



2025 Master Deadlines by Election

May 6, 2025 Primary Election

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline	**Write In Filing Deadline (where applicable)	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
Open to all municipalities for issues	N/A	N/A	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8		4/24	6/13
Bedford Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	68	4/24	6/13
Berea (NP)	3/7	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	11	4/24	6/13
Berea Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	82	4/24	6/13
Fairview Park (NP)	2/5	N/A	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	12	4/24	6/13
Garfield Hts Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	56	4/24	6/13
Lyndhurst Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	47	4/24	6/13
Mayfield Hts Mayor Only (NP)	2/5	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8		4/24	6/13
Oakwood Village (NP)	2/5	N/A	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	5	4/24	6/13
Parma (P)	2/5	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	48	4/24	6/13
Parma Judicial (P)	2/5	2/24	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	114	4/24	6/13
Rocky River Judicial (P)	2/5	2/24	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	85	4/24	6/13
Shaker Hts Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/7	4/8	45	4/24	6/13
Strongsville (NP)	2/5	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8	30	4/24	6/13
Westlake (NP)	2/5	2/24	2/5	3/7	4/7	4/8		4/24	6/13

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Note: The filing deadline for Parma Independent candidates is May 5, 2025.
 The filing deadline for the above Judicial Independent/Nonpartisan candidates is May 5, 2025.

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.

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

August 5, 2025 Primary Election

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.” sos

Directive 2023-03

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Political subdivision or school district is in a state of fiscal emergency	N/A	N/A	5/7	6/6	7/7	7/8	N/A	7/24	9/12

Political subdivision or school district is in a state of fiscal emergency

^Protest deadline for local option petitions is generally 74 days (5/23/2025) before the election.

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (6/20/2025).

September 9, 2025 Municipal Primary

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	**Write In Filing Deadline (where applicable)	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
Bay Village (NP)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	12	8/28	10/17
Bedford Hts (NP)	6/2	N/A	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	9	8/28	10/17
Broadview Hts (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	14	8/28	10/17
Brook Park (P)	6/11	N/A	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	12	8/28	10/17
Cleveland (NP)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	332	8/28	10/17
Cleveland Heights Mayor Only (NP)	6/11	N/A	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	33	8/28	10/17
East Cleveland Mayor Only (NP)	6/11	N/A	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	15	8/28	10/17
Garfield Hts (NP)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	19	8/28	10/17
Lakewood (NP)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	37	8/28	10/17
Lakewood Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	37	8/28	10/17
Maple Hts (NP)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	16	8/28	10/17
North Olmsted (NP) (Except Council at Large)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	21	8/28	10/17
Olmsted Falls Mayor Only (NP)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	8	8/28	10/17
Rocky River (P)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	16	8/28	10/17
Seven Hills (NP)	6/11	N/A	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	8	8/28	10/17
Solon (NP)	6/11	6/30	6/11	7/11	8/11	8/12	15	8/28	10/17

Note: The filing deadline for Brook Park and Rocky River Independent candidates is June 11, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 days before the election (7/25/2025)

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Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name will not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (7/5/2023)

