



**Orrock TOWNSHIP
CANDIDATE FILING
INFORMATION 2026**

This packet contains selected general information regarding the candidate filing and election process for township offices. The process is principally governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 200 through 211B. Please refer to these sources for more complete information.

If you have any questions pertaining to the election, feel free to call the Orrock Town Clerk 763-263-6411

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FILING FOR OFFICE

When to File:

Filing for the Township office opens Tuesday, July 14, 2026 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

A candidate who provides the filing fee by a check or other instrument for which sufficient funds are not available will have his or her name removed from the ballot and is liable for all costs incurred by election officials in removing the name from the ballot. (MS 204B.11)

A candidate for a municipal elective office may withdraw from the election by filing an affidavit of withdrawal with the township clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. July 30, 2026. After that date, no candidate may file an affidavit of withdrawal. Filing fees are not refundable.

July 2026

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Qualifications for candidates filing for office:

- eligible voter
- at least 21 years of age when assuming office
- resident of district for thirty days preceding the General Election
- has not filed for another office in the same election

AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

An individual who is eligible and desires to become a candidate for an office to be voted on at the election must file an affidavit of candidacy with the township clerk. The affidavit must be in substantially the same form as that in section 204B.06 subdivision 1. The township clerk shall also accept an application signed by at least 5 voters and filed on behalf of an eligible voter in the township whom they desire to be a candidate, if service of a copy of the application has been made on the candidate and proof of service is endorsed on the application being filed. No individual shall be nominated by nominating petition for a township elective office except in the event of a vacancy in nomination as provided in section 205A.03, subdivision 6. Upon receipt of the proper filing fee, the clerk shall place the name of the candidate on the official ballot without partisan designation. Affidavits of candidacy for township candidates must be filed during the applicable filing period. The affidavit must be signed in the presence of a notarial officer. Filings are not complete without the filing fee or petition filed in lieu of the fee. The candidate should be prepared to supply satisfactory evidence of identification.

All candidates, including those filing by petition, must file affidavits stating, in part,

- the name of the office sought
- that the candidate is an eligible voter
- that he/she has no other affidavit on file for any other office for the election
- that the candidate meets the qualifications for the office; and
- that the name listed on the affidavit is the candidate's true name or name by which the candidate is commonly known in the community.

Filing Fee (or Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee)

To petition in lieu of a filing fee, five or more voters may "draft" a candidate by filling an application on behalf of a candidate with the clerk. The candidate must indicate his or her willingness to run by signing the application. The petition in lieu of a filing fee must have signatures of people who are eligible to vote in the election, either 500 signatures or a number equal to 2% of the total number of persons who voted in the last township election when the office was on the ballot (whichever is less). (M.S. 204B.11, subd 2; M.S. 205A.06, subd. 3 and 4)

Address of Residence

This form is to be attached to the Affidavit of Candidacy when a candidate has checked the Private Data box.

Campaign Financial Report

This form is to be submitted at various times throughout the campaign. The initial report of the candidate or committee must be filed within 14 days of the candidate or committee receiving contributions or making disbursements of more than \$750.

Additional reports are required as follows:

1. 10 days before the primary election
2. 10 days before the general election
3. **Annual report each year the campaign fund remains open**
4. A final report may be filed any time after the candidate or committee has settled all debts and disposed of all assets in excess of \$100.

Campaign Financial Report - Certificate of Filing

Each candidate or committee is required to submit this form within 7 days after the general election. A certificate of election for winning candidates will not be issued until this form is properly completed.

Affidavit of Withdrawal

If you wish to withdraw, you may do so until 5:00 pm on Thursday, July 30th, 2026. This form must be completed and submitted by that time if you wish to remove your name from consideration. Once this deadline has passed, your name can no longer be removed from the ballot.

Placement of Signs Along Trunk Highways

Please review this notice from the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding placing signs in the right of way.

Additional Information

Additional information can be found via the Secretary of States webpage.
<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/>

2026 TOWNSHIP ELECTION DATE

(General Election)

TOWNSHIP ELECTION: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

If you have any questions on any of the items above, feel free to call the Township Clerk's Office at 763-263-6411.

Thank you.



