

## AFFIDAVIT FOR SHERIFF

To be completed by candidates for Sheriff. This affidavit is to be sworn to or affirmed before the officer with whom such person has qualified to seek said office prior to or at the time of qualifying. Reference O.C.G.A. 15-16-1.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have qualified to seek the office of Sheriff in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia, on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby affirm that I meet the following qualifications for said office:

- (A) I am a citizen of the United States;
- (B) I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County for at least two years immediately preceding the date of qualifying for election to the office;
- (C) I am a registered voter in \_\_\_\_\_ County;
- (D) I have attained the age of at least 25 years prior to the date of qualifying for this office;
- (E) I have obtained a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent in educational training as established by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council; and
- (F) I have not been convicted of a felony offense or any offense involving moral turpitude contrary to the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States; provided, however, that a plea of nolo contendere to a felony offense or any offense involving moral turpitude contrary to the laws of this state shall have the same effect as a plea of guilty, thereby disqualifying such a person from holding the office of Sheriff;
- (G) I have been fingerprinted and a search made of local, state, and national fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record, which fingerprints were taken under the direction of the Judge of the Probate Court and taken on or before, but no later than, the close of qualification for election to the office of Sheriff;
- (H) Listed is a complete written history of my places of residence for a period of six years immediately preceding my qualification date, giving the house number or RFD number, street, city, county, and state;
- (I) Listed is a complete written history of my places of employment for a period of six years immediately preceding my qualification date, giving the period of time employed and the name and address of my employer;
- (J) I am a registered peace officer as provided in Code Section 35-8-10 or a certified peace officer as defined in Chapter 8 of Title 35. I understand that if I am not a registered or certified peace officer at the time I assume the office of Sheriff that I shall be required to complete satisfactorily the requirements for certification as a peace officer as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 35 within six months after I take office; provided, however, that an extension of the time to complete such requirements may be granted by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council upon the presentation of evidence that I was unable to complete the basic training course and certification requirements due to illness, injury, military service, or other reasons deemed sufficient by such council. I understand The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council shall make every effort to ensure that space is available for newly elected Sheriffs who are not certified or registered peace officers to attend the course as soon as possible after such persons take office and that such council shall notify the appropriate Judge of the Probate Court whenever a newly elected Sheriff who is not certified fails to become certified as a peace officer pursuant to these requirements.
- (K) I shall within 60 days prior to or at the time I qualify:
  - 1) File with the officer before whom I have qualified to seek the office of Sheriff a certified copy of my birth certificate and a certified copy of my high school diploma or certified proof its recognized equivalent in education training as established by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, and
  - 2) Swear or affirm before the officer before whom I qualified to seek the office of Sheriff that I meet all of the required qualifications of Sheriff except as otherwise provided in O.C.G.A. 15-16-1(J).

NOTE: Each person offering to run for the office of Sheriff and who is otherwise qualified shall be allowed, six months prior to qualifying at his or her own expense, to attend the basic mandate course for peace officers. The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council shall work to ensure that space is available for such individuals to attend the course.

EXEMPTION: The above required qualifications shown above in (D), (E), (F), (H), (I), and (J) shall be deemed to have been met by any person who is currently serving as a duly qualified and elected Sheriff of one of the several counties of this state.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate for Sheriff

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public

**HISTORY OF RESIDENCY FOR PREVIOUS 6 YEARS**

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**HISTORY OF EMPLOYMENT FOR PREVIOUS 6 YEARS**

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