



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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2021 CITY ELECTION DATES
August 3rd Primary
November 2nd Election

By 4:00 p.m. April 20	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates file nominating petitions and Affidavits of Identity. (168.644f) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on April 23.
By April 26	City clerk forwards names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (168.321)
By 5:00 p.m. April 27	Petitions to place proposals on ballot filed with city clerk. (168.646a)
By 5:00 p.m. April 30	Last day a recall petition can be filed for August election. (Recalls filed against Governor, state-level or countywide office only. Does not apply to local offices; see May calendar & November dates below for applicable deadlines.) (168.963)
By 4:00 p.m. May 11	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on primary election ballot certified to city clerk. (168.646a)
By June 19	Clerks shall electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each absent UOCAVA (uniformed services or overseas) voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the election (MOVE deadline.) (168.759a)
By June 19	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
June 24 through July 13	Precinct inspectors appointed by local election commission for primary election. (168.674)
July 5	Notice of voter registration for election published. One notice required. (168.498)
July 5	Clerk shall post and enter into QVF the hours the clerk's office will be open on the Saturday or Sunday or both immediately before the election to issue and receive absent voter ballots. (168.761b)

July 5	Clerk shall post and enter in QVF any additional locations and hours the clerk will be available to issue and receive absent voter ballots, if applicable. (168.761b)
July 19	Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August election. (168.497)
By 4:00 p.m. July 20	Minor parties that wish to participate in partisan city general elections nominate candidates. Parties must notify city clerk of nominated candidates within one business day after caucus (Party must have state recognized ballot status). (168.644e)
July 20 through 8:00 p.m. August 3	In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency. (168.497)
By 4:00 p.m. July 23	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for August Primary Election. (168.737a)
By July 27	Notice of primary election published. One notice required. (168.653a)
By 5:00 p.m. July 27	Petitions to place questions on general election ballot filed with county or local clerks. (168.646a)
By July 29	Public accuracy test must be conducted by local election commission. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 5:00 p.m. July 30	Last day a recall petition can be filed for November election. (Local offices only face recall in May & November.) (168.963)
Up to 5:00 p.m. July 30	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot via First Class mail. (168.759)
Up to 5:00 p.m. July 30	Electors may submit a written request to spoil their absent voter ballot receive a new ballot by mail. (168.765b)
Up to 10:00 a.m. August 2	Electors who have returned their absent voter ballot may submit a written request in person to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive new ballot in the clerk's office. (168.765b)
Up to 4:00 p.m. August 2	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office. (168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m. August 2	Electors who have lost their absent voter ballot or not yet received their ballot in the mail may submit a written request in person to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive a new ballot in the clerk's office. (168.765b)

Up to 4:00 p.m. August 3	Emergency absentee voting for primary. (168.759b)
Up to 8:00 p.m. August 3	Election Day registrants may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot in person in the local clerk's office with proof of residency or vote in person in the proper precinct. (168.761)
August 3	CITY PRIMARY ELECTION
Before 11:00 a.m. August 4	City clerk delivers results of primary to county clerk. (168.809)
By 5:00 p.m. August 4	Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan city office file qualifying petitions and Affidavits of Identity. (168.590c) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on August 9.
By 9:00 a.m. August 5	Boards of County Canvassers meet to canvass primary election. (168.821)
By 4:00 p.m. August 10	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on general election ballot certified to county and local clerks. (168.646a)
By August 12	City clerk forwards names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan city office to county clerk. (168.321)
By September 18	Clerks shall electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each absent UOCAVA (uniformed services or overseas) voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the election (MOVE deadline.) (168.759a)
By September 18	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
September 23 through October 12	Precinct inspectors appointed by local election commission for general election. (168.674)
By October 4	Notice of voter registration for general election published. One notice required. (168.498)
By October 4	Clerk shall post and enter in QVF the hours the clerk's office will be open on the Saturday or Sunday or both immediately before the election to issue and receive absent voter ballots. (168.761b)
By October 4	Clerk shall post and enter into QVF any additional locations and hours the clerk will be available to issue and receive absent voter ballots, if applicable. (168.761b)
October 18	Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November election. (168.497)
October 19 through November 2	In-person registration with the local clerk with proof of residency. (168.497)

By 4:00 p.m. October 22	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for general election. (168.737a)
By October 26	Notice of general election published. One notice required. (168.653a)
By October 28	Public accuracy test must be conducted by local election commission. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
Up to 5:00 p.m. October 29	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot via First Class mail. (168.759)
Up to 5:00 p.m. October 29	Electors may submit a written request to spoil their absent voter ballot receive a new ballot by mail. (168.765b)
Up to 10:00 a.m. November 1	Electors who have returned their absent voter ballot may submit a written request in person to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive new ballot in the clerk's office. (168.765b)
Up to 4:00 p.m. November 1	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office (168.761).
Up to 4:00 p.m. November 1	Electors who have lost their absent voter ballot or not yet received their ballot in the mail may submit a written request in person to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive a new ballot in the clerk's office. (168.765b)
Up to 4:00 p.m. November 2	Emergency absentee voting for general election. (168.759b)
Up to 8:00 p.m. November 2	Election Day registrants may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot in person in the local clerk's office with proof of residency or vote in person in the proper precinct. (168.761)
November 2	CITY GENERAL ELECTION
Before 11:00 a.m. November 3	City clerk delivers results of general election to county clerk. (168.809)
By 9:00 a.m. November 4	Boards of County Canvassers meet to canvass general election. (168.821)