

**CITY OF CLARKESVILLE**  
**QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES**  
**March 7, 2022 – March 11, 2022**

1. All persons must be of **sound mind** and fit to discharge the duties of the office to which they are chosen or elected O.C.G.A. 45-2-1(5)
2. All persons must be **registered to vote**. Ga. Constitution, Article II, Section II, Para. III.
3. All persons must be **21 years of age**. O.C.G.A. 45-2-1(1).
4. No person shall be eligible to hold office who has been **convicted and sentenced** of a felony involving **moral turpitude** under the laws of this or any other state when the offense is also a felony in this state, unless that person's civil rights have been restored and at least 10 years have elapsed from the date of the completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude. Ga. Constitution, Article II, Section II, Para. III, and O.C.G.A. 45-2-1(3).
5. **Federal employees** are **prohibited** from election to public office, except the postmaster or officers and enlisted persons in the military. O.C.G.A. 45-2-1(4).
6. Any Municipal Charter requirements. **(Must be qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly of Georgia)**.
7. The residency requirement for a **candidate** for any municipal office, except (a) offices of judicial nature, or (b) alderman, shall be **12 months residency** within the municipality prior to the date of election. O.C.G.A. 45-2-1(1).
8. Persons meeting the above qualifications shall **file a "Notice of Candidacy"** in the Habersham County Elections & Registration Office (located at 130 Jacob's Way, Suite 101, Clarkesville, Georgia 30523) during qualifying week. Qualifying for the May 24, 2022 Special Election is March 7, 2022 – March 11, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, (except for a one-hour lunch break) Georgia Municipal Election Code 21-3-91(e).
9. A **qualifying fee** for the office of City Council Member is \$18.00, to be elected by the qualified voters of the City of Clarkesville, Georgia. Municipal Code 21-3-90(a).

**The Seat Up for this May 24, 2022 Special Election is as follows:**

**City Council Member, Post 5 – Seat currently vacant, due to death of Steven Ward**

**This seat is for a term of three (3) years and approximately six (6) months, beginning on or about June 6, 2022 through December 31, 2025.**