

CITY OF AUSTIN ELECTION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

November 8, 2021	First date for candidates to begin soliciting campaign contributions. ¹
January 18, 2022	Deadline for filing semiannual report of campaign contributions with the City Clerk's Office (applicable to candidates, officeholders, specific-purpose and/or general-purpose political committees; required to file by Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission; and City Code Chapter 2-2). ² The original due date is January 15, but is extended after the January 17 city holiday, and is moved to January 18 by 11:59pm.
May 2, 2022	Candidate packet available electronically and hardcopy from the City Clerk's Office. ³
July 15, 2022	Deadline for filing semiannual report of campaign contributions with the City Clerk's Office (applicable to candidates, officeholders, specific-purpose and/or general-purpose political committees; required to file by Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission; and City Code Chapter 2-2). ⁴
July 23, 2022	First day a candidate may submit an application for a place on the ballot. ⁵ (NOTE: A candidate must have filed a campaign treasurer appointment prior to filing an application for a place on the ballot.) ⁶ July 23, 2022 falls on a Saturday; therefore, the first day to submit an application for a place on the ballot in person is Monday, July 25, 2022. Regular business hours for the City Clerk's Office are Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm. The filing location is located at 301 West 2 nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701; fax number is 512-974-2374; email is elections@austintexas.gov NOTE: If you are filing with a filing fee, you cannot submit your application via fax or email. [Although not specifically tied to this date, please note the following: the deadline for filing the voluntary "campaign contract" delineated in City Code section 2-2-11 is "the earlier of (1) 30 days after [an individual] becomes a candidate under the Texas Election Code; or (2) the date the candidate files for a place on the ballot." For additional information, please refer to the Texas Election Code and the City Clerk's document entitled "Candidate and Officeholder Brochure on Campaign Finance".] ⁷
August 22, 2022	Deadline for City Council to order an election. ⁸ The tentative council meeting date for ordering the November election is August 17, 2022.
August 22, 2022	Last day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot. <u>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</u> ⁹
August 23, 2022	City Clerk conducts drawing for order of names on ballot (scheduled for 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street). ¹⁰
August 29, 2022	Deadline for a candidate to file "public statement of financial information" with the City Clerk's Office. ¹¹

August 29, 2022	Deadline for a candidate to withdraw candidate's name from the ballot. <u>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</u> ¹²
September 12, 2022	Deadline for a candidate to file the "Personal Financial Statement" form required by state statute with the City Clerk's Office. ¹³
October 11, 2022	Deadline for filing report of campaign contributions and expenditures (30th Day Before Election Report), with the City Clerk's Office. This report must be filed by opposed candidates who have not filed a declaration of intent to follow modified reporting procedures, and by specific-purpose and/or general-purpose political committees involved in the election supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures, which are required to be filed by Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission; and City Code Chapter 2-2. ^{14&15}
October 11, 2022	Deadline to register to vote, whether voting early or on Election Day. ¹⁶
October 24, 2022	First day of early voting by personal appearance. ¹⁷
October 28, 2022	Last day to apply (by mail, fax or electronic transmission) for an early ballot to be voted by mail. ¹⁸
October 31, 2022	Deadline for filing report of campaign contributions and expenditures (8th Day Before Election Report), with the City Clerk's Office. This report must be filed by opposed candidates who have not filed a declaration of intent to follow modified reporting procedures, and by specific-purpose and/or general-purpose political committees involved in the election supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures, which are required to be filed by Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission; and City Code section 2-2-29 and Chapter 2-2. ^{19&20}
October 30 – November 7, 2022	Period for required filings of City of Austin Pre-Election Reports by candidates or political committees who meet reporting thresholds delineated in City Code section 2-2-29. ²¹
November 4, 2022	Last day of early voting by personal appearance. ²²
November 8, 2022	ELECTION DAY
November 22, 2022	canvassing, at Austin City Hall. Note that the earliest possible date for canvassing is the third day after the election and the latest date for canvassing is the 14 th day after the election. ²³
Third day after date of final canvass	Last day for a candidate in a runoff election to withdraw from the runoff. <u>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</u> ²⁴
Tentative date for	
January 6, 2023	Inauguration Day

- 1 "The campaign period for a general election begins the 365th day before the date of the general election." Austin City Code § 2-2-7(B).

A candidate may not accept contribution or make expenditures when campaign treasurer appointment is not in effect. Tex. Election Code § 253.031(a). Texas Ethics Commission's 2022 "Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities" states: "... the law provides that you must file a campaign treasurer appointment form with the proper filing authority before you may accept a campaign contribution or make or authorize a campaign expenditure, including an expenditure from your personal funds." https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide22.pdf

- 2 Candidate shall file semiannual report not later than January 15. Tex. Election Code § 254.063(a) and (b). Officeholder shall file semiannual report not later than January 15. Tex. Election Code § 254.093(a) and (b). Under City Code section 2-2-26(A), a "candidate, officeholder, or political committee required by the City Code or state law to file a campaign finance report with the city clerk.

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- 3 "The city clerk shall prepare a candidate guide ... [and] make the candidate guide available cost-free in hard copy at least six months before a City election. The city clerk may also make the guide available online in an electronic format this is readily reproducible. City Code § 2-2-6(A) and (B).

