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NONPARTISAN/INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR APRIL 4 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ST. LOUIS CITY – Anyone considering filing to run as a nonpartisan/independent candidate in the April 4, 2017 General Municipal Election in the City of St. Louis is reminded that a nominating petition must be submitted to the Board of Election Commissioners signed by registered voters of the city equal to at least two percent (2%) of the entire vote cast at the last preceding mayoral election. The deadline to file such a petition is February 13, 2017.

The number of votes cast in the last mayoral election (April 2, 2013) was 24,311. Two percent of that number is 487. The applicable section of the City Municipal Code does not contain a provision for a lower number of signatures for candidates for alderman, so the 487 signatures required on a nominating petition applies to both aldermanic and citywide nonpartisan/independent candidates.

The filing fee for a nonpartisan/independent candidate is the same as that for a party candidate, which is \$1,318.20 for a candidate for mayor; \$1,121.90 for a candidate for comptroller; and \$373.00 for a candidate for alderman. The filing fee is paid to the City Treasurer.

Absentee voting for the March 7, 2017 Primary Municipal Election began at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, and will continue until 5:00 P.M. on Monday, March 6. Absentee voting for the April 4 General Municipal Election will begin as soon as the results of the March 7 Primary Municipal Election are official.

For more information about the March/April Municipal Elections, please contact the Election Board at 314-622-4336 or visit the Board's website at www.stelections.com.

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