

GENERAL INFORMATION BIENNIAL CITY ELECTION

Date of election: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

(Polling Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) (Held in conjunction with County primary election)

A city election candidate may begin collecting signatures on a nominating petition **January 1, 2026.** (NDCC 40-21-07)

Filing deadline: April 6, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

Petitions are filed with the Grand Forks City Auditor's Office/Finance Department, 255 N 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58203.

A complete filing must include:

- 1) Petition/Certificate of nomination (SFN 02704)
- 2) Statement of Interests (SFN 10172)

Drawing for placement on ballot*: April 8 at 12:00 noon

Location: Griggs Room, 1st Floor, City Hall, 255 N 4th Street

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON PETITION:

(Not less than 10% of votes cast for that position in last city-wide election and in no case shall more than 300 signatures be required)(NDCC 40-21-07)

Council Members: (4-year term)

Ward 2 ----- 63 signatures
Ward 4 ----- 124 signatures
Ward 6 ----- 45 signatures

Municipal Judge (4-year term) : **300 signatures**

Park Commissioner, 3 seats (at large, 4-year term): **300 signatures**

The candidate's name as it appears on the petition is how it will appear on the ballot.

*Arrangement of names of candidates upon ballot shall be determined by the city auditor by conducting a drawing immediately after the candidate filing deadline. The city auditor shall set the date, time and location for conducting the drawing and shall give advance notice of the drawing to the candidates involved. (NDCC 40-21-08)

Information on filing Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports will be distributed separately to candidates along with filing deadlines.

Dated: 01/01/2026

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FEDERAL, STATEWIDE, LEGISLATIVE & JUDICIAL CONTESTS

Filing Officer: North Dakota Secretary of State

PARTISAN CANDIDATES

2026 CONTESTS: U.S. House of Representatives, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Ag Commissioner, Tax Commissioner, Public Service Commissioner, odd numbered legislative districts

HOW TO GET ON THE BALLOT:

Political Party Endorsement: Certificate of Endorsement (SFN 17196)

- Statewide offices: endorsed at statewide convention
- Legislative offices: endorsed at legislative district meeting

Petition Process: Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)

- Statewide offices: 3% of total votes cast for same office/party affiliation in last General Election (maximum 300 signatures)
- Legislative offices: 1% of legislative district population (maximum 300 signatures)
- Petitions cannot be circulated before Jan. 1st of an election year

REQUIRED FORMS FOR COMPLETE FILING:

- Certificate of Endorsement (SFN 17196) OR Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)
- Affidavit of Candidacy (SFN 2703)
- Statement of Interests (SFN 10172)

NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES

2026 CONTESTS: Superintendent of Public Instruction (unexpired 2-year term), Justice of the Supreme Court, District Court Judges

HOW TO GET ON THE BALLOT:

Petition Required: Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)

- Minimum 300 signatures from qualified North Dakota voters

REQUIRED FORMS FOR COMPLETE FILING:

- Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)
- Affidavit of Candidacy (SFN 2703)
- Statement of Interests (SFN 10172)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All candidates must:

-  Be a qualified elector of North Dakota
-  Reside in the jurisdiction in which they seek office
-  Meet residency requirements
 - ▶ 5 years for statewide offices
 - ▶ 30 days prior to Election Day for legislative districts
-  Meet age requirements

IMPORTANT FILING DEADLINES

-  **Primary Filing Deadline:**
4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 6
-  **General Filing Deadline:**
4:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 31



Find candidate calendars and forms on our website.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTESTS

COUNTY OFFICES *All county contests are non-partisan*

Filing Officer: County Auditor

2026 CONTESTS: County Commissioners, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Director, Soil Conservation District Supervisor, Southwest Water Authority County Director

HOW TO GET ON THE BALLOT:

Petition required to get on the ballot: Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)

