

CITY OF BARTOW

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION

Pursuant to Section 100.021, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the City of Bartow will hold a **Regular Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**, for the election of **TWO** City Commissioners for three-year terms.

SEAT 4 – AT-LARGE DISTRICT

Incumbent – Gary Ball

SEAT 5 – EAST DISTRICT

Incumbent – Leo E. Longworth

QUALIFYING PERIOD – The candidate qualifying period begins at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 2, 2026 and ends on Friday, February 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM at City Hall, 450 N. Wilson Ave., Bartow.

QUALIFYING FEE – The qualifying fee is \$144.09 (1% of annual salary). The salary for a Commissioner is \$1,200.74 per month.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS – Candidate(s) must be U.S. Citizen(s), at least 18 years old, a resident of Florida, a registered voter in Florida and in Polk County, reside within the City limits of Bartow continuously for 18 months immediately preceding the date of commencement for the term of office and hold no other public office. ***Candidates seeking to qualify for SEAT NO. 5 (East District) must reside within that district.***

TERM OF OFFICE – The term is three years and will commence at the first Regular City Commission Meeting in May 2026.

CANDIDATE PACKETS – Candidate packets can be delivered electronically or picked up in person at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 450 N. Wilson Avenue., Bartow, FL 33830.

RUN-OFF ELECTION – A run-off election, if needed, would be Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

VOTING LOCATION – All precincts will vote at the **BARTOW CIVIC CENTER, 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830.**

VOTER INFORMATION – City of Bartow residents who plan to vote in the April 7, 2026, City of Bartow Regular Election must register to vote by the March 9, 2026 book closing date. Voter registration forms can be found online at www.polkelections.gov or by calling the Polk County Supervisor of Elections at (863) 534-5888. Additionally, registered voters who have informational changes or wishes to receive a vote by mail ballot should contact the Polk County Supervisor of Elections.

For more information contact City Clerk Jacqueline Poole at (863) 534-0100 ext. 1254 or jpoole.clerks@cityofbartow.net

Para asistencia en Español, por favor de llamar al (863) 534-5888