

Criteria for Commissioner Consideration

We have before us one of the most important issues this Commission shall face during their term: the appointment of a new City Commissioner. There are certain legal requirements for this candidate: Pursuant to Ordinance 8337, a qualified candidate must be a citizen of the United States, shall be at least 18 years of age and a qualified elector (registered voter) of the City of Lawrence, and must reside in the City limits at the time of filing for election and thereafter for the duration of his or her term.

Notwithstanding the above, there are numerous other traits and criteria we should consider and weigh individually as we consider each application. The applicant should have an extended history of involvement in community affairs. They should exhibit a desire to serve the Lawrence voter and be accessible to such. A history of sound decision-making is desirable. The ability to devote the amount of time required for this position is a must. Three letters of recommendation from Lawrence residents should be attached to the application. A demonstrated understanding and knowledge of the workings of the City of Lawrence is an asset. Each applicant must disclose any possible conflicts of interest by completing the City's conflict of interest form. An ability to listen with neutrality to various positions regarding issues and make the best decision for ALL of Lawrence is required.

