




OFFICE OF ASSESSOR, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

ELECTION, OCTOBER 11, 2025


"Your Vote, Your Voice: Understanding Local Leadership"

 **QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN:** According to the City of New Orleans Home Rule Charter and Louisiana State Law, a candidate for Assessor must:


- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a qualified elector and registered to vote in Orleans Parish
- Have been domiciled in New Orleans for at least two (2) years before the election
- Not have a felony conviction, unless civil rights have been formally restored

 **RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION:** While there is no legal education requirement, effective Assessors' education may include:

- A degree in business, finance, public administration, urban planning, or real estate
- Certification in property assessment or appraisal (e.g., IAAO, Louisiana Real Estate Commission)
- Experience in real estate, valuation, property law, or municipal finance
- Skills in data analysis, mapping systems (GIS), tax law, and public communication

 **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Assessor is responsible for the **identification, classification, and valuation** of all **real and personal property** in Orleans Parish for the purpose of **ad valorem taxation** (taxes based on property value). The Orleans Parish Assessor ensures fair and accurate property valuation for taxation and transparency:

- Maintaining up-to-date records of all taxable properties
- Determining fair market value in accordance with Louisiana law
- Applying exemptions, such as the homestead exemption, where eligible
- Submitting the annual assessment roll to the Louisiana Tax Commission
- Assisting the public with appeals, questions, and corrections

 **TYPICAL DAILY DUTIES:** The daily work of the Assessor's Office includes:

- Conducting field inspections and property reviews
- Reviewing building permits, deeds, plats, and sales data
- Managing and updating parcel maps and digital records
- Processing homestead exemption applications and change of ownership filings

- Collaborating with property owners, attorneys, and real estate professionals
- Responding to assessment appeals and inquiries
- Preparing reports for the city, Louisiana Tax Commission, and public



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE:

- 1. What will you do to make property assessments more transparent and accessible to the public?
- 2. How will you prevent unfair over-assessments that hurt longtime residents in gentrifying areas?
- 3. What reforms do you support to ensure homeowners are aware of their appeal rights?
- 4. How will your office help families understand homestead exemptions and other tax relief options?
- 5. What technology upgrades will you implement to improve efficiency and fairness in assessments?



WHY THIS OFFICE MATTERS: The Assessor plays a vital role in ensuring **equity, fairness, and transparency** in local government funding. Accurate assessment by the assessor:

- Determines the value of all property in Orleans Parish for tax purposes. Ensures fairness and accuracy in property assessments. It affects how much homeowners and businesses pay in property taxes.



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES:

- In-person/ By Mail Registration Deadline: September 10, 2025
- Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline: September 20, 2025
- Early Voting Period: September 27 – October 4, 2025 (Sunday excluded)
- Election Day: October 11, 2025

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