

2025 City Primary and Regular City Election Candidate's Calendar

Date	Event	Code Cite
Monday, August 11	City Primary Election Candidate Filing Begins First day to file nomination papers with the control county auditor or designated city clerk.	§376.4(1)(a)
Thursday, August 28 5:00 p.m.	City Primary Election Candidate Filing Deadline Last day to file nomination papers with the control county auditor or designated city clerk. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§376.4(1)(a)
Monday, September 1	Labor Day – State Offices Closed	§1C.1
Tuesday, September 2	City Primary Election Candidate Withdrawal Deadline Last day for candidates to withdraw by filing a written request with the control county auditor or designated city clerk. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§44.9(6), 376.4(7)
	City Primary Election Candidate Objection Deadline Last day to file written objections to nomination papers or candidate eligibility with the control county auditor or designated city clerk. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§44.4(2), 376.4(7)
Monday, September 8 5:00 p.m.	City Primary Election Satellite Absentee Voting Station Petition Deadline A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed with the county auditor no later than 5 p.m. (Moved to Monday due to holiday)	§53.11(2)(b)
Monday, September 22	City Primary Election Worry-Free Postmark Date Mailed voter registration forms that are postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the city primary election, even if they are received after the pre-registration deadline.	§48A.9(3)
	City Primary Election Voter Pre-Registration Deadline The deadline to pre-register to vote for the city primary election is 5 p.m.	§48A.9(1)
	Exception: Mailed voter registration forms postmarked on or before the worry-free postmark date are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today.	
	City Primary Election Absentee Ballot by Mail Request Deadline Last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§53.2(1)(b)
Monday, October 6	City Primary Election Absentee Ballot In-Person Deadline Last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the county auditor's office.	§53.2(1)(a)
	Regular City Election Satellite Absentee Voting Station Petition Deadline A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed with the county auditor no later than 5 p.m.	§53.11(2)(b)
Tuesday, October 7	City Primary Election Day Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.	§49.73(1), 376.7

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Wednesday, October 8	Special Precinct Board Convened for City Primary Election The county auditor must reconvene the special precinct board at noon to consider provisional ballots and UOCAVA and Safe at Home ballots that were postmarked the day before the election or earlier.	§50.21, 50.22
Thursday, October 9	1st-Tier County Canvass of Votes for City Primary Election (Final Canvass if the Jurisdiction is in Only One County)	§376.7
Friday, October 10 5:00 p.m.	City Primary Election Write-In Nominees' Filing Deadline Persons nominated by write-in votes in the city primary election must file an affidavit of candidacy with the county auditor by 5 p.m., or their write-in votes will be disregarded. Recount Request Deadline for City Primary Election Written requests must be filed with the county auditor by 5 p.m.	§376.11(3) §50.48(7)
Tuesday, October 14	2nd-Tier Canvass of Votes for City Primary Election (Final Canvass if the Jurisdiction is in More Than One County)	§376.7
Friday, October 17	City Primary Election Contest Notice Deadline A statement of intent to contest the election must be filed in the city clerk's office no later than 10 days after the election.	§376.10
Monday, October 20	Regular City Election Worry-Free Postmark Date Mailed voter registration forms postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the regular city election, even if they are received after the pre-registration deadline.	§48A.9(3)
	Regular City Election Voter Pre-Registration Deadline The deadline to pre-register to vote for the regular city election is 5 p.m.	§48A.9(1)
	Exception: Mailed voter registration forms postmarked on or before the worry-free postmark date are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today. Regular City Election Absentee Ballot by Mail Request Deadline Last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§53.2(1)(b)
Monday, November 3	Regular City Election Absentee Ballot In-Person Deadline Last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the county auditor's office.	§53.2(1)(a)
Tuesday, November 4	Regular City Election Day Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.	§49.73(1), 376.1

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Tuesday, November 11	Veterans Day Observed – State Offices Closed	§1C.1
Wednesday, November 12	1st–Tier County Canvass of Votes for Regular City Election (Final Canvass if Jurisdiction is in Only One County) If closed on Monday or Tuesday for Veterans Day, canvass may be moved to Wednesday	§50.24
Monday, November 17 5:00 p.m.	Recount Request Deadline for Cities Written requests must be made to the county auditor by 5 p.m. on the third day following the canvass. If the county office is closed on Veterans Day, recount requests normally due on Friday, November 14, move to Monday, November 17, at 5 p.m.	§50.48(1)
Friday, November 14	Regular City Election Contest Notice Deadline A statement of intent to contest the election must be filed in the city clerk's office no later than 10 days after the election.	§376.10
Tuesday, November 18	2nd–Tier County Canvass for Regular City Election (Final Canvass if Jurisdiction is in More Than One County)	§50.24