

2012 Deadlines by Election and Important Deadlines



March 6th, 2012 Primary

City	^Candidate Petition Filing Deadline	**Write In Filing Deadline	Issues/Local Option Filing Deadline	Charter Amendment Filing Deadline	Absentee Opening Date	Registration Close Date	Number of Precincts	Campaign Finance Pre-Election Report Deadline	Campaign Finance Post-Election Report Deadline
Open to all municipalities for issues	*12/7 (see note below)	12/27	12/7	1/6	1/31	2/6	1063	2/23	4/13
Presidential and Congressional	12/30	12/30							

^Protest deadline for candidate petitions is 74 days (12/23/2011) before the election.

^Protest deadline for Presidential and Congressional candidates petitions is 56 days (1/10/2012) before the election

**Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline generally 67 days (12/30/2011) before the election.

Note: The filing deadline for Independent candidates for the November 6, 2012 General Election is March 5, 2012 (day before the primary election).

Note: The filing deadline for President / Vice President Independent candidates for the November 6, 2012 General Election is August 8, 2012 (90 days before the general election).

August 7, 2012 Special (Issues Only)

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	*Write In Filing Deadline	Issues/Local Option** Filing Deadline	Charter Amendment Filing Deadline	Absentee Opening Date	Registration Close 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	5/9/12	6/8/12	7/3/12	7/9/12	N/A	7/26/12	9/14/12

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

November 6th, 2012 Presidential General

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	**Write In Filing Deadline	Issues/Local Option Filing Deadline	Charter Amendment Filing Deadline	Absentee Opening Date	Registration Close 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	8/8	9/7	10/2	10/9	1063	10/25	12/14
Independent Candidates March 6th Primary	3/5	8/27	N/A	N/A	10/2	10/9	1063	10/25	12/14
Brook Park Charter Review Commission	6/28	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/2	10/9	13	N/A	N/A
President / Vice President Independent Candidates	8/8	8/27	N/A	N/A	10/2	10/9	1063		
State School Board	8/8	8/27	N/A	N/A	10/2	10/9	1063	10/25	12/14

^Protest deadline for Independent candidate petitions (filing deadline 3/5/2012) is 6/1/2012.

^Protest deadline for nonpartisan & Joint President/Vice President candidate petitions is 74 days (8/24/2012) before the election.

**Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline generally 67 days (8/31/2012) before the election.

February 5th, 2013 Special (Issues Only)

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	*Write In Filing Deadline	Issues/Local Option** Filing Deadline	Charter Amendment Filing Deadline	Absentee Opening Date	Registration Close 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	11/7/12	12/7/12	1/2/13	1/7/13	N/A	1/24/13	3/15/13

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