



**TOWN OFFICE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY BY A  
DEMOCRATIC, LIBERTARIAN, OR REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATE  
WHEN NO TOWN PRIMARY IS CONDUCTED IN 2025**

**(CAN-16)**

State Form 46422 (R26 / 12-24)  
Indiana Election Division (IC 3-8-5-10.5)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This form must be filed with the circuit court clerk of the county in which most of the town's population is located not earlier than **January 8, 2025** and not later than **NOON, August 1, 2025** before an election. **This form is to be used by a Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, or Republican Party candidate for a town office in a town that has a population of less than 3,500 in which no town primary will be conducted due to the town council not adopting an ordinance to hold May primary election.** A candidate of any other political party (or an independent candidate) must use the CAN-45 and CAN-44 forms.

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, certify the following:  
*Name of Candidate*

(1) I am a registered voter of Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ of the Township of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(or of Ward, if applicable, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City or Town of \_\_\_\_\_), County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
State of Indiana.

(2) I am a member of the **(check one)**  Democratic Party  Libertarian Party OR  Republican Party

(3) **If I am a candidate of the Democratic or Republican Party, I am claiming affiliation with the Democratic or Republican Party.**  
I understand that my party affiliation is determined by which party I voted for in the two most recent primary elections in Indiana in which I voted. I understand that if I cannot meet this party affiliation requirement I must obtain and file with this declaration a certificate from the appropriate county chairman of the party indicating that I am a member of this political party. I meet the requirement to be affiliated with the political party indicated because **(check one)**:

The two most recent primary elections in Indiana in which I voted was the primary held by the party with which I claim affiliation above.

The county chairman of the county in which I reside, and of the political party with which I claim affiliation above, has certified that I am a member of the political party. I have attached a copy of the county chairman's certification to this form.

**Skip Paragraph 3 if a Libertarian Party candidate.**

(4) I am a candidate for the nomination to the office of \_\_\_\_\_, District \_\_\_\_\_ (if any)  
in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) I comply with all requirements under the laws of the State of Indiana to be a candidate for this office (including any applicable residency requirement), and I am not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit me from serving in this office.

**RESIDENCY INFORMATION**

(6) My complete residence address is:

\_\_\_\_\_, IN \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete residence address must be included City ZIP Code

(7) My mailing address is (Write address if mailing address is different from residence address; write "SAME" if both addresses are identical):

\_\_\_\_\_, IN \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address City ZIP Code

**CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION**

I request that my name appear on the general election ballot in the following manner as described in IC 3-5-7:

First Designation	Second Designation	Third Designation	Fourth Designation	Suffix
This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate's legal given name.</li> <li>The initial of the candidate's legal given name.</li> <li>The candidate's legal middle name.</li> <li>The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.</li> <li>The candidate's nickname.</li> </ul>	This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate's legal middle name.</li> <li>The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.</li> <li>The candidate's nickname.</li> <li>The candidate's legal surname.</li> </ul>	If not used in the first or second designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate's nickname.</li> <li>The candidate's legal surname.</li> </ul>	If not used in the first or second designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate's nickname.</li> <li>The candidate's legal surname.</li> </ul>	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jr. or III.</li> </ul> <b>CANNOT be a title or degree such as MD, JD</b>

I also request that my name on my voter registration record be the same as the name on this declaration of candidacy. (IC 3-8-2-7(c))

If a candidate's name does not comply with IC 3-5-7, the declaration may be challenged under Indiana Code 3-8-1-2. A candidate may use a nickname on the ballot only if the nickname is a name by which the candidate is commonly known and does not exceed 20 characters. A candidate may not use a title or degree as a designation or a designation that implies a title or degree. Nicknames are required to be printed on the ballot using parentheses. EXAMPLE: John R. (Jack) Doe.

**CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION**

- (8) By initialing, I acknowledge that I have attached a copy of the CAN-12 statement of economic interests, file stamped by the office of the appropriate circuit court clerk, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that this statement of economic interest has been filed. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to file a surety bond before serving in office. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to complete training or have attained certification related to service in office. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) By initialing, I acknowledge that I am aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign finance and the reporting of campaign finance contributions and expenditures and agree to comply with the provision of IC 3-9. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (12) I have been a candidate for state, state legislative, or local office in a previous primary, municipal, special, or general election: **(check one)**  Yes  No *If the answer to this question is no, skip paragraph 13 and proceed to paragraph 15.*
- (13) I have filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies: **(check one)**  Yes  No
- (14) *(This paragraph only applies to a candidate for a local office, including judicial offices and prosecuting attorney, if the local office receives compensation of at least \$5,000 per year, or to a local office if the local office receives compensation of less than \$5,000 but the candidate raises or spends more than \$500.)* I have filed a campaign finance statement of organization for my principal candidate's committee with the appropriate county election board **OR** I am aware that I may be required to file the campaign finance statement of organization not later than noon, seven (7) days after the final date to file this declaration of candidacy. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and complete, and that I meet the specific requirements of this office.**

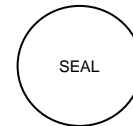
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 Signature Date Signed (MM/DD/YYYY) Telephone (Day) Telephone (Evening)

**OPTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Candidate's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign website: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-9-7

My Commission expires *(applies only to Notary Public)*: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE NOTICE**

If a candidate becomes a candidate more than twenty-five (25) days before the nomination date, the candidate's committee must file a pre-convention campaign finance report no later than noon eighteen (18) days before the nomination date with the appropriate county election board. If a candidate becomes a candidate less than twenty-five (25) days before the nomination date, the candidate must file a post-convention campaign finance report not later than noon twenty (20) days after the nomination date with the appropriate county election board. If required to open a candidate's committee pursuant to Indiana's Campaign Finance Act, a candidate's committee must file a pre-election campaign finance report not later than NOON (prevailing local time), October 17, 2025, with the appropriate county election board.

The candidate's committee must also file a pre-election supplemental report no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives and accepts contributions from a person that total \$1,000 or more during the period beginning October 11, 2025, and ending at 6 a.m. (prevailing local time) on November 2, 2025, with the appropriate county election board. If no such contribution is received and accepted, the candidate's committee is not required to file a supplemental report.

A person who fails to file a report with the county election board is subject to a civil penalty of \$50 for each calendar day the report is late, with the afternoon of the final date for filing the report being calculated as the first day, for a maximum penalty of not more than \$1,000, plus any investigative costs incurred and documented by the county election board.