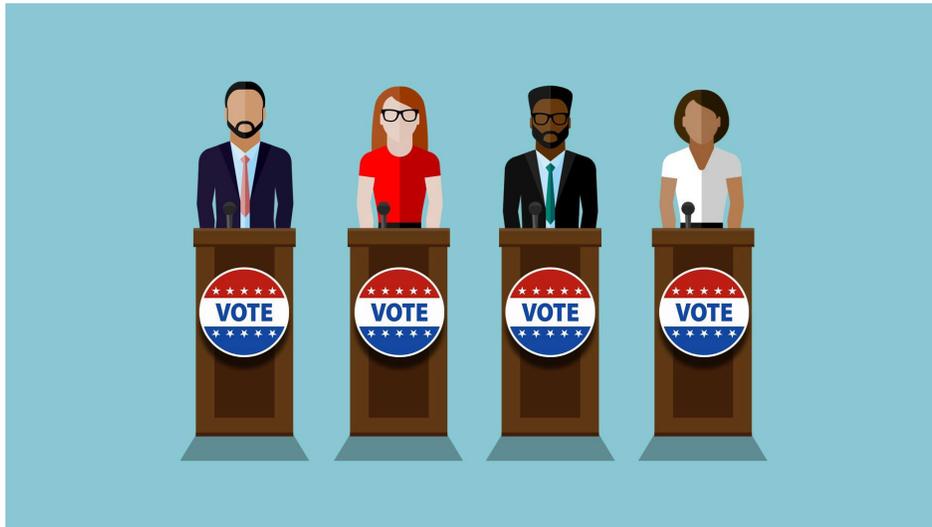




CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACKET

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL RECALL ELECTION
Tuesday, April 21, 2026



Prepared by The Town Clerk's Office

This Candidate Information Packet is intended for individuals seeking to become successor candidates in the April 21, 2026, Town of Firestone Special Municipal Recall Election.

This packet includes:

- A summary of basic eligibility and participation requirements
- A listing of critical election dates and deadlines
- All required forms necessary to participate in the election process

The Town of Firestone Special Municipal Recall Election will be conducted as a Mail Ballot Election. The ballot will present the recall questions and, contingent upon approval of the recalls, will allow voters to select successor candidates to fill two Trustee offices.

Valid signatures on nomination petitions may be collected beginning **Thursday, January 22, 2026**. Any signatures collected prior to this date are not valid.

A minimum of **ten (10)** signatures from registered voters residing within the Town of Firestone limits is required to establish candidacy.

Completed nomination petitions, along with signed and notarized **Affidavit of Circulator** and **Acceptance of Nomination** forms, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than: **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

Each candidate will be notified of the sufficiency status of their nomination petition.

If a petition is deemed **not sufficient**, additional signatures may be collected on a supplemental nomination petition and filed with the Town Clerk's Office prior to the close of business on **Friday, February 13, 2026**.

The Town Clerk's Office will conduct a drawing by lot at a later date to determine the order in which candidates will appear on the official ballot. The drawing will take place at Town Hall in the Board Room. Candidates or their designated representatives may attend but are not required to do so.

Candidates must be familiar with and comply with reporting requirements under the **Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA)**. Candidate, issue, and political committees are required to file regularly scheduled reports disclosing all contributions, loans received, and expenditures made in connection with any campaign, ballot issue, or ballot question.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at **303-531-6264** or **townclerk@firestoneco.gov**.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

This section provides general information about life as an elected official in the Town of Firestone. It is based in part on legal requirements outlining the duties and responsibilities of the Town's elected officials, but is more heavily based on the real-life experiences of elected officials that have lived the role. Other materials you will receive in your petition packet contain the hard facts about how to run, what your candidacy obligations are, and how the election will unfold. This section addresses the initial questions you may have before deciding whether to take the next step.

GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE

The Town of Firestone is a statutory town and therefore complies with state statutes and the Town of Firestone Municipal Code.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Town of Firestone's governing body consists of six elected Trustees and an elected Mayor, collectively the Board of Trustees (BOT). The Mayor is not entitled to vote on any matter except in the case of a tie vote. The Mayor has some additional duties as the ceremonial head of the Town and others required by the Town of Firestone's Municipal Code. At the first meeting, following biennial election, the Board shall appoint one of the Trustees as Mayor Pro Tem who, in the absence of the Mayor (or the Mayor's inability to act) shall perform the duties of Mayor. The Board of Trustee offices are non-partisan. Town elections are designed so that the terms of office are staggered. All offices of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Firestone are volunteer positions.

REASONS WHY

As you are contemplating serving your community as a member of the Board of Trustees, you should be prepared for the demands, expectations, and rewards that come with the role. The legal requirements for serving require that you reside in the Town of Firestone and attend the scheduled meetings of the Board and participate, as you desire, in policymaking.

As an elected official in Firestone, you will have a say in important matters such as how the Town grows, what the street system will be like in the future, where and how development takes place, what Town services will be provided, and how the Town's annual budget will be allocated.

The Board of Trustees sets public policy, and sound policy decisions are the result of hard work. Our dedicated Board of Trustees volunteer their time reviewing meeting materials, educating themselves about the public policy issues, educating and informing constituents, attending meetings with other agencies and governments, serving on appointed committees, and acting as liaisons with staff and other agencies.

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

You will share the dais with others with a deep concern for the Town and its citizens. Sometimes you will not agree with all of them, but you will be expected to engage with professionalism and respect. They will be from different backgrounds and have strengths different from yours, but you will have a bond with them because you share a common goal.

TIME COMMITMENTS

Attendance at regular and special meetings is required, with the exception of excused absences and those that arise due to unforeseen reasons. More often than not, there is a month with two regular meetings and a work session scheduled.

Regular and Special meetings

The Board of Trustees regularly meets on for a Work Session on the second Wednesday of each month, and Regular Board Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm and conclude when the agenda items have been discussed. When a meeting falls on a holiday, the Board meeting is typically canceled. Infrequently, additional meetings are scheduled when the urgency of business requires.

In advance of Board meetings, packets of meeting materials are posted to the Town website accessible to board members by Friday of the preceding week. Review of the packet can take several hours and board members are requested to send any questions raised by such materials to appropriate Town staff by Monday morning to allow time for questions to be addressed before or at the Wednesday evening meeting. Agendas and board packets may be found on the Town of Firestone website at <https://www.firestoneco.gov/>.

Training

Newly elected officials are required to attend training sessions with town staff and the town attorney to become familiar with a variety of important subjects related to their service. These trainings can last several days, and are often scheduled in the evenings or on the weekends following the election.

Committee Participation

The town has boards and commissions to research and provide guidance to the board on setting public policy. In addition, there are special districts and other governmental and quasi-governmental authorities that provide important public services to the Town's citizens. Board members volunteer for these committees or organizations to act as liaisons for the Town. Time commitment will vary and meetings could be day or evenings.

From time to time, the town convenes ad hoc committees to review proposals for services contracts, interview candidates for appointments to boards and commissions, or consider special issues that come before the town. Each board member is asked to volunteer some time to one or more of these committees.

Individual Constituent Interaction

Constituents expect board members to be available to communicate via e-mail and phone calls about their concerns and be consistent in following up.

Miscellaneous Items

Beyond the duties listed above, board members are often asked to be present at ribbon cuttings, local ceremonies, and community events.

GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The Town of Firestone will hold a Special Municipal Recall Election on April 21, 2026. This election is being conducted by the Town and is not part of a coordinated county or statewide election. Eligible voters may vote on the recall question and for candidates seeking to fill any vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Voters must be properly registered and have lived in Colorado for at least twenty-two days before Election Day.

All municipal elections are nonpartisan and nomination is accomplished by petition. Candidates run at-large. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. The office of mayor serves a two-year term while trustees serve four-year terms. The term commences at the first regular board meeting following the certification date of the election. A swearing in ceremony will be conducted at the regular Board of Trustees meeting after the election is canvassed and certified.

