



## 2024 Deadlines by Election and Important Deadlines

### March 19, 2024 Presidential Primary Election

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	Write In Filing Deadline**	Issues/Local Option Filing Deadline	Charter Amendment Filing Deadline	Registration Close Date	Absentee Opening Date	Number of Precincts	Campaign Finance Pre-Election Report Deadline	Campaign Finance Post-Election Report Deadline
<b>Open to all municipalities for issues</b>	N/A	N/A	12/20/23	1/19/24	2/20/24	2/21/24	967	3/7/24	4/26/24
<b>All State/Federal/County Candidates</b>	12/20/23	1/8/24	N/A	N/A	2/20/24	2/21/24	967	3/7/24	4/26/24

# Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (2/2/24)

^Protest deadline for candidate petitions is 74 days (1/5/2024) before the election.

\*\*Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline: generally 67 days (1/12/2024) before the election.

**Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (1/9/2024).**

Note: The filing deadline for Independent candidates for the November 5, 2024 General Election is March 18, 2024 (day before the primary election).

### August 6th, 2024 Special Election

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	Write In Filing Deadline	Issues Filing Deadline	Charter Amendment Filing Deadline	Registration Close Date	Absentee Opening Date	Number of Precincts	Campaign Finance Pre-Election Report Deadline	Campaign Finance Post-Election Report Deadline
<b>Open to all municipalities for issues</b>	N/A	N/A	5/8	N/A	7/8	7/9	967	7/25	9/13

**Special elections held in August are eliminated except when a political subdivision or school district is in a state of fiscal emergency as determined by the Auditor of State "at the time the board of elections certifies the office, question, or issue for placement on the ballot."**  
**Ohio Secretary of State Directive 2023-03**

# Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (6/21/2024).

## November 5th, 2024 General Election

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	Write In Filing Deadline**	Issues/Local Option Filing Deadline	Charter Amendment Filing Deadline	Registration Close Date	Absentee Opening Date	Number of Precincts	Campaign Finance Pre-Election Report Deadline	Campaign Finance Post-Election Report Deadline
<b>Open to all municipalities for issues</b>	N/A	N/A	8/7	9/6	10/7	10/8	967	10/24	12/13
Independent Candidates	3/18	8/26	N/A	N/A	10/7	10/8	967	10/24	12/13
Brook Park Charter Review Commission	6/12	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/7	10/8	12	N/A	N/A
South Euclid Charter Review Commission	8/22	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/7	10/8	16	N/A	N/A
State Board of Education 11th District	8/7	8/26	N/A	N/A	10/7	10/8	578	10/24	12/13

# Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (9/20/2024)

^Protest deadline for Independent candidate petitions (filing deadline 3/18/2024) is 6/14/24.

^Protest deadline for nonpartisan candidate & local option petitions is 74 days (8/23/2024) before the election.

\*\*Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline: generally 67 days (8/30/2024) before the election.

**Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (8/27/2024).**

## May 6, 2025 Primary Election

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	*Write In (where applicable) Filing Deadline	Issues/Local Option Filing Deadline	Charter Amendment Filing Deadline	Registration Close Date	Absentee Opening Date#	Number of Precincts	Campaign Finance Pre-Election Report Deadline	Campaign Finance Post-Election Report Deadline
<b>Open to all municipalities for issues</b>	N/A	N/A	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	TBD	4/24/2025	6/13/2025
Bedford Judicial (P)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Berea	3/7	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	11	4/24/2025	6/13/2025
Berea Judicial (P)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Garfield Hts Judicial (P)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lyndhurst Judicial (P)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mayfield Hts Mayor Only	2/5	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	16	4/24/2025	6/13/2025
Oakwood Village (NP)	2/5	N/A	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	5	4/24/2025	6/13/2025
Parma (P)	2/5	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	48	4/24/2025	6/13/2025
Parma Judicial (P)	2/5	2/24	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	114	4/24/2025	6/13/2025
Rocky River Judicial (P)	2/5	2/24	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	85	4/24/2025	6/13/2025
Shaker Hts Judicial (P)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Strongsville (NP)	2/5	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	30	4/24/2025	6/13/2025
Westlake (NP)	2/5	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	24	4/24/2025	6/13/2025

Note: The filing deadline for Parma Independent candidates is May 5, 2025 (day before the primary election).

The filing deadline for the above Judicial Independent/Nonpartisan candidates is May 5, 2025 (day before the primary election).

# Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 days before the election (3/21/2025)

^Protest deadline for candidate petitions is generally 74 days (2/21/2025) before the election.

\*Write In Filing Deadline: Generally 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline: generally 67 days (2/28/2025) before the election. See individual municipal charters for specific information.

(P) = Partisan (NP) = Nonpartisan

**Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name will not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (2/25/2025)**