November 4, 2025 General Election

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline ^A	**Write In Filing Deadline (where applicable)	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
Open to all municipalities for issues and local options		N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7		10/23	12/12
All Boards of Education	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7		10/23	12/12
Bay Village (NP)	See 9/9 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	12	10/23	12/12
Beachwood (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	9	10/23	12/12
Bedford (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	10	10/23	12/12
Bedford Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	68	10/23	12/12
Bedford Hts (NP)	See 9/9 Primary Election	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	9	10/23	12/12
Bedford Hts Charter Review Commission	6/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	9	N/A	N/A
Bentleyville (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
Berea (NP)	See 5/6 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	11	10/23	12/12
Berea Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	82	10/23	12/12
Bratenahl (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
Brecksville (NP)	8/6	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	10	10/23	12/12
Broadview Hts (NP)	No Candidate Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	14	10/23	12/12
Brook Park (I)	6/11	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	12	10/23	12/12
Brooklyn (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	8	10/23	12/12
Brooklyn Hts (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
Chagrin Falls Township (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
Chagrin Falls Village (NP)	8/21	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	3	10/23	12/12
Cleveland (NP)	See 9/9 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	332	10/23	12/12
Cleveland Judicial (NP)	6/11	8/25	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	333	10/23	12/12
Cleveland Hts Council Only (NP)	6/11	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	33	10/23	12/12
Cleveland Hts Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	33	10/23	12/12
Cuyahoga Hts. (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
East Cleveland Council (NP)	8/6	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	15	10/23	12/12
East Cleveland Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	15	10/23	12/12
Euclid (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	39	10/23	12/12
Euclid Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	39	10/23	12/12
Fairview Park (NP)	See 5/6 Primary Election	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	12	10/23	12/12
Garfield Hts (NP)	See 9/9 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	19	10/23	12/12
Garfield Hts Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	56	10/23	12/12
Gates Mills (NP)	8/6	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	2	10/23	12/12
Glenwillow (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	3	10/23	12/12
Highland Heights (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	8	10/23	12/12
Highland Hills (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
Hunting Valley (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
Independence (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	5	10/23	12/12
Lakewood (NP)	See 9/9 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	37	10/23	12/12
Lakewood Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	37	10/23	12/12
Linndale (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
Lyndhurst (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	11	10/23	12/12
Lyndhurst Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	47	10/23	12/12
Maple Hts (NP)	See 9/9 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	16	10/23	12/12
Mayfield Hts. (NP) (Council Only)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	13	10/23	12/12
Mayfield Village (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	4	10/23	12/12
Middleburg Hts (NP)	8/21	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	11	10/23	12/12

November 4, 2025 General Election continued

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Moreland Hills (NP)	8/6	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	3	10/23	12/12
Newburgh Hts (NP)	No Candidate Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
North Olmsted (NP) Council at Large	No Candidate Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	21	10/23	12/12
North Randall (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12
North Royalton (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	22	10/23	12/12
Oakwood Village (NP)	See 5/6 Primary Election	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	5	10/23	12/12
Olmsted Falls (NP) (Council Only)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	8	10/23	12/12
Olmsted Falls Charter Review Commission	8/6	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	8	N/A	N/A
Olmsted Township (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	9	10/23	12/12
Orange Village (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	3	10/23	12/12
Parma (I)	5/5	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	48	10/23	12/12
Parma Judicial (I)	5/5	8/25	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	114	10/23	12/12
Parma Hts. (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	12	10/23	12/12
Pepper Pike (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	5	10/23	12/12
Richmond Hts. (NP)	8/6	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	9	10/23	12/12
Rocky River (I)	6/11	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	16	10/23	12/12
Rocky River Judicial (I)	5/5	8/25	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	85	10/23	12/12
Seven Hills (NP)	See 9/9 Primary Election	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	8	10/23	12/12
Shaker Hts. (NP)	8/6	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	21	10/23	12/12
Shaker Hts. Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	45	10/23	12/12
Solon (NP)	See 9/9 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	15	10/23	12/12
South Euclid (NP)	8/21	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	16	10/23	12/12
South Euclid Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/7	16	10/23	12/12
Strongsville (NP)	See 5/6 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	30	10/23	12/12
University Hts (NP)	8/6	N/A	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	9	10/23	12/12
Valley View (NP)	No Candidate Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	2	10/23	12/12
Walton Hills (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	2	10/23	12/12
Warrensville Hts. (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	12	10/23	12/12
Westlake (NP)	See 5/6 Primary Election	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	24	10/23	12/12
Woodmere (NP)	8/6	8/25	8/6	9/5	10/6	10/7	1	10/23	12/12

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May 5, 2026 Primary

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Open to all municipalities for issues	N/A	N/A	02/04/26	03/06/26	04/07/26	04/08/26	975	04/23/26	06/12/26
All State/Federal/County Candidates	2/4/26	2/23/26	N/A	N/A	04/07/26	04/08/26	975	04/23/26	06/12/26

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Note: The filing deadline for Independent candidates for the November 5, 2024 General Election is May 4, 2026 (day before the primary election).