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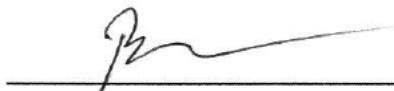
APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION
 FOR A CITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL. Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE <u>City of Cleveland</u> GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT					
TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board (name of election)					
I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.					
OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.) <u>City Council Position 3</u>			INDICATE TERM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED		
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) <u>James Brent McWaters</u>			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT* <u>Brent McWaters</u>		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.) [REDACTED]			PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.) [REDACTED]		
CITY [REDACTED]	STATE [REDACTED]	ZIP [REDACTED]	CITY [REDACTED]	STATE [REDACTED]	ZIP [REDACTED]
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related emails, if available.) [REDACTED]		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank) <u>General Manager</u>		DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: [REDACTED] Office: [REDACTED] Cell: [REDACTED]					
FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one)			LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have not been finally convicted of a felony. <input type="checkbox"/> I have been finally convicted of a felony, but I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of that felony conviction and I have provided proof of this fact with the submission of this application. ³			IN THE STATE OF TEXAS <u>50</u> year(s) <u>11</u> month(s)		IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED <u>8</u> year(s) <u>3</u> month(s)
This Box Must ONLY be Completed by Candidates for School District Board of Trustees Check the Box Below: <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware that I am not eligible to serve as a trustee of an independent school district if I am required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.					
*If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan or contain a title, nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election. Please review sections 52.031, 52.032 and 52.033 of the Texas Election Code regarding the rules for how names may be listed on the official ballot.					
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name of candidate) <u>Brent McWaters</u> , who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says: "I, (name of candidate) <u>Brent McWaters</u> of <u>Liberty</u> County, Texas, Being a candidate for the office of <u>City Council pos. 3</u> swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code. I am aware that I must disclose any prior felony conviction, and if so convicted, must provide proof that I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of any such final felony conviction. I am aware that knowingly providing false information on the application regarding my possible felony conviction status constitutes a Class B misdemeanor. I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct.					
Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>13th</u> day of <u>February</u> , 2026 by <u>James Brent McWaters</u>			SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE <u>[Signature]</u>		
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath <u>[Signature]</u>			Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath <u>Jacqueline Cleveland</u>		
Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath <u>Deputy City Secretary</u>			My Notary ID # <u>135193948</u> Expires <u>December 5, 2028</u>		
TO BE COMPLETED BY FILING OFFICER: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE (If Applicable) PAID BY: <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> CASHIERS CHECK OR <input type="checkbox"/> PETITION IN LIEU OF A FILING FEE. This document and \$ <u>0</u> filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ pages received. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Status Verified					
Date Received <u>2/13/2026</u>		Date Accepted <u>2/13/2026</u>		(See Section 1.007) <u>Quant Home</u>	
				Signature of Filing Officer or Designee	

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM CTA
PG 1

See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.		1 Total pages filed:	
2 CANDIDATE NAME	MS / MRS / MR	FIRST	MI
	NICKNAME	LAST	SUFFIX
		OFFICE USE ONLY Filer ID # Date Received <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">2/13/2026</div>	
3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX:	APT / SUITE #:	CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE
4 CANDIDATE PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION
5 OFFICE HELD (if any)	City Council Position 3		
6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)	City Council Position 3		
7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS/MRS/MR	FIRST	MI NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX
MR James Brent McWaters			
8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS:	APT / SUITE #:	CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE
9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION
10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code. I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code. I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.		
 _____ Signature of Candidate		<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">2-13-26</div> _____ Date Signed	

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**CANDIDATE MODIFIED
REPORTING DECLARATION**

11 CANDIDATE
NAME

12 MODIFIED
REPORTING
DECLARATION

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE
CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING**

**** This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before
the first election to which the declaration applies. ****

**** The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. ****
(An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.)

**• Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party
may NOT choose modified reporting. ****

I do not intend to accept more than \$1,140 in political contributions or
make more than \$1,140 in political expenditures (excluding filing
fees) in connection with any future election within the election
cycle. I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I
will be required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a
runoff report.

2026

Year of election(s) or election cycle to
which declaration applies



Signature of Candidate

This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.

TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us
or mail to
Texas Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 12070
Austin, TX 78711-2070

**Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority
DO NOT SEND TO TEC**

For more information about where to file go to:
<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/QuickFileAReport.php>

CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT

FORM C/OH
COVER SHEET PG 1

The C/OH Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.		1 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)	2 Total pages filed:					
3 CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER NAME	MS / MRS / MR MR	FIRST James	MI Brent	OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received 2/13/2026				
	NICKNAME JA	LAST McWaters	SUFFIX					
4 CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER MAILING ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address	ADDRESS / PO BOX:	APT / SUITE #:	CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE		
5 CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION					
6 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS / MRS / MR	FIRST	MI					
	NICKNAME	LAST	SUFFIX					
		James	Brent					
		McWaters						
7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER ADDRESS (Residence or Business)	STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE):	APT / SUITE #:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE			
8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION					
9 REPORT TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> January 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 30th day before election <input type="checkbox"/> Runoff <input type="checkbox"/> 15th day after campaign treasurer appointment (Officeholder Only)							
	<input type="checkbox"/> July 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 8th day before election <input type="checkbox"/> Exceeded Modified Reporting Limit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Report (Attach C/OH - FR)							
10 PERIOD COVERED	Month	Day	Year	THROUGH	Month	Day	Year	
		2	13	2026		5	2	2026
11 ELECTION	ELECTION DATE			ELECTION TYPE				
	Month	Day	Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> Runoff	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Description		
		5	2	26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Special		
12 OFFICE	OFFICE HELD (if any)			13 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)				
		City Council Pos 3			City Council Pos. 3			
14 NOTICE FROM POLITICAL COMMITTEE(S) <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Pages	THIS BOX IS FOR NOTICE OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED OR POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE BY POLITICAL COMMITTEES TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER. THESE EXPENDITURES MAY HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT THE CANDIDATE'S OR OFFICEHOLDER'S KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT. CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION ONLY IF THEY RECEIVE NOTICE OF SUCH EXPENDITURES.							
	COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME						
	<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL	COMMITTEE ADDRESS						
	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIFIC	COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME						
		COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN TREASURER ADDRESS						

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CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

FORM CFCP
COVER SHEET

Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointment form. Candidates or political committees that already have a current campaign treasurer appointment on file as of September 1, 1997, may subscribe to the code at any time.

Subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

2/13/2026

Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked

Date Processed

Date Imaged

1 ACCOUNT NUMBER
(Ethics Commission Filers)

2 TYPE OF FILER

CANDIDATE

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

If filing as a candidate, complete boxes 3 - 6, then read and sign page 2.

If filing for a political committee, complete boxes 7 and 8, then read and sign page 2.

3 NAME OF CANDIDATE
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)

FIRST

MI

MR

James

Brent

NICKNAME

LAST

SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.)

McWaters

4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

AREA CODE

PHONE NUMBER

EXTENSION

5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

STREET / PO BOX

APT / SUITE #

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

City Council position 3

7 NAME OF COMMITTEE
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)

FIRST

MI

NICKNAME

LAST

SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.)

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CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.



Signature

2-13-26

Date



Candidate Authorization Form to Release E-Mail Address

May 2, 2026 City of Cleveland General Election

Candidate Name: Brent McWhorter

- On the "Application for a Place on the General Election Ballot" form, there is a box to list the candidate's e-mail address.
- Listing the e-mail address is indicated as an optional item to fill out.
- The application is subject to open records under the Public Information Act; however, personal e-mail is considered confidential.

By signing this acknowledgment form, the candidate is indicating their approval to release their e-mail address should they include it on the application form.

Acknowledged and approved to release:

Signature of Candidate

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Brent McWhorter", written over a horizontal line.

Date

2/13/2026



GENERAL

ADDRESS

VOTING LOCATIONS

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

 **Name**

James Brent Mcwaters

 **Gender**

Male

 **County**

Liberty

 **Precinct**

7

 **VOID**

1170415357

 **Effective Date of Registration**

2018-01-05

 **Valid From Date**

2026-01-01

 **Voter Status**

Active

Next Election 03/03/2026

 **First Time Voter**

We're here to help you through the voting process.



Is your voter registration record up to date?

Where would you like to go next?

 **Who's On The Ballot?**

Access Ballot Tracker