

2021 Filing Information

Sedgwick County, Kansas

Primary Election – August 3, 2021
(in districts with a sufficient number of candidates)

General Election – November 2, 2021

Cities, School Districts and Improvement Districts

Non-partisan elections are held in odd numbered years except for the cities of Colwich and Garden Plain, which have elections every year.

Office Qualifications:

Cities: Registered voter and resident of the city and the Ward/District
School Districts: Registered voter and resident of the district and Member District

Filing Deadline: 12:00 Noon, June 1, 2021 for districts that are allowed by law to have a Primary
Any district that, by law, does not allow for a primary, has a filing deadline of September 1st, including improvement districts and drainage districts.

Where to File: City of Wichita – Sedgwick County Election Office
2nd Class Cities - Sedgwick County Election Office
3rd Class Cities - Sedgwick County Election Office
School Districts - Sedgwick County Election Office
Improvement Districts– Sedgwick County Election Office
Drainage Districts – Sedgwick County Election Office

Filing Fees and Signature Requirements

First Class Cities: **Wichita and Derby** \$20.00 + \$50.00 report fee
or
Wichita Mayor, 100 valid signatures (Charter Ordinance #114) + \$50.00 report fee
Wichita Council Member, 100 valid signatures (Charter Ordinance #226) + \$50.00 report fee
Derby Mayor, 50 valid signatures (Charter Ordinance #51) + \$50.00 report fee
Derby Council Member, 25 valid signatures (Charter Ordinance #51) + \$50.00 report fee
Valid signatures are those of registered voters of the city and the district.

Second Class Cities: **Bel Aire, Goddard, Haysville, Mulvane, Park City, Valley Center**

-and-

Third Class Cities: **Andale, Bentley, Cheney, Clearwater, Colwich, Eastborough, Garden Plain, Kechi, Maize, Mount Hope, Viola**
Mayor and Council Member \$20.00 **or** a petition containing a sufficient number of valid signatures of registered voters of the city or city district

USD 259 (Wichita) School Board Member:

\$20.00 + \$50.00 report fee or

Signature requirements:

At Large position, 50 valid signatures + \$50.00 report fee. Valid signatures are those of registered voters of the school district. [K.S.A. 25-2020(2)]

Member District position, 50 valid signatures or 10% of registered voters, whichever is less, + \$50.00 report fee. Valid signatures are those of registered voters of the school district and member district. [K.S.A. 25-2020(1)]

USD 260, USD 261, USD 262, USD 263, USD 264, USD 265, USD 266, USD 267, USD 268 School Board Member: \$20.00 or

Signature requirements:

At Large position, 50 valid signatures. Valid signatures are those of registered voters of the school district. [K.S.A. 25-2020(2)]

Member District position, 50 valid signatures or 10% of registered voters, whichever is less. Valid signatures are those of registered voters of the school district and member district. [K.S.A. 25-2020(1)]

Improvement District Directors: \$20.00

Drainage District Directors: \$20.00

Additional Useful Information

Filing for Office

Candidates filing by petition do not pay a filing fee, but City of Wichita offices and USD 259 (Wichita) offices have a report fee that is still required at the time of filing.

Campaign Finance Reports

Campaign finance reports are required of all candidates except Drainage District candidates. Candidates not intending to spend more than \$1000 on their campaigns may file a notarized Affidavit of Exemption with the Election Office before the 9th day prior to the Primary Election in lieu of submitting campaign finance reports. The reports for local office are on the Election Office website in the Voting Applications and Forms link. Report forms for the City of Wichita and USD 259 offices are sent to candidates from the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission. The campaign finance report submission dates are listed in the Election Calendar.

Candidate Signs

Kansas law prohibits campaign signs within 250 feet of the entrance to an advance voting site or within 250 feet of the entrance to a polling place on Election Day [K.S.A. 25-2430].

Additionally, Sedgwick County and the Cities of Derby and Wichita have ordinances in effect on sign placement, and are available upon request. A Sign Placement Diagram is also available showing drawings of correct and incorrect sign placement within Wichita.

Poll Agents

Candidates can appoint Election Day voting observers. The observer must carry a completed Authorized Poll Agents form that has been filed with the Sedgwick County Election Office to present to the election board workers. The observer must also wear a badge issued by the Election Office that says "OBSERVER".

Informative Websites

Sedgwick County Election Office: <http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/elections/>

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission: <http://www.accesskansas.org/ethics/>

Kansas Secretary of State: <http://www.kssos.org/main.html>

Kansas Legislature: <http://kslegislature.org/li/>