

## **CITY OF MONROE ELECTIONS**

Monroe elects a mayor and eight council members. The mayor and council appoint the City Administrator, City Attorney, and the municipal court judge.

Terms for all municipal offices are four years, with elections being held every four years. Elected officials take office the first Monday in January after the election. Any person desiring to become a candidate shall file written notice during the advertised qualifying period in August at the advertised location.

Qualifications of mayor and council –Any person meeting the qualifications of an elector for members of the General Assembly under state law who has been a bona fide resident of the city of Monroe for at least 90 days next preceding the election in which he desires to vote or such period as may otherwise be provided by the Georgia Municipal Election Code, shall be qualified to register as an elector in any city election held under this charter (Section 5.03 – Monroe Charter).

Council member positions are designated by District numbers 1 through 8. All candidates qualifying to run shall state the position to which they seek election. City elections are non-partisan; i.e. candidates do not run as members of a particular political party, and their individual party affiliations are not relevant to their positions in the Monroe City Government.

A candidate for council shall be a resident of the district from which the candidate offers for election, and a council member must remain a resident of the district from which elected during a term of office. Each council member shall be elected by a majority of the voters voting within each respective district. The mayor may reside anywhere within the corporate boundaries of the city and shall be elected by a majority of the voters voting from the city at large. The official district boundaries are described on the official maps ([Map #1](#), [Map #2](#)) kept on file at the City of Monroe.

Those persons who have already decided to run for an office and has declared candidacy may be required to file campaign contribution reports as early as March 31 of the election year. Please refer to [www.ethics.georgia.gov](http://www.ethics.georgia.gov) for additional information regarding campaign contribution reporting or call City Hall – 770-267-7536.

Walton County designates and manages the precinct boundaries and polling locations for City of Monroe and Walton County Elections. To find out what precinct you are in as a voter or where you will vote, contact the Walton County Board of Elections at 770-267-1337 or [www.waltoncountyga.org/Elections/BoElections](http://www.waltoncountyga.org/Elections/BoElections)