



2021 Deadlines by Election and Important Deadlines

May 4th Primary

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
Open to all municipalities for issues	N/A	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6		4/22	6/11
Bedford Judicial (P)	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	68	4/22	6/11
Berea (NP)	3/5	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	13	4/22	6/11
Berea Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	83	4/22	6/11
Fairview Park (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	13	4/22	6/11
Garfield Hts Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	56	4/22	6/11
Lyndhurst Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	47	4/22	6/11
Mayfield Hts Mayor Only (NP)	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	13	4/22	6/11
Newburgh Hts (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	1	4/22	6/11
Oakwood Village (NP)	2/3	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	5	4/22	6/11
Parma (P)	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	51	4/22	6/11
Parma Judicial (P)	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	117	4/22	6/11
Rocky River Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	86	4/22	6/11
Shaker Hts Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	45	4/22	6/11
Strongsville (NP)	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	30	4/22	6/11
Westlake (NP)	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/5	4/6	24	4/22	6/11

Note: The filing deadline for Parma Independent candidates is May 3, 2021.

The filing deadline for the above Judicial Independent/Nonpartisan candidates is May 3, 2021.

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 days before the election (3/19/2021)

*Protest deadline for candidate petitions is generally 74 days (2/19/2021) before the election.

*Write In Filing Deadline: Generally 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline generally 67 days (2/26/2021) before the election. See individual municipal charters for specific information.

**State election laws only allow Local Option elections when candidates are on the ballot in the same precinct.

Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name will not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (2/23/2021)

August 3rd Special (Issues Only)

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
Open to all municipalities for issues	N/A	N/A	5/5	6/4	7/6	7/7	N/A	7/22	9/10

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 days before the election (6/18/2021)

**State election laws only allow Local Option elections when candidates are on the ballot in the same precinct.

September 14th Municipal Primary

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
Bay Village (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	12	9/2	10/22
Bedford Hts (NP)	6/1	N/A	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	9	9/2	10/22
Broadview Hts (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	14	9/2	10/22
Brook Park (P)	6/16	N/A	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	12	9/2	10/22
Cleveland Mayor & Council (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	332	9/2	10/22
Cleveland Heights Mayor Only (NP)	6/16	N/A	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	33	9/2	10/22
East Cleveland Mayor Only (P)	6/16	N/A	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	15	9/2	10/22
Garfield Hts (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	19	9/2	10/22
Lakewood (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	37	9/2	10/22
Lakewood Judicial (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	37	9/2	10/22
Maple Hts (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	16	9/2	10/22
North Olmsted (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	21	9/2	10/22
Olmsted Falls Mayor Only (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	8	9/2	10/22
Rocky River (P)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	16	9/2	10/22
Seven Hills (NP)	6/16	N/A	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	8	9/2	10/22
Solon (NP)	6/16	7/6	6/16	7/16	8/16	8/17	15	9/2	10/22

Note: The filing deadline for Brook Park and Rocky River Independent candidates is June 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 days before the election (7/30/2021)

^Protest deadline for candidate petitions is generally 74 days (7/2/2021) before the election.

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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 (7/6/2021)

November 2nd General

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline ^A	*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
Open to all municipalities for issues and local options		N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5		10/21	12/10
All Boards of Education	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5		10/21	12/10
Bay Village (NP)	See 9/14 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	12	10/21	12/10
Beachwood (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	9	10/21	12/10
Bedford (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	10	10/21	12/10
Bedford Judicial (NP)	See 5/4 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	68	10/21	12/10
Bedford Hts (NP)	See 9/14 Primary Election	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	9	10/21	12/10
Bentleyville (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
Berea (NP)	See 5/4 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	13	10/21	12/10
Berea Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	83	10/21	12/10
Bratenahl (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
Brecksville (NP)	8/4	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	10	10/21	12/10
Broadview Hts (NP)	No Candidate Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	14	10/21	12/10
Brook Park (I)	6/16	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	12	10/21	12/10
Brooklyn (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	8	10/21	12/10
Brooklyn Hts (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
Chagrin Falls Township (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
Chagrin Falls Village (NP)	8/19	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	3	10/21	12/10
Cleveland (NP)	See 9/14 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	332	10/21	12/10
Cleveland Judicial (NP)	6/16	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	333	10/21	12/10
Cleveland Hts Council Only (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	33	10/21	12/10
Cleveland Hts Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	33	10/21	12/10
Cuyahoga Hts. (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
East Cleveland Council (NP)	8/4	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	15	10/21	12/10
East Cleveland Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	15	10/21	12/10
Euclid (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	39	10/21	12/10
Euclid Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	39	10/21	12/10
Fairview Park (NP)	No Candidate Election	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	13	10/21	12/10
Garfield Hts (NP)	See 9/14 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	19	10/21	12/10
Garfield Hts Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	56	10/21	12/10
Gates Mills (NP)	8/4	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	2	10/21	12/10
Glenwillow (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	3	10/21	12/10
Highland Heights (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	8	10/21	12/10
Highland Hills (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
Hunting Valley (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
Independence (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	5	10/21	12/10
Lakewood (NP)	See 9/14 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	37	10/21	12/10
Linndale (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
Lyndhurst (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	11	10/21	12/10
Lyndhurst Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	47	10/21	12/10
Maple Hts (NP)	See 9/14 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	16	10/21	12/10
Mayfield Hts. (NP) (Council Only)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	13	10/21	12/10
Mayfield Village (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	4	10/21	12/10
Middleburg Hts (NP)	8/19	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	11	10/21	12/10

November 2nd General continued

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Moreland Hills (NP)	8/4	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	3	10/21	12/10
Newburgh Hts (I)	5/3	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
North Olmsted (NP)	6/16	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	21	10/21	12/10
North Randall (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10
North Royalton (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	22	10/21	12/10
Oakwood Village (NP)	See 5/4 Primary Election	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	5	10/21	12/10
Olmsted Falls (NP) (Council Only)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	8	10/21	12/10
Olmsted Township (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	9	10/21	12/10
Orange Village (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	3	10/21	12/10
Parma (I)	5/3	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	51	10/21	12/10
Parma Judicial (I)	5/3	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	117	10/21	12/10
Parma Hts. (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	12	10/21	12/10
Pepper Pike (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	5	10/21	12/10
Richmond Hts. (NP)	8/4	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	9	10/21	12/10
Rocky River (I)	6/16	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	16	10/21	12/10
Rocky River Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	86	10/21	12/10
Seven Hills (NP)	See 9/14 Primary Election	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	8	10/21	12/10
Shaker Hts. (NP)	8/4	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	21	10/21	12/10
Shaker Hts. Judicial (I)	No Candidate Election	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	45	10/21	12/10
Solon (NP)	See 9/14 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	15	10/21	12/10
South Euclid (NP)	8/19	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	16	10/21	12/10
South Euclid Judicial (NP)	No Candidate Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	16	10/21	12/10
Strongsville (NP)	See 5/4 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	30	10/21	12/10
University Hts (NP)	8/4	N/A	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	9	10/21	12/10
Valley View (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	2	10/21	12/10
Walton Hills (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	2	10/21	12/10
Warrensville Hts. (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	12	10/21	12/10
Westlake (NP)	See 5/4 Primary Election	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	24	10/21	12/10
Woodmere (NP)	8/4	8/23	8/4	9/3	10/4	10/5	1	10/21	12/10

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May 3, 2022 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
Open to all municipalities for issues	2/2/22	N/A	02/02/22	03/04/22	04/04/22	04/05/22	975	04/21/22	06/10/22
All State/Federal/County Candidates	2/2/22	2/21/22	N/A	N/A	04/04/22	04/05/22	975	04/21/22	06/10/22

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Note: The filing deadline for Independent candidates for the November 8, 2022 General Election is May 2, 2022 (day before the primary election).