

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BIG LAKE AND THE APOC POFD

Big Lake is seeking to incorporate as a second class city. The election is run by the state and its candidates will need to file a Public Official Financial Disclosure (POFDs) with the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC). Following incorporation, should it pass, the question to opt out of the POFD requirement can be put to a vote of the people.

The form provided with the candidacy nomination forms is not outdated. However, it differs slightly from the online version of the POFD which is easier to complete. For example, the online filing does not require specific income information rather a range of income. We encourage candidates to use the electronic filing option available either through APOCs website or through MyAlaska website.

Filing the POFD: Please see the attachment "Creating a POFD" for instructions on filing electronically via myAlaska. APOC encourages electronic filing because of easier access, saving paper, legibility, and copy features which allow the user to duplicate their information for future filings. Because Big Lake has a population of less than 15,000, its candidates may file a paper POFD. Contact APOC for a paper POFD (see APOC contact information below).

Here are two links to the electronic POFD filing. This information is also available on the division's website.

<http://doa.alaska.gov/apoc/FilerResources/ElectronicFiling.html> - provides information about filing online.

<https://myalaska.state.ak.us/apoc/form> - takes candidates directly to online filing through MyAlaska.

All candidacy nominating paperwork, including POFDs, must be received by the division no later than 5:00pm on August 28, 2015.

****Candidates must also register as candidates with APOC, either by filing a **Candidate Registration** (if the candidate will have more than \$5,000 in campaign activity) or a **Municipal Exemption Statement** (if the candidate will have less than \$5,000 in campaign activity). Registered candidates must file periodic campaign disclosure reports disclosing all campaign financial activity, exempt candidates do not. Contact the APOC directly for questions regarding this requirement at 907-276-4176.**

Contact APOC for assistance

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