26401 – 180TH ST. NW BIG LAKE, MN 55309

TEL: 763-263-6411 EMAIL: clerk@orrocktownship.com WEB: www.orrocktownship.com

Orrock Township has the following positions on the General Election Ballot

CANDIDATES MAY FILE FROM JULY 14, 2026 UNTIL July 28, 2026 at 5PM

Supervisor A (Brian Adams) – 4-year term

Supervisor B (Anne Felber) – 4-year term

Supervisor E (Paul Ellinger) - 4-year term

Treasurer (Kellie McConville) – 4-year term

Candidates may file for only one position

Form Instructions for Township Office Candidates

Fill out the Affidavit of Candidacy form and file with the office of the town Clerk

1. Town clerks are the filing officers for the township offices, meaning the clerk, or designated deputy, administer candidate filing. If a town clerk has not appointed a deputy, the town treasurer shall perform the candidate filing duties when the clerk is absent. Arrangements may be made with the county auditor to receive township filings instead. (M.S. 205.13, subd. 1; 367.033)

Candidates can now mark their address private and do not need a reason. If you do mark the box to keep it private you will still need to fill out your address on the back. The back of the form is not made public.

Ensure that the Affidavit is NOTARIZED prior to filing

Filing fee of \$2.00 may be made by personal check or cash only

Campaign Financial Report

- Completed only if candidate receives funding from another individual or group
OR
- Candidate spends over \$750 on their campaign
- Form MUST be filed with the office of the clerk within 7 days after the board of Canvass (which occurs after the election)

Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing

- MUST be completed by ALL Candidates
- Form MUST be filed with the office of the clerk within 7 days after the board of Canvass (which occurs after the election)

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State - Elections Division
2023 Candidate Filing Information Sheet
(2022 Campaign Manual Supplement)

New Affidavit of Candidacy

There is a new [Affidavit of Candidacy](#) to be used for all candidate filings.

Email Addresses

[2023 Session Laws, chapter 62, article 4, section 70](#)

Candidates **must** provide a non-government issued email address on the affidavit of candidacy or attest that they do not have an email address.

- Affidavits of candidacy are updated to note this requirement and include an option to check if the candidate does not have an email address.

Residence Classified as Private Data

[2023 Session Laws, chapter 62, article 4, section 70](#)

Candidates may request their residence be classified as private data if the candidate has a reasonable fear regarding the safety of the candidate or the candidate's family.

- The candidate must provide their residential address to the filing officer to be kept privately.
- Any office where the residency requirement must be satisfied by the close of the filing period and where the candidate has requested their address be classified as private data, the filing officer must, within one day, determine whether that address is within the boundaries of the district represented by the office. *This is only for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and State Representative.*

Pre-Primary Financial Reports

[2023 Session Laws, chapter 62, article 4, section 127](#)

All candidates are now required to submit a pre-primary report even if the jurisdiction has never been primary-possible.

- If a candidate has filed an initial report after receiving contributions or making disbursements of more than \$750, they are then required to file another report ten days before the primary or special primary (or the date when the primary would have taken place).



Affidavit of Candidacy

Information on this affidavit is public data unless noted as private. See the reverse side for more filing information.

Filing # _____ Fee Amount \$ _____
Circle payment method:
 Cash | Card | Petition | Check # _____
 Viewed ID or proof of residence
 Reviewed affidavit for completeness

Candidate Information

Candidate name as it will appear on the ballot _____
Clearly write or type in mixed upper- and lower-case | Include punctuation and accents | No professional titles

Candidate name pronunciation sounds like _____
If left blank, the accessible ballot marking device's default pronunciation of your name will be used

Office sought _____ **District /Seat number** if applicable _____

Contact Information

Email non-government _____

Phone number _____

Check box if you do not have email
 If you check both this box and the private box below, you must provide an address in *Campaign Contact*

Residence Address

REMAIN PRIVATE Both boxes must be checked **OR** **NOT PRIVATE** Must provide if boxes to the left are not checked

I request that my residence address be classified as private data.

I have completed the *Address of Residence Form* on the next page.

Residence street address

City _____

State _____ **Zip code** _____

Campaign Contact

Campaign address Optional unless private boxes checked and no email provided _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

Campaign website Optional _____ can be updated with filing officer any time

Affirmation & Signature I swear (or affirm):

- This is my true name or the name by which I am generally known in the community.
- I am eligible to vote in Minnesota.
- I have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming primary or general election (unless authorized by Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 9).
- I am, or will be on assuming office, 21 years of age or more.
- I will have maintained residence in this district for at least 30 days before the general election.
- I have provided valid identification or documentation of proof of residence authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 1b that matches the residence address information provided on this affidavit or on a separate form, if address is classified as private data.
- I have provided my phonetic name pronunciation above or I certify that I am directing the official responsible for programming materials for the election to use the applicable technology's default pronunciation of my name.
- If filing for **School Board Member**: I also swear (or affirm) I have not been convicted of an offense for which registration is required under Minn. Stat. 243.166.
- I meet any other qualifications for this office prescribed by law.