- County offices: 2% of votes cast for same office in last general election (maximum 300 signatures)
- Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Director: 50-300 signatures
- Soil Conservation District Supervisor: 25-300 signatures
- Southwest Water Authority County Director: 2% of qualified county voters

REQUIRED FORMS FOR COMPLETE FILING:

- Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)
- Affidavit of Candidacy (SFN 2703)
- Statement of Interests (SFN 10172)

CITY OFFICES *All city contests are non-partisan*

Filing Officer: City Auditor

2026 CONTESTS: Mayor, Council Members or Commissioners, Municipal Judges

HOW TO GET ON THE BALLOT:

Petition required to get on the ballot: Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)

- City offices: 10% of qualified voters who voted for that office in last city election (maximum 300 signatures)

REQUIRED FORMS FOR COMPLETE FILING:

- Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)
- Statement of Interests (SFN 10172)

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES *All school contests are non-partisan*

Filing Officer: School Business Manager

2026 CONTESTS: School Board Members

NO PETITION REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

REQUIRED FORMS FOR COMPLETE FILING:

- File statement with candidate's name and position sought
- Statement of Interests (SFN 10172)

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PETITION SIGNATURE GATHERING

Guidance for candidates seeking nomination through petition

SIGNATURE GATHERING PROCEDURES

Make sure your petition signatures follow these guidelines to ensure they are not rejected.

1. Circulator should be present when signer signs the petition.
2. Have a clearly printed name. Ask the signer to print and sign clearly. Illegible printed signatures will be rejected if a name cannot be determined.
3. Include a complete residential address, any needed apartment or suite numbers, city, state, and zip code. PO boxes and general delivery addresses are not residential addresses and will be rejected.
 - ▶ Must indicate if the address is a street, avenue, boulevard, place, circle, etc.
 - ▶ Must provide a directional indicator for the address: N, S, E, W, NE, SW, etc.

Example of complete address within a signature sheet:

Month Day Year	Name of Qualified Elector PRINTED	Name of Qualified Elector SIGNATURE	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Include street type, any directional (N,S,E,W), apartment or suite numbers, if applicable.	CITY, STATE	ZIP CODE
8/1/29	Joe Smith	<i>Joe Smith</i>	123 Forest Blvd NE, Apt #2	Inkster, ND	58244

4. Each person must sign the petition individually. Do not let another person sign for another individual, such as his or her spouse/partner. Such signatures will be rejected.
5. Include the complete date that he or she signed.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SIGNERS

Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704)

Individuals signing candidate petitions for nomination must be qualified electors:

- U.S. Citizen
- At least 18 years old
- Lived in jurisdiction in North Dakota for 30 days or more

IMPORTANT CIRCULATION OF PETITION DATES

- Primary Election:** Candidates may not begin circulating petitions of nomination before January 1, 2026 for placement on the Primary ballot.
- General Election:** Candidates may not begin circulating petitions of nomination before April 3, 2026, for placement on the General ballot.



PETITION/CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION
SECRETARY OF STATE
 SFN 02704 (10-2025)

Secretary of State
 State of North Dakota
 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 108
 Bismarck ND 58505-0500
 Telephone: (701) 328-2900
 Toll-Free: (800) 352-0867
 Fax: (701) 328-3413
 Email: soselect@nd.gov
 Website: Vote.ND.Gov

SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE PRINT.

For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Sections 16.1-11-06, 16.1-11-15, and 16.1-11-16, 16.1-12-02.3, and 40-21-07.