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- 5 Application may not be filed earlier than the 30th day before the date of the filing deadline. Tex. Election Code § 143.007(a). Filing deadline is August 22; therefore, the first day for filing is the 30th day preceding, that being Saturday, July 23.

- 6 Texas Ethics Commission's "Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities" provides as follows: "... you must file an APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (FORM CTA) with the proper filing authority when you become a candidate even if you do not intend to accept campaign contributions or make campaign expenditures.

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- 7 City Code section 2-2-11(A) states, a "candidate for mayor or city council may sign a contract with the City agreeing to abide by limitations on that candidate's contributions and expenditures as specified in this article in exchange for benefits provided under this chapter" which contract is required to qualify for public funds from the Austin Fair Campaign Finance Fund under City Code section 2-2-63.

- 8 General election must be ordered not later than the 78th day before Election Day, that being August 22. Tex. Election Code § 3.005(c).

- 9 Deadline for filing is not later than 5:00 p.m. of the 78th day before Election Day, that being August 22. Tex. Election Code § 143.007(c).

- 10 No statutory time is mandated, as drawing for general or special elections may be conducted at any time after the filing deadline, but the City Clerk must post notice of the drawing 72 hours immediately preceding the scheduled time of the drawing. Tex. Election Code § 52.094.

- 11 Statement must be filed within five working days after the deadline for filing for office, that being August 22; therefore, five business days thereafter is August 29 which is the deadline for filing the required statement. City Code § 2-7-74(A).
- 12 May not withdraw after 5:00 p.m. of the 71st day before Election Day. Tex. Election Code § 145.092(f). Candidate's name shall be omitted from ballot if there is a timely withdrawal before 5:00 p.m. of 71st day before Election Day. Tex. Election Code § 145.094(a)(4).
- 13 Personal Financial Statement is required by Texas Local Government Code, Section 145.003 and must comply with sections 572.022 and 572.023 of the Texas Government Code. Tex. Local Gov't Code § 145.003. Candidate must file Personal Financial Statement with the City Clerk not later than the 20th day after the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot. Tex. Local Gov't Code § 145.004(c). The filing application deadline is August 22; therefore, the 20th day thereafter is Monday, September 12. Texas Local Government Code, Section 145.004(g) states that a candidate will have timely filed if the Personal Financial Statement is submitted on the last day for filing (that being September 12) or, alternatively, if the City Clerk has adopted rules and procedures to provide for electronic filing and the candidate complies, then the candidate will have timely filed if the Personal Financial Statement is filed not later than midnight of the last day for filing the statement.
- 14 An opposed candidate shall file two additional reports, the first being due not later than the 30th day before Election Day (or the next business day), that being Tuesday, October 11; and the second being due not later than the 8th day before Election Day (that being October 31). Tex. Election Code § 254.064(a),(b), and (c). Texas Ethics Commission's "Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities" provides information under "Reports Due 30 Days and 8 Days Before an Election." https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf Under City Code section 2-2-26(A), a "candidate, officeholder, or political committee required by the City Code or state law to file a campaign finance report with the city clerk.
- 15 Required reports must be received by the City Clerk by the deadline. Tex. Election Code § 254.064(b) and (c).
- 16 An approved voter registration application becomes effective on the 30th day after the date of the application in submitted to the voter registrar. Tex. Election Code § 13.143(a). A registration is effective for purposes of voting early if it will be effective on Election Day. Tex. Election Code § 13.143. The deadline to register to vote moves to the next business day and therefore falls on Tuesday, October 11.
- 17 For an election held on the uniform election date in November, the period for early voting by personal appearance would begin on the 17th day before Election Day (that being Monday, October 24). Early voting continues through the fourth day before Election Day (being November 4). Tex. Election Code § 85.001.
- 18 Application must be received, not postmarked before the close of regular business in the early voting clerk's office or 12:00 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before Election Day (that being 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 28). Tex. Election Code § 84.007(c). An application is considered to be submitted at the time of its receipt by the early voting clerk. Texas Election Code, Sec. 84.007(d). For an application for ballot by mail submitted by telephonic facsimile (fax) machine or electronic transmission (email) to be effective, the application also must be submitted by mail and received by the early voting clerk not later than the fourth business day after transmission by fax or email. Tex. Election Code § 84.007(b-1).

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- 20 Required reports must be received by the City Clerk by the deadline. Tex. Election Code §254.064(b) and (c).
- 21 City Code § 2-2-29 and Chapter 2-2.
- 22 Early voting continues through the fourth day before Election Day (that being November 4). Tex. Election Code § 85.001.
- 23 Canvass must be held not earlier than the 3rd day after Election Day (that being November 11 for the earliest day to canvass), or later than the fourteenth day after Election Day (that being November 22 for the latest date to canvass). Tex. Election Code § 67.003(c).
- 24 May not withdraw after 5:00 p.m. of the third day after the final canvass for the main election. Tex. Election Code § 145.092(d). "If a runoff candidate withdraws, the remaining candidate is considered to be elected and the runoff election for that office is not held." Tex. Election Code § 145.095.