Candidate signature _____ **Date** _____

Signature of notary public or other officer empowered to take and certify acknowledgment _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ **day of** _____, **20** _____

Notary stamp

City, Town, School District, and Special District Affidavit of Candidacy Reminders

Candidate Filing Location

- Candidates for Mayor, Council Member, and other elected city offices must file with the city clerk.
- Candidates for Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, Town Treasurer, and other elected township offices must file with the town clerk.
- Candidates for School Board Member must file with the school district clerk.
- Candidates for special districts such as hospital or park districts should contact the district's office for information on the filing process.

Contact and Residence Information

- If candidates check the "My residence address is to be classified as private data" box, they must also complete the Address of Residence form below and provide a campaign contact email or mailing address on their affidavit.
- Residence address must be where candidate maintains residence and cannot be a PO Box.
- Candidates may contact their filing officer after filing to update the campaign information.
- When filing, candidates must provide ID or other documentation (authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 1b) that matches the residence address.

Timeframe for Filing & Fees

- Affidavits must be submitted during the designated filing period, with the noted exception: candidates for municipal offices, special district, and school board member who will be absent from the state during the filing period may submit the affidavit early (Minn. Stat. 205.13 subd. 1b; Minn. Stat. 205A06, subd. 1c).
- Affidavits may be mailed in or dropped off by others, but must:
 1. be notarized,
 2. include a copy of identification or other documentation authorized in Minn Stat. 204B.06 subd. 1 that matches the residence address on the affidavit,
 3. have all other required information completed, and
 4. have payment for filing fee included. Completed affidavits and filing fees must be received by the filing officer within the filing period.

Filing fees and additional candidate filing information can be found at mnvotes.gov/candidates.

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Address of Residence Form

This form must be completed when a candidate has checked the Private Data box, certifying that their address of residence for the purposes of candidate filing should be classified as private data. This information will be available to the filing officer and other elections officials with whom that filing officer consults to verify that the residence address matches the address provided on the candidate's identification or proof of residence documentation.

Candidate name and address of residence

Candidate Name _____

Office sought _____ District/seat (if applicable) _____

Residence Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Signature of candidate _____ Date _____

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DEFINITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

Reference: Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 211A and 211B

This campaign financial report is for use by candidates and committees for county, municipal, school district and special district office who receive contributions or make disbursements of more than \$750 in a calendar year; and committees spending more than \$750 for or against a ballot question in a calendar year.

Candidate or committee report: The initial report must be filed within 14 days after the candidate or committee receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than \$750 in a calendar year.

During an election year: An “election year” is any year in which the candidate’s name or a question appears on the ballot. In an election year, if an initial report has been filed, additional reports are required to be filed:

- Pre-primary report: 10 days before the primary or special primary
- Pre-general report: 10 days before the general election or special
- Post-general report: 30 days after a general election or special election
- Annual/“January” report: By January 31 every year after an initial report has filed, until a final report is filed and reporting requirements end.

During a non-election year: By January 31 every year after an initial report has filed, until a final report is filed. Once a final report is filed, no further subsequent reports are required.

Contributions: Means anything of monetary value that is given or loaned to a candidate or committee for a political purpose. “Contribution” does not include a service provided without compensation by an individual. Each candidate or committee must list the total amount of cash-on-hand designated to be used for political purposes as of the close of the reporting period.

Contribution limits: Candidates or candidate’s committees for county, municipal, school district offices may not accept aggregate contributions in excess of \$600 in an election year or in excess of \$250 in a non-election year made or delivered by an individual or committee. However, candidates seeking election from districts with a population in excess of 100,000 may not accept aggregate contributions in excess of \$1,000 in an election year and \$250 in a non-election year.

Ballot questions: Any political committee, association or corporation that makes a contribution or expenditure to promote or defeat a ballot question as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section [211A.01](#) shall file reports with the filing officer responsible for placing the question on the ballot. Reports must be filed within 14 days of receiving contributions or making disbursements of more than \$750 in one calendar year, using the same schedule as above.

Congressional candidates: Candidates for election to the United States House of Representatives and Senate and any committee raising funds exclusively on behalf of any one of those candidates may file copies of the reports required by federal law in lieu of those required by Minnesota Statutes Chapter [211A](#).

Corporate activities to encourage participation: Corporations may contribute to or conduct public media projects to encourage individuals to attend precinct caucuses, register or vote if the projects are not controlled by or operated for the advantage of a candidate, political party or committee. The total amount of expenditures or contributions for any one project greater than \$200, together with the date, purpose and the names and addresses of the persons receiving the contribution or expenditures must be reported. Reports must be filed with the Secretary of State, Veterans Service Building, 20 W 12th St., Ste. 210, St. Paul, MN 55155, using the same schedule as above.

