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The deadline to file for a place on the ballot for the May 12, 2012, Burleson City Council election is Monday, March 5, at 5 p.m. Filing papers must be turned in by the candidate at Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St.

Candidate packets may be picked up at city hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday or may be downloaded from the City website, www.burlesontx.com, Elections (center column), Candidate Packets. The 138-page candidate packet familiarizes applicants with City regulations as well as legal requirements by the Texas Ethics Commission pertaining to campaign contributions and expenditures. The packet includes the filing form, instructions on how to appoint a campaign treasurer, the Code of Fair Campaign Practices, and information concerning political signs.

Four council seats are on the May ballot. Those seats include mayor, currently held by Ken Shetter; Place 2, currently held by Rick Green; Place 4, currently held by Matt Aiken; and Place 6, currently held by Larry Pool. As of 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, the filings include the following.

Mayor

- Ken Shetter (incumbent), 40, is an attorney and executive director. He has lived in Texas for 40 years and in Burleson for 13 years.
- Larry Pool (challenger), 50, is employed in insurance and real estate. He has lived in Texas for 15 years and in Burleson for three years.

Place 2

- Rick Green (incumbent), 47, is employed in real estate. He has lived in Texas for 47 years and in Burleson for 20 years.

Place 4

- Matt Aiken (incumbent), 31, employed as an attorney. He has lived in Texas for 31 years and in Burleson for six years.

Place 6

- Brenda Gammon (challenger), 58, is a financial advisor. She has lived in Texas for 11 years and in Burleson for 11 years.

The last day to register to vote in the May city council election is April 12. Voters should register with the county (Johnson or Tarrant) in which they live.

Early voting is Monday, April 30-Friday, May 4, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and, Monday, May 7-Tuesday, May 8, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Election Day voting is 7 a.m.-7 p.m. All casting of votes will take place at city hall.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old; a citizen of the United States; a qualified voter of the city; a resident of the city or have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election; not be delinquent in the payment of taxes or other liability due to the City of Burleson; and not be otherwise disqualified from serving on the city council by any other provision of law. The mayor and council members serve two year terms. There are no term limits. Council meets on the first and third Mondays and in special meetings and workshops throughout the year.

For more information about the May 12 Burleson City Council election, call the city secretary's office at 817-426-9661 or email elections@burlesontx.com. Burleson City Hall is located at 141 W. Renfro St.