



Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy

City of Red Lodge

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SECTION 1: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate First Name: _____ Candidate Last Name: _____

Filing for Office of: _____
Full name of office including district and/or department numbers, if applicable

☐ Democratic Party ☐ Libertarian Party ☐ Republican Party ☐ Green Party ☐ Nonpartisan
☐ Independent ☐ Minor Party: _____
Name of Minor Party

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Residential Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County of Residence _____ Phone _____ Email _____ Website _____

SECTION 2: BALLOT INFORMATION

Candidate Name (printed exactly as it should appear on the ballot): _____

☐ Contact me about my name pronunciation (if not checked, generic phonetic pronunciation will be used for accessible voting equipment)

SECTION 3: AFFIRMATIONS

☐ I affirm I am a registered voter in the State of Montana or will be by the candidate filing deadline. (Does not apply to Federal candidates or individuals under the age of 18 at the candidate filing deadline who will turn 18 by the election)

If filing for the State Legislature (select one):

☐ I affirm I am either a resident of the county in which I am a candidate, if it contains one or more legislative districts, or of the legislative district if it contains all or parts of more than one county, OR

☐ I affirm I will meet the residency qualification(s) in (a) above for 6 months preceding the general election and will notify the office of the Secretary of State in writing when I qualify or if I do not qualify.

Fee Payment/Statement of Indigency (select one):

☐ I affirm I have included the applicable nonrefundable fee with this form. OR

☐ I affirm I am unable to pay the filing fee set by law for the office for which I am filing, and request that my name be placed on the ballot through the Petition process without payment of the statutory fee.

Section 4: OATH OF CANDIDACY (Candidate must sign in the presence of a Notary Public or an Officer of the office where this form is filed.)

I hereby affirm I possess, or will possess within constitutional and statutory deadlines, the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Montana.

Signature of Candidate _____

_____ Date

Notary Public or Authorized Officer

State of Montana

County of _____

Signed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

By _____

Printed Name of Candidate

[Seal/Stamp]

Signature of Notary or Public Official

Submit the completed form and applicable fees for Federal, Statewide, State District, and Legislative Offices to:

Montana Secretary of State · PO Box 202801 · Helena, Montana 59620-2801 or

Submit the completed form and applicable fees for County, City, and most Local District Offices to:

Local County Elections Office (list of Offices found at sosmt.gov/elections)

2026 City of Red Lodge

Office: **Mayor**

Incumbent: Dave Westwood

Salary: \$4,800

Filing fee: \$48.00

7-4-4301. Qualifications for mayor. (1) A person is not eligible for the office of mayor unless the person:

(a) is at least 21 years old;

(b) has been a resident of the state for at least 3 years; and

(c) has been a resident for at least 2 years preceding the election to office of the city or town or an area that has been annexed by the city or town.

(2) The office of mayor of a city or town is considered vacant if the individual elected as mayor ceases to be a resident of the city or town.

Office: **City Council Ward #1**

Incumbent: Chelsea Toupin

Salary: \$2,400

Filing fee: \$15.00

7-4-4401. Qualifications for city council member. A person is not eligible for the office of city council member unless the person is a resident for at least 60 days preceding the election to office of the ward electing the person or of an area that has been annexed by the city or town and placed in the ward.

Office: **City Council Ward #2**

Incumbent: Sandy Conlee

Salary: \$2,400

Filing fee: \$15.00

7-4-4401. Qualifications for city council member. A person is not eligible for the office of city council member unless the person is a resident for at least 60 days preceding the election to office of the ward electing the person or of an area that has been annexed by the city or town and placed in the ward.

Office: **City Council Ward #3**

Incumbent: Jody Ronning

Salary: \$2,400

Filing fee: \$15.00

7-4-4401. Qualifications for city council member. A person is not eligible for the office of city council member unless the person is a resident for at least 60 days preceding the election to office of the ward electing the person or of an area that has been annexed by the city or town and placed in the ward.

Remember to register with the
Commissioner of Political Practices within
(5) days of filing for office.
<https://politicalpractices.mt.gov/>