Final report: a final report may be filed any time after the candidate, committee or corporation has settled all debts and disposed of all assets in excess of \$100 in the aggregate. Check final report under “type of report”.

Prohibited transfers: candidates for county, municipal, school district or special district offices may not accept contributions from the principal campaign committees of any candidate for legislative, judicial or state constitutional office. In addition, a candidate may not make contributions to the principal campaign committee of any candidate for legislative, judicial or state constitutional office unless the contributions are made from the candidate’s personal funds.

State candidates: State candidates and committees for state constitutional offices, the state legislature, supreme court, court of appeals, district court and committees for state constitutional amendments are governed by Minnesota Statutes Chapter [10A](#). Contact the State [Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board](#) for further information at (651) 539-1180.

Important privacy note: The filing officer must restrict public access to the address of any individual who has made a contribution that exceeds \$100 and who has filed with the filing officer a written statement signed by the individual that withholding the individual’s address from the financial report is required for the safety of the individual or the individual’s family.



Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF FILING

Instructions

Each county, municipal or school district candidate or treasurer of a committee formed to promote or defeat a ballot question shall certify to the filing officer that all reports required by *Minnesota Statutes* 211A.02 have been submitted to the filing officer or that the candidate or committee has not received contributions or made disbursements exceeding \$750 in the calendar year. The certification shall be submitted to the filing officer not later than seven days after the general or special election. (*Minnesota Statutes* 211A.05, subdivision 1)

Campaign Information

Name of candidate or committee

Office sought by candidate (if applicable)

Identification of ballot question (if applicable)

Certification

Select the appropriate choice below, and sign.

I do swear (or affirm) that all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes 211A.02 have been submitted to the filing officer.

I do swear (or affirm) that all campaign contributions or disbursements did not exceed \$750 in the calendar year.

Signature of candidate or committee treasurer

Date

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

AFFIDAVIT OF WITHDRAWAL

Instructions

Generally, a candidate who has filed an affidavit of candidacy may remove his or her name from the ballot by filing an affidavit of withdrawal by 5 p.m. no later than 2 days after the end of the filing period. The affidavit of withdrawal is filed with the same filing officer where the original affidavit of candidacy was filed. The withdrawal affidavit should include the candidate's name and office for which they filed and include a request to have their name withdrawn from the ballot. If a candidate for Governor withdraws, both the Governor candidate and Lieutenant Governor candidate will be removed from the ballot.

Statement

I,
certify that I filed an affidavit of candidacy for the office of
on _____, 2026. I request that my name be withdrawn from the ballot,
pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 204B.12, subd. 1.

Signature

Date

RE: Placement of Signs along Trunk Highways

CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds members of the public that placing signs, including campaign signs, within trunk highway right of way is prohibited. State law ([Minn. Stat. 160.2715](#)) prohibits the placement, painting, printing or affixing of advertisements or any object within the limits of a trunk highway, which includes driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches, sight corners at intersections and the area above and below the highway. The trunk highway system includes state, U.S. and interstate highways in Minnesota.

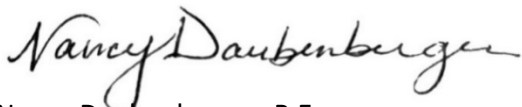
In addition, the Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act ([Minn. Stat. 173.15](#)), which applies to land next to trunk highway right of way, prohibits the placement of advertising devices on private land without the consent of the owner or occupant; on trees, shrubs, or public utility poles; or by painting on rocks or natural features.

These laws protect the safety of both the traveling public and those who would place signs. They ensure that Minnesota complies with federal highway beautification laws. Right of way is used for a variety of purposes, including providing a safe place for vehicles that leave travel lanes, snow storage, location of public utilities, drainage of excess water away from roads, vegetation growth for aesthetics and erosion control and even pollinator habitat. Unauthorized signs and people stopping to place signs within the limits of the highway can create a safety hazard and compromise these functions.

County, city and township employees administer applicable laws on roads under their jurisdiction. MnDOT is responsible for the trunk highway system. Please contact local MnDOT offices for assistance when placing signs where trunk highway right of way cannot be clearly identified. Please ensure that those who place signs on your behalf are familiar with the law. Illegally placed signs will be removed by MnDOT employees and temporarily stored; please contact [local MnDOT district offices](#) promptly to retrieve signs that have been removed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,



Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Interim Commissioner