediate family that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant to my campaign.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, any practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free expression of the will of the voters, including practices intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote or voting.

I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees or volunteers.

I SHALL immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of an opponent, to methods in violation of the letter or spirit of this pledge. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this pledge or the laws governing elections.

I SHALL defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Utah, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices."

Printed Name:

Melissa Durfy

Office:

Signature:

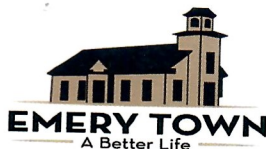
Melissa Durfy

Date:

6.3.2025

*This is a voluntary pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge of fair campaign practices.

*This document is considered a public record and will be retained for public inspection until 30 days following the election.



CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES' ETHICS ACT
(Utah Code Annotated Section 10-3-1313, 20A-11-1604(6)), and 10-3-301.5

Melissa Surfey

Regulated Officeholder/Candidate (Print Name)

☐ Mayor

☒ City Council

☐ Candidate for Office

1. The name and address of each current employer and each employer during the preceding year including a brief description of the employment, occupation, and job title.

Current Employer(s):

Employer Name		Occupation			
Employer Address		Job Title			
Brief Description	<i>Retired</i>				
Employer Name				Occupation	
Employer Address				Job Title	
Brief Description					

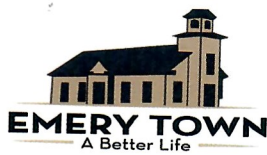
Preceding Year Employer(s):

Employer Name		Occupation			
Employer Address		Job Title			
Brief Description	<i>N/A</i>				
Employer Name				Occupation	
Employer Address				Job Title	
Brief Description					

2. The name of the entity in which the regulated officeholder/candidate is or was an owner or officer during the current or preceding year including a brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity and position.

☒ Check if not applicable

Entity Name (current)	<i>Feasting with the flock</i>	Position	<i>president</i>
Brief Description	<i>non-profit</i>		
Entity Name (preceding year)		Position	
Brief Description			



3. The name of each individual or entity, including a brief description of the type of business or activity, from which the regulated officeholder/candidate has received \$5,000 or more in income during preceding year.

☒ Check if not applicable

Individual/Entity Name	
Brief Description	
Individual/Entity Name	
Brief Description	

4. The name and brief description of each entity in which the regulated officeholder/candidate holds any stocks or bonds having a fair market value of \$5,000 or more as of the date of this disclosure statement or during the preceding year (excluding funds managed by a third party, including blind trusts, managed investment accounts, and mutual funds).

☒ Check if not applicable

Entity Name	
Brief Description	
Entity Name	
Brief Description	

5. The name of each entity or organization **not** listed above in which the regulated officeholder/candidate currently serves, or served in the preceding year, in a paid leadership capacity or in a paid or unpaid position on a board of directors including a brief description of the business or activity and position held.

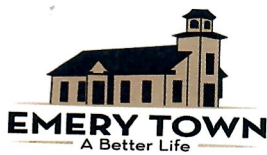
☐ Check if not applicable

Entity Name	Emery town	Position	City Council
Brief Description	in charge of restoration of Pioneer Church and town beautification		
Employer Name		Position	
Brief Description			

6. (Optional): Description of any real property in which the regulated officeholder/candidate holds an ownership or other financial interest that the regulated officeholder/candidate believes may constitute a conflict of interest including a description of the type of interest.

☐ Check if not applicable

Real Property	
Type of Interest	
Real Property	
Type of Interest	



7. The name of the regulated officeholder/candidate's spouse and the name and address of each current and preceding year employer if the regulated officeholder/candidate believes the employment may constitute a conflict of interest.

☐ Check if not applicable

Spouse	Robert Kainell Surfer
Employer (current)	
Employer (preceding year)	

8. The name of any other adult residing in the regulated officeholder/candidate's household who is not related by blood, including a brief description of their employment or occupation if the regulated officeholder/candidate believes the adult's presence may constitute a conflict of interest.

☒ Check if not applicable

Other Adult	
Employment description OR Occupation	
Other Adult	
Employment description OR Occupation	

9. (Optional) A description of any other matter or interest that the regulated officeholder/candidate believes may constitute a conflict of interest.

☒ Check if not applicable

Check if applicable:

☐ Under UCA 20A-11-1604(7)(a), I claim that I am an at-risk government employee as defined in UCA 63G-2-303(1)(a) and that my employment under Item 1 be redacted.

☐ Under UCA 20A-11-1604(7)(a), I claim that my spouse is an at-risk government employee as defined in UCA 63G-2-303(1)(a) and that my spouse's employment under Item 7 be redacted.

I, the regulated officeholder/candidate, believe the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Date:

6/3/2025

Regulated Officeholder/Candidate Signature

Privacy Notice:

- The personal data collected in this form will be available to the public under 63G-2-301.
- Any personal data redacted in accordance with 20A-11-1604(7)(a) is not considered a public record under 63G-2-301. This data will be used for administrative purposes and will not be displayed to the public. This information is required under 20A-11-1604. Violation of this section may result in a class B misdemeanor and a \$100 fine. The information, unless specified, will be publicly available on the disclosures and possibly other election-related websites. Personal data collected on the website will not be sold. The personal data will be included in the record series GRS 1911.