Important Information

City Council regular meeting schedule

First and Third Monday of each Month:
Study Session, begins at 5:00 p.m. Followed immediately by the Formal Council Meeting
- October 21, 2019, meeting rescheduled to October 15, 2019
- January 20, 2020 will be rescheduled for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- September 1, 2020 will be rescheduled for Labor Day

Special Meetings:
On occasion, special meetings are called which will take place outside the normal meeting schedule.

Section 115.346 RSMo.
Disqualifies as a candidate for municipal office any person who is in arrears for unpaid city taxes or municipal user fees at the time filing closes.

Section 130.071 RSMo.
Prohibits newly elected official from taking office if the proper Campaign Finance Reports in accordance with RSMo. 130.071 have not been filed.

Financial Disclosure Statements
Financial Disclosure Statements for Political Subdivisions are required to be filed by every City Council candidate with the Missouri Ethics Commission and the City of Cape Girardeau by December 3, 2019.

Helpful Websites
www.cityofcape.org
www.mec.mo.gov

Office of the City Clerk

City Hall
401 Independence Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Phone: 573-339-6320
Fax: 573-339-6302
E-mail: cityclerk@cityofcape.org

Important Dates

09-30-2019
Nominating Petitions available

10-22-2019
8:00 a.m. Filing Opens

11-19-2019
5:00 p.m. Filing Closes

02-04-2020
Primary Election IF more than two candidates file for any one position

04-07-2020
General Election

2020
Council Election

Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
City Charter Section 3.02

- Must be a registered voter of the City.
- Must be at least twenty one (21) years of age.
- Must be a resident of the city for at least two (2) years immediately prior to their election (April 7, 2018), and must be a resident of their ward for a period of time not less than ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day on which a nomination petition can be filed for a city election (July 24, 2019).

**Qualifications**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Is there a fee to file as a candidate?

There is no fee for filing as a candidate for City Council.

What is the petition process and how many signatures are required on the petitions?

Nominations of candidates for all elective offices shall be by petition. Petitions for candidacy must be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk located at 401 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Petitions for ward council members shall be signed by not less than fifty (50) registered voters who are residents of the ward for which the candidate is requesting nomination.

For more information on the petition process see Section 7.03 of the City Charter. www.cityofcape.org/law

In what order will my name appear on the ballot?

Candidates will appear on the ballot in the order of the filing of the nominating petitions certified sufficient.

Where does a candidate obtain information regarding financial disclosure requirements?

It is the candidate’s responsibility to obtain all pertinent information regarding financial disclosure from the Missouri Ethics Commission. www.mec.mo.gov

What are the length of the terms to serve on City Council?

Council Member terms are four (4) years.

What form of municipal government is Cape Girardeau, and what does the Council do?

Cape Girardeau is a Home Rule-Charter City with Council-Manager form of government. The duty of the Council is to enact local legislation, determine policies, and appoint the City Manager. The City Manager is the chief executive and administrative officer of the City. The City Manager is responsible to the City Council.