



# NEWS RELEASE

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**Citizen Service Applications Being Accepted  
To Fill The Vacant Ridgecrest City Council Seat**  
*Deadline is Dec. 16, 2019 @ noon*

**Ridgecrest, Calif. (Dec. 5, 2019):** Interested residents can obtain the City Service Application from the City website (<https://ridgecrest-ca.gov/>) or pick one up in person at City Hall.

Applications must be filed **IN PERSON** by the deadline of *Dec. 16, 2019 @ noon*, during normal business hours (Mon-Thurs - 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.).

To file your application, visit Ricca Charlton, City Clerk. The City Clerk's Office is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Ridgecrest City Hall. If she is unavailable, Heather Spurlock or Trish Rockwell are the additional employees that can accept the application.

Any Ridgecrest resident, age 18 or older who is registered to vote in Ridgecrest, eligible to take the oath of office, and unless otherwise specifically provided, qualified to vote for the office, can file an application.

For more information, contact Ricca Charlton at 760-499-5002.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Completed Citizen Service Applications must be filed in person at City Hall no later than Monday December 16, 2019 @ noon.

### Qualifications for a candidate are as follows:

- Citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- Registered voter of the City of Ridgecrest at the time of filing the application for the vacant seat. Additionally, a candidate must reside in the City of Ridgecrest city limits at the time of the application. (Government Code Section 36502)

#### RESIDENCY

If a city council member moves his or her place of residence outside of the city limits or ceases to be an elector of the city, his or her office immediately becomes vacant (Gov. Code 36502). Government Code 34882 provides similar requirements for eligibility to hold office as a city council member.

Government code section 244 sets forth the rules to be used in determining a person's legal residence or domicile. In general, the test for determining a person's domicile is physical presence plus an intention to make that place his or her permanent home. The courts look at a number of factors in order to determine a person's domicile, including where a person votes, acts and declarations of the party involved, and a person's mailing address.

In addition, candidates may own more than one residential property and there are no time or location requirements regarding where, and how much time an owner spends at any location in determining their domicile. A candidate must express intent to reside in the city.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that I have read the foregoing and agree that I qualify per the qualifications.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

**CITY OF RIDGECREST**  
**Application for Citizen Service**

As a member of:

<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Access Appeals Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Appeals Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Measure V Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**SPECIAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Are you representative of any of the following categories:

<input type="checkbox"/> Physically Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural Engineer
<input type="checkbox"/> Architect	<input type="checkbox"/> General Contractor
<input type="checkbox"/> Lay Member of the Public	
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Contractor (other than one from a trade regulated by the codes)	

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address MUST be within city limits to serve on any committee

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in this position? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you consider to be your major qualification(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any days or work day evenings you could NOT meet? If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any additional information you feel would be useful to the City Council \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return completed form to:

City Clerk  
City of Ridgecrest  
100 W California Ave  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\*YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL PAGES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND/OR SUPPLY INFORMATION