

TOWN OF ALTO
QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES
August 01, 2022 – August 05, 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 Town 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 November 8, 2022 Special Election is August 01, 2022 – August 05, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday and 8:30 a.m. – Noon on Friday, (except for a one-hour lunch break) Georgia Municipal Election Code 21-3-91(e).
9. A **qualifying fee** for the office of Council Member is **\$35.00**, to be elected by the qualified voters of the Town of Alto. Georgia. Municipal Code 21-3-90(a). (**Cash payments NOT accepted. ONLY checks or money orders are accepted; make payable to Habersham County Commissioners.**)
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The Seats Up for the November 8, 2022 Special Election are as follows:

Council Member, Post 1, seat formerly held by Turner Griffith
Council Member, Post 5, seat formerly held by P. J. Huggins

Said Seats are for a remainder term of approximately three (3) years, one (1) month and sixteen (16) days, beginning on or around November 15, 2022 through December 31, 2025.