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION				
Candidate First Name		Candidate Last Name		Candidate Telephone Number
Candidate Residential Address			City	State ZIP Code
Candidate Non-Government Email Address (required)				
Office Type <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-District				
Office Candidate is Seeking				Term <input type="checkbox"/> Full <input type="checkbox"/> Unexpired
Jurisdiction/District Number (if applicable)		Jurisdiction/District Name (if applicable)		Judgeship Number (if applicable)
Political Party Affiliation of Candidate* <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic-NPL <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> No-Party				
*The No-Party designation must be used for all county, judicial, multi-district, and city offices, and the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. All other candidates must designate a political party or independent.				
Election (select Primary if the office will appear on both the Primary and General Election ballot) <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Special				Year of Election
If the petition is for the office of governor, complete the following information:				
Name of Lieutenant Governor Candidate			Candidate Non-Government Email Address (required)	
Candidate Residential Address			City	State ZIP Code

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITION/CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

WHO FILES: All candidates petitioning to have their names placed on the ballot for federal, statewide, judicial, legislative, county, city, and multi-district office in North Dakota.

WHEN TO CIRCULATE: Candidates may not circulate the Petition/Certificate of Nomination prior to January 1 preceding the election.

HOW TO CIRCULATE: Each individual Petition/Certificate of Nomination must be circulated in its entirety, including this page, which must be made available to each signer at the time of signing.

- Only qualified electors of the jurisdiction may sign nominating petitions. In addition to signing the person's name, petition signers shall include date signed, complete residential address, which includes city, state, and corresponding zip code.
- Incomplete signatures or accompanying information of petition signers that do not meet the requirements of N.D.C.C § 16.1-11-16 invalidate such signatures. The use of ditto marks to indicate carry-over of information in the prior address line does not invalidate a signature. Signatures that are not accompanied by a complete date are not invalid if the preceding signature and following signature is accompanied by a complete and valid date.

WHEN TO FILE: The Petition/Certificate of Nomination must be filed before 4 p.m. of the 64th day, prior to any election. If mailed, it must be in the physical possession of the appropriate filing officer before 4 p.m. of the 64th day prior to the election. Federal, statewide, judicial, legislative, county, and multi-district candidates must accompany this form with an Affidavit of Candidacy (SFN 2703) and Statement of Interests (SFN 10172).

WHERE TO FILE:

- **FEDERAL, STATEWIDE, JUDICIAL, AND LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES** - All required forms must be received by the Secretary of State by the deadline. The Petition/Certificate of Nomination and the Affidavit of Candidacy (SFN 2703) may be filed in person, by mail, or by email to soselect@nd.gov. The Statement of Interests (SFN 10172) must be filed online at www.vote.nd.gov.
- **COUNTY AND MULTI-DISTRICT CANDIDATES** - File with the County Auditor in their county of residence.
- **CITY CANDIDATES** - File with the City Auditor.

ASSISTANCE: Questions regarding the Petition/Certificate of Nomination may be directed to the Elections Unit of the Secretary of State at (701) 328-4146 or (800) 352-0867 or the appropriate filing officer.

CANDIDATE NOMINATING PETITION

This petition is to gather signatures from qualified North Dakota electors in the impacted jurisdiction for the below individual to participate as a candidate in an upcoming election for the below office.

Candidate First Name	Candidate Last Name	Jurisdiction/District (if applicable)
Office Being Sought	Office Type <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-District	

INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITION SIGNER - To sign you must be a qualified elector of North Dakota in the jurisdiction listed above:
 1) U.S. Citizen, 2) at least 18 years old, 3) lived in jurisdiction in North Dakota for 30 days.

SIGNATURES OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS ONLY - YOU MUST PROVIDE ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW

Number	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Qualified Elector PRINTED	Name of Qualified Elector SIGNATURE	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Include street type (St, Ave, Blvd, etc), any direction (N, S, NE, W), and apartment or suite numbers, if applicable.	CITY, STATE	ZIP CODE
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STATEMENT OF INTERESTS
 SECRETARY OF STATE
 SFN 10172 (10-2025)

Secretary of State
 State of North Dakota
 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 108
 Bismarck ND 58505-0500
 Telephone: (701) 328-2900
 Toll-Free: (800) 352-0867
 Fax: (701) 328-3413
 Email: soselect@nd.gov
 Website: Vote.ND.Gov

References to the Statement of Interests are found in North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 16.1-09.

FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEMENT OF INTERESTS

STATEWIDE, LEGISLATIVE OR JUDICIAL - FILE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE - ONLINE ONLY - VOTE.ND.GOV

- **Annual Filing** - Officeholders, except those holding federal office, must file a statement of interests each year by January 31.
- **Every candidate** must file a statement of interests (federal requirements noted below) at the same time as filing his/her Certificate of Endorsement (SFN 17196) or Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 02704) and Affidavit of Candidacy (SFN 02701).
- **Federal Candidates - President & Vice President of the U.S., U.S. Senate, & U.S. House of Representatives** - Must file a statement of interests or a copy of the disclosure statement required by the Federal Election Commission with candidacy documents.

COUNTY OFFICES, GARRISON CONSERVANCY, SOIL CONSERVATION, SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY- FILE WITH COUNTY AUDITOR

- **Annual Filing** - Officeholders must file a statement of interests each year by January 31.
- **Every candidate** must file a statement of interests at the same time as filing his/her Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 02704) and Affidavit of Candidacy (SFN 02701). Candidates in multi-county offices file in their county of residence.

CITY OFFICES - FILE WITH CITY AUDITOR

- **Annual Filing** - Officeholders must file a statement of interests each year by January 31.
- **Every candidate** must file a statement of interests at the same time as filing his/her Petition/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 02704).

SCHOOL BOARD - FILE WITH SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

- **Annual Filing** - Officeholders must file a statement of interests each year by January 31.
- **Every candidate** must file a statement of interests at the same time as they file the statement to set forth the candidate's name and the position for which the person is a candidate.

GOVERNOR APPOINTED OFFICES AND BOARDS - FILE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE - VIA THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- **Annual Filing** - Appointees must file a statement of interests each year by January 31.
- **At Time of Appointment** - Every person appointed by the Governor to a state agency, board, bureau, commission, department, or occupation or professional licensing board must file a statement of interests with the Secretary of State through the Office of the Governor no later than the announcement of the appointment.

ASSISTANCE: Questions regarding the Statement of Interests may be directed to the Elections Unit of the Secretary of State's office at (701) 328-2900 or (800) 352-0867, or the appropriate filing officer.

Name of candidate or appointee		Telephone number	
Spouse's name		Non-government email address (required)	
Address		City	State ZIP code
Office which candidate is seeking (include district number, if applicable)	OR	Position to which appointed	

ITEM D: GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS - List any political subdivision and any agency or department of the state to which you and/or your spouse sold goods or services of more than \$5,000 in the preceding year from:

1. An employer identified as a business or trust in which you and/or your spouse own a legal or equitable interest, and in which you and/or your spouse have an ownership interest of 10 percent or more; or
2. A business or trust identified in which you and/or your spouse have investments, where you and/or your spouse have an ownership interest of 10 percent or more; and, the business or trust is directly related to the official duties of the office the person is seeking or holding.

You are not required to list dollar amounts or the nature of the work performed. Use an 'X' to indicate the "role" relationship for you and/or your spouse.

