

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The Justice of the Peace is elected for a term of four years from each justice precinct in the county. The Justice of the Peace is the presiding officer of the Justice Court. The Justice of the Peace has jurisdiction over fine only misdemeanor offenses, and in civil matters where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000. A Justice of the Peace also performs various magistrate duties. The Justice of the Peace may also preside over hearings pertaining to suspension of driver licenses and issuance of occupation driver licenses. The Justice of the Peace also conducts various other legal proceedings and inquests proceedings. The Justice of the Peace may conduct marriage ceremonies and serves as ex officio notary public for the precinct. The Justice of the Peace has administrative and financial duties concerning the keeping of records and fee and expense reports.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Application

Texas Election Code 141.001 requires that a Justice of the Peace:

1. Be a United States Citizen;
2. Be at least 18 years old;
3. Have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgement of court;
4. Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which no pardon or release from the resulting disabilities has occurred; and
5. Have resided continuously for 12 months in Texas and in Cooke County JP1 precinct for six months.

Please note that the information you provide on this form is covered by the Texas Open Records Act

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Residence Address/Zip: _____

Length of time residing within Cooke County: _____

Voting Precinct # _____ (number form your voter registration card)

Is your voting precinct address and residence address the same? If not, please explain.

Business Address/Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Business email: _____

Education Background: (List high school, college and graduate schools which you attended and from which you graduated. Include field of study, dates attended and degrees earned.)

School Name	Address	Dates Attended	Degree Earned

Identify your present occupation and employer and provide address, phone number, and a description of your duties and responsibilities.

Identify your prior occupations and employers and provide address, phone number, and a description of your duties and responsibilities.

The Justice of the Peace has responsibilities in a number of areas as noted on the cover sheet of this application. Please provide information regarding any qualifications or experience you may have in each area.

The Justice of the Peace has budgetary responsibilities in providing preparation of the budget for the assigned precinct. Please list any relevant experience.

List relevant professional organizations of which you are a member. List any offices or committee assignments you have held in such organizations. Also list any professional honors you have received or accomplishments you have achieved.

List relevant organizations, other than professional organizations, of which you are or have been a member. Also indicate offices held, accomplishments, and honors bestowed.

List each public office you have held or sought with dates of elections and terms.

Has a tax lien ever been filed against you or have you (or a company in which you have been a principal) filed for bankruptcy? If so, please provide cause number and place of filing; describe status and outcome of case.

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, please provide details.

Are you a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you resided continuously for the last 12 months in Texas and in Cooke County for the last six months? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or determined mentally incompetent?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please provide details.

Do you owe any past due taxes? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please provide details.

Have you ever been or are you now an adverse party in a pending litigation against Cooke County? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please provide details.

List any additional information about you that you believe should be considered.

I certify that the forgoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Please return this form to:
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