



NOTICE OF PENALTIES - CANDIDATES

RE: ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, 1996

To Candidates in the 2026 Municipal Election

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

Pursuant to section 33.1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, the Municipal Clerk is required to give notice to each person nominated for office of:

- the penalties under subsections 88.23(2) and 92(1) relating to election campaign finances; and
- the circumstances under which a refund of the nomination filing fee may be issued under section 34.

This notice is provided in connection with your nomination in the 2026 Municipal Election.

EFFECT OF DEFAULT BY CANDIDATE

Section 88.23(1)

TAKE NOTICE that a candidate is subject to the penalties listed below, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, if the candidate:

- a) fails to file a document as required under section 88.25 or section 88.32 by the applicable filing deadline;
- b) files a document under section 88.25 that shows a surplus, as described in section 88.31, and fails to pay the amount required by subsection 88.31(4) to the Municipal Clerk by the applicable deadline;

- c) files a document under section 88.25 that shows the candidate has incurred campaign expenses exceeding the amount permitted under section 88.20; or
- d) files a document under section 88.32 that shows a surplus and fails to pay the amount required by that section by the applicable deadline.

PENALTIES

Section 88.23(2)

In the event of a default described above:

- the candidate forfeits any office to which they were elected and the office is deemed to be vacant; and
- until the next regular municipal election has taken place, the candidate is ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 applies.

OFFENCES

Section 92(1)

TAKE NOTICE that a candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under the Act, is subject to the penalties described above if the candidate:

- incurs campaign expenses exceeding the amount permitted under section 88.20; or
- files a document under section 88.25 or section 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with the requirements of those sections.

REFUND OF NOMINATION FILING FEE

Section 34

A candidate is entitled to receive a refund of the nomination filing fee if the required Campaign Financial Statement and Auditor's Report are filed with the Clerk on or before 2:00 p.m. on the filing date, in accordance with subsection 88.25(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY CANDIDATE

I, _____, acknowledge that I have received and reviewed this Notice of Penalties as required under section 33.1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Signature of Candidate: _____

Date: _____

Notice Issued by:

Jeff Carswell
Clerk
Township of Southwold