ASSOCIATION OR INSTITUTION	ROLE(S)	SELF	SPOUSE

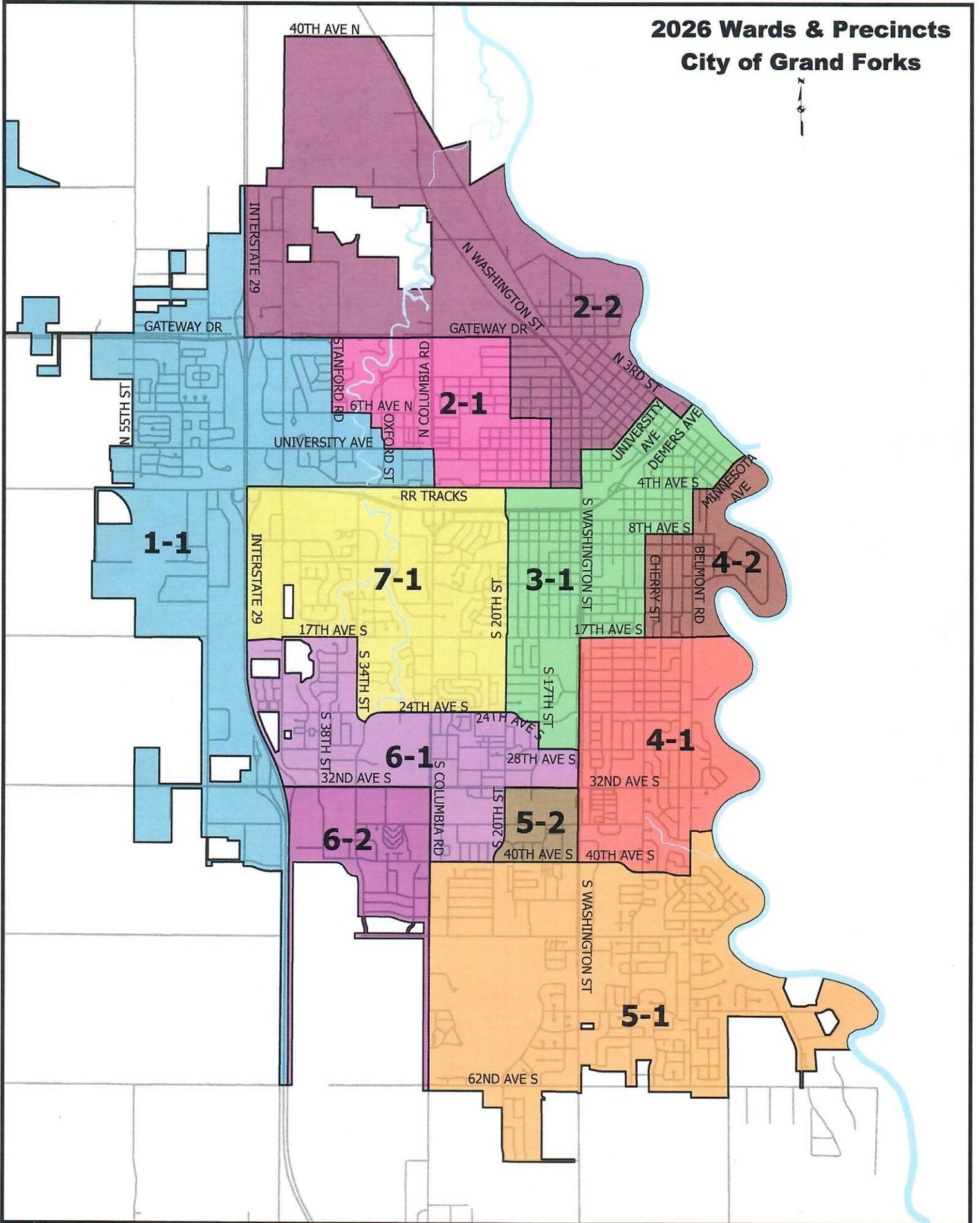
ITEM E: FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIPS - Identify any business office, business directorship, or fiduciary relationship that you and/or your spouse have held in the preceding calendar year. Fiduciary means acting as a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, or conservator for any person, whether individual or corporate. You are not required to list dollar amounts or the nature of the work performed. Use an 'X' to indicate the "role" relationship for you and/or your spouse. Attach additional sheets in the same format if greater space is needed.

ASSOCIATION OR INSTITUTION	ROLE(S)	SELF	SPOUSE

I, the undersigned, declare this Statement of Interests has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge is a true, correct, and complete statement of my financial interests. I understand any intentional violation of the law requiring the filing of this statement shall result in my being deprived of my appointment or assuming the duties of the elective office.

Signature of candidate or appointee	Date
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2026 Wards & Precincts City of Grand Forks



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