



TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH/ERAMOSIA

DECLARATION OF NAME ON BALLOT

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

(Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Elections Act and will be used to assist the Clerk in the administration of the 2026 Municipal Election.

Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the Clerk, Township of Guelph/Eramosa, 8348 Wellington Road 124, Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0, 519-856-9596

Summary:

In accordance with the powers afforded to the Clerk & Returning Officer of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa in Section 12(1), and subject to Section 41(2), of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* ("the Act"), the following procedures shall be referenced when determining how a candidate name will appear on a municipal election ballot:

- (1) The name by which the candidate is known as in the general public shall be the name to appear on the ballot.
- (2) The candidate may exercise discretion as to whether they wish to include their middle initial(s) on the ballot, except in the instance where two candidate names are identical, or similar enough that, in the opinion of the Clerk, they should be distinguished by including a middle initial(s) to avoid confusion.
 - Should two (2) candidates have the same first name(s), middle initial(s), and last name(s), the candidates' qualifying addresses shall also be included on the ballot.
- (3) Where the candidate has filed their Nomination Paper using a name which is not the name by which they are known by in the general public, and for which they are unable to produce identification acceptable to the Clerk, the candidate may be required to sign a declaration which states that they are known by that name in the general public.
- (4) The Clerk may choose not to allow a name to be shown on a ballot for reasons including, but not limited to, their belief that it holds offensive or derogatory meanings or implications.

(5) No reference to a candidate's occupation, degree, title, honour, or decoration shall appear on the ballot.

Instructions to the Candidate

- ❖ Candidates must complete Part I & Part II of this form;
- ❖ A *Declaration of Name on Ballot* may only be filed in-person or by an agent; it may not be faxed, mailed, or emailed. Submit this form in-person at:

8348 Wellington Road 124, Rockwood, O.N., N0B 2K0
- ❖ If this form is being submitted by an agent:
 - The form must be commissioned by a Commissioner of Oaths; and,
 - The agent must show their identification in addition to a copy of the candidate's identification.

Part I — Candidate Information

(1) Candidate's name as it appears on the I.D. submitted to the Township:

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
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(2) Candidate's name as they wish it to appear on the ballot (pending approval):

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Initial (Optional)</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
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Part II — Declaration Under the Authority of Section 12(1) of the *Municipal Election Act*

I, _____, a candidate registered for the office of _____ in the October 26th, 2026, Municipal Election, do hereby affirm:

THAT I am unable to produce personal identification showing the name I am known by in the general public;

THAT it is my desire that my married name, or the name that I am known by in the general public, be shown on the ballot as indicated in Part I of this form;

THAT I understand it is the authority of the Township's Clerk & Returning Officer to determine how names will be shown on the ballot, subject to Section 41(2) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, and that I will be notified of the decision prior to the Certification of Nominations; and,

THAT I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Declared before me at _____ in the _____ this ___ day of _____, 2026.

<i>Signature of Candidate</i>	<i>Signature of Clerk or Commissioner</i>
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Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd):

Filed by: <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Agent	Received by: <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> Designate
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Signature of Clerk or Designate: