



Clerk's Office
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City Clerk

From: Jane Leslie
To: Mayor Barnett, City Council, Police and Roads Technical Review Committee
Date: April 24, 2012
Re: 2012-2013 Election Dates and Deadlines

As discussed at the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 23, the following is a listing of dates and deadlines for the 2012-2013 election schedule:

Election Dates

- August Primary (Federal, State, and County positions) – Tuesday, August 7, 2012
- November General (Presidential) Election – Tuesday, November 6, 2012
- February 26, 2013 - Special? – The city does not have a scheduled election but this date could be used for a special election. The estimated cost for holding an election is approximately \$60,000.
- August Primary (City Primary) – Tuesday, August 6, 2013
- November General (City General) – Tuesday, November 5, 2013

There are no local offices for election in 2012 other than Precinct Delegates. Candidates will need to file for positions on the ballots by 4 p.m. on May 15, 2012. School Board elections have been changed from odd-year General Elections to even-year General Elections. School Board candidates will file for office by August 14 (if any are to be filed - the County will advise us). There is no Primary for School Board candidates.

The filing official for candidates for office in 2012 is the Oakland County Clerk's Office/Election Division. While the filing official is the County Clerk, Precinct Delegate Affidavit forms are available here in the Clerk's Office and can be filed with the city. The Clerk's Office will forward the affidavits to the county.

In 2013, we hold City elections. The candidates for our elections will be At-Large, District 1 and District 4. We also have two Library Board positions. The filing deadline for candidates will be May 14, 2013 at 4 p.m. The filing for all candidates will be with the City Clerk's Office. The August 6 Primary will only be held if more than twice the number of candidates file for office than there are positions to be elected.

Filing deadlines for ballot proposals is 70 days prior to an election. The following dates are for 2012 and 2013 election dates:

Proposal Deadlines

- Tuesday, May 29 for the August 7 Primary
- Tuesday, August 28 for the November 6 General Election
- Tuesday, December 18, 2012 for February 26, 2013 election date
- Tuesday, May 28, 2013 for the August 6 Primary
- Tuesday, August 27, 2013 for the November 5 General Election

The last City Council dates for approval of any ballot language are:

- Monday, May 23
- Monday, August 13 (last regular meeting scheduled prior to August 28 filing deadline)
- Monday, August 27 (Special Budget Session – could add Special Meeting for business if needed)
- Monday, December 10 (last scheduled meeting in 2012)
- Monday, May 20 – if meeting is scheduled
- Monday, August 26 – if meeting is scheduled

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In 2012, we will mail Absent Voter Ballot Applications to those on the Permanent AV list the last week of May/first week of June. These applications will be a dual election application – for Primary & General Elections. Ballots for the August Primary Election will be due in our office on June 23. Ballots for the November General Election will be due on September 22. We expect to mass mail AV ballots the second week after delivery. AV ballots to be mailed out of town/overseas are mailed immediately after receiving the ballots.

In 2013, we expect to keep the same schedule. If we have enough candidates filed for a Primary Election, we mail AV Application the last week of May/first week of June. Also a dual election application. Ballots will be due 45 days prior to each election.