



## **PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**October 6, 2021**

Due to the resignation of the Ward 5 Lewiston City Council seat by Luke Jensen, Council President Lajoie is currently accepting applications from registered voters in Ward 5 who are interested in being considered for appointment to the Lewiston City Council. Applications are available immediately from the City Clerk's Office and on the city's website at [www.lewistonmaine.gov/boardservice](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/boardservice)

This opening is for a two-year term but is filling the current vacancy, with the term expiring in January 2022. All eligible applicants must be at least 20 years old and must be registered voters of Ward 5 in Lewiston. Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office **no later than Thursday, October 14, 2021, by 4:00 pm**. The appointment is scheduled to be on the City Council meeting agenda of October 19.

The city councilor vacancy appointment process reflects Section 2.06 (d) of the Lewiston City Charter: *"If a vacancy in the office occurs less than one (1) year prior to the next regular municipal election, the remaining members of the council may appoint an eligible person to fill the unexpired term within thirty (30) calendar days after the vacancy exists. If the Council fails to make such appointment within said thirty (30) calendar days, the mayor shall appoint an eligible person to fill the unexpired term within ten (10) calendar days thereafter."*

Former Councilor Jensen concluded his tenure by stating that *"It has been an honor serving my home city, a community I love dearly. I wish nothing but the best for Lewiston."*

Questions regarding the appointment procedure as well as the tasks and duties of a city councilor may be directed to the City Clerk's Office at 513-3124.

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