Firestone has not repealed term limits. Therefore, “no elected member of any city, town, shall serve more than two consecutive terms in office, except that with respect to terms of office which shorter than two years in duration due to an appointment.” (Article 18, Section 11 of the Colorado Constitution).

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must meet the following criteria pursuant to C.R.S. 31-10-301:

- ✓ Must be a primary resident of the Town of Firestone for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the election;
- ✓ Must maintain residency throughout the term in office;
- ✓ May not be a candidate for more than one office at the same election or hold two municipal offices.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Candidates for municipal offices shall be nominated “at large”, without regard to political party, affiliation, or geographic location, with the exception of residency within the town limits. Mayor and trustee candidates are all nominated by petition. Nomination petitions must be filed in the Town Clerk’s Office in accordance with CRS. 31-10-909 (a).

Each nomination petition shall be completed with the name of the candidate as he/she wishes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate’s place of residence, and the office being sought.

Candidates may use a nickname, but may not use any title or degree designation with the business or profession of the candidate.

Candidates may withdraw from the election by submitting a written affidavit to the Town Clerk’s Office stating their withdrawal pursuant to CRS. 31-10-909 (b).

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Write-in candidate votes will not be counted unless an Affidavit of Intent has been received pursuant to CRS. 31-10-306.

CIRCULATION OF NOMINATION PETITIONS

Candidates may circulate his/her own petition or have others circulate petitions for them. However, each nomination petition can only be circulated by one person. Nomination petitions cannot be left unattended by the circulator. The circulator must witness and certify by affidavit that each signature is the signature of the person whose name it purports to be, and that each signer has stated to the circulator that he is a registered elector of the municipality for which the nomination is being made.

The nominating petition must contain 10 signatures of registered electors residing within the town limits of the Town of Firestone. An elector has the right to sign only as many petitions as there are offices to fill. Each registered elector signing the petition must also print their name and physical address as it appears on their voter registration. It is advisable to obtain more than the required 10 signatures in the event a name is challenged, found to be ineligible, or is otherwise eliminated.

Signatures will be verified by the Town Clerk’s Office. If signatures are eliminated by the Town Clerk’s Office, resulting in fewer than 10 registered electors on a petition, the petition circulator will have time in which to amend the petition. The last day

First day petition may be circulated:	January 22, 2026
Last day to file nomination petition:	February 11, 2026 by 5:00 PM
Last day to amend nomination petition:	February 13, 2026
Last day to withdraw petition:	February 13, 2026

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote, one must be eighteen years of age, be a citizen of the United States, have resided in Colorado for twenty-two days prior to the election, and be properly registered with the Weld County Clerk and Recorder.

Voter registration forms are available through any municipal or county clerk's office or in Town Hall. Electors can register to vote, change their address, and activate their voter registration at: www.govotecolorado.com.

**The last day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, April 21, 2026.
Election Day registration must be completed at
the Weld County Clerk and Records Office or at a vote center.**

BALLOTS

The position of names on the ballot is determined by lot. The drawing of names for the position on the ballot is conducted by the Town Clerk's Office. Candidates for office do not need to be present, but are welcome to attend. The scheduling details of the drawing will be announced in advance.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

The reporting requirements of the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) apply to all trustee candidates. All forms required by the act must be filed with the Town Clerk's Office. It is the responsibility of each candidate to become familiar with and meet the reporting and filing provisions of the Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Deadlines for filing Campaign Finance Forms with the Town Clerk

Deadline	<u>Form</u>
Within 10 days of petition acquisition	Candidate Affidavit
February 20, 2026	First Campaign Report due
March 23, 2026	Second Campaign Report due
April 6, 2026	Third Campaign Report due
May 21, 2026	Fourth and Post Election Day Report Due

NEW- FAIR CAMPAIGN ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

In 2023, new requirements were passed for campaign finance requirements for municipal elections. Candidates should familiarize themselves with the changes. Some of the key changes:

- Established limits for aggregate individual contributions to a candidate committee at a maximum of \$400.00.
- Established maximum aggregate contribution limits for small donor committees at \$4000.00.
- Added an additional campaign finance filing report and modified the due dates.
- Requires municipality to make filed campaign finance reports available free of charge on town website.
- Increases the retention period for campaign finance reports for candidates from one year to ten years, and for elected officials from one year to six years after the candidate leaves office.

CANDIDATE RESOURCES

Candidates can find information and resources, including links to campaign finance forms here:

<https://www.firestoneco.gov/696/>

Additionally, the Colorado Secretary of State publishes a manual with information on candidate obligations under the Fair Campaign Act.

Campaign Finance Manual:

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/CampaignFinance/files/CPFManual.pdf>

The Town of Firestone and the town clerk administer all codes for campaign finance complaints.

[Firestone Campaign Finance Complaint Code](#)

TOWN OF FIRESTONE CANDIDATE MUNICIPAL ELECTION KEY DATES

Date	Applies To	Action / Description
Thursday, January 22, 2026	CANDIDATE	FIRST DAY nomination petitions may be circulated. Signatures collected prior to this date are not valid. (C.R.S. 31-10-909(1))
Within 10 days of becoming a candidate	CANDIDATE	Candidates must file a Candidate Affidavit and comply with Fair Campaign Practices Act requirements with the Town Clerk. (C.R.S. 1-45-110)
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	CANDIDATE	LAST DAY nomination petitions may be circulated and signed. LAST DAY for nomination petitions to be filed with the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. (C.R.S. 31-10-909(1))
Friday, February 13, 2026	CANDIDATE	LAST DAY to amend or cure nomination petitions if the original petition is found insufficient. (C.R.S. 31-10-909(2))
Friday, February 13, 2026	CANDIDATE	LAST DAY for a candidate to withdraw from nomination by submitting a written affidavit to the Town Clerk. (C.R.S. 31-10-909(2))
Friday, February 20, 2026	CANDIDATE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE	First Campaign Finance Report Due Contribution reports required to be filed with the municipal clerk must be filed NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS, THIRTY DAYS, AND FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE, AND THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE MAJOR ELECTION IN ELECTION YEARS AND ANNUALLY IN OFF-ELECTION YEARS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAJOR ELECTION OCCURS (1-45-108 (a)(II.5)) effective 1-1-24.
Monday, March 23, 2026	CANDIDATE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE	Second Campaign Finance Report Due Contribution reports required to be filed with the municipal clerk must be filed NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS, THIRTY DAYS, AND FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE, AND THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE MAJOR ELECTION IN ELECTION YEARS AND ANNUALLY IN OFF-ELECTION YEARS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAJOR ELECTION OCCURS (1-45-108 (a)(II.5)) effective 1-1-24.

Date	Applies To	Action / Description
Monday, April 6, 2026	CANDIDATE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE	Third Campaign Finance Report Due Contribution reports required to be filed with the municipal clerk must be filed NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS, THIRTY DAYS, AND FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE, AND THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE MAJOR ELECTION IN ELECTION YEARS AND ANNUALLY IN OFF-ELECTION YEARS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAJOR ELECTION OCCURS (1-45-108 (a)(II.5)) effective 1-1-24.
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	ALL	ELECTION DAY – Mail ballot election. Ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. (C.R.S. 31-10-1001)
Thursday, May 21, 2026	CANDIDATE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE	Fourth and Final Campaign Finance Report Due Contribution reports required to be filed with the municipal clerk must be filed NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS, THIRTY DAYS, AND FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE, AND THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE MAJOR ELECTION IN ELECTION YEARS AND ANNUALLY IN OFF-ELECTION YEARS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAJOR ELECTION OCCURS (1-45-108 (a)(II.5)) effective 1-1-24.