

2018 Deadlines by Election and Important Deadlines



February Special Election (Issues Only) - Election Eliminated with passage of Ohio House Bill 64

May 8th, 2018 Primary Election

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	2/7	3/9	4/10	4/9	975	4/26	6/15
All State/Federal/County Candidates	2/7	2/26	N/A	N/A	4/10	4/9	975	4/26	6/15

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 45 Days before the election (3/24/2018)

^Protest deadline for candidate petitions is 74 days (2/23/2018) before the election.

**Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline generally 67 days (3/2/2018) before the election.

Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (2/27/2018)

Note: The filing deadline for Independent candidates for the November 6, 2018 General Election is May 7, 2018 (day before the primary election).

August 7th, 2018 Special (Issues Only)

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline^	Write In Filing Deadline	Issues 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	5/9/18	6/8/18	7/10/18	7/9/18	TBD	7/26/18	9/14/18

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 45 Days before the election (6/23/2018)

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

November 6th, 2018 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	10/10	10/9	975	10/25	12/14
Bedford Heights Charter Review Commission	6/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/10	10/9	9	N/A	N/A
Brook Park Charter Review Commission	6/13	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/10	10/9	12	N/A	N/A
Independent Candidates	5/7	8/27	N/A	N/A	10/10	10/9	975	10/25	12/14

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 45 Days before the election (9/22/2018)

^Protest deadline for Independent candidate petitions (filing deadline 5/7/2018) is 7/30/2018.

^Protest deadline for nonpartisan candidate petitions is 74 days (8/24/2018) before the election.

**Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline generally 67 days (8/31/2018) before the election.

Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (8/28/2018)

May 7, 2019 Primary Election

City	Candidate Petition Filing Deadline	*Write In (where applicable) 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	2/6	3/8	4/8	4/7		4/25	6/14
Bedford Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	2/25	N/A	N/A	4/8	4/7	68	4/25	6/14
Berea	3/8	2/25	2/6	3/8	4/8	4/7	13	4/25	6/14
Berea Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	2/25	N/A	N/A	4/8	4/7	83	4/25	6/14
Garfield Hts Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	2/25	N/A	N/A	4/8	4/7	56	4/25	6/14
Lyndhurst Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	2/25	N/A	N/A	4/8	4/7	47	4/25	6/14
Mayfield Hts Mayor Only	No Candidate Election	N/A	2/6	3/8	4/8	4/7	13	4/25	6/14
Newburgh Hts (P)	2/6	2/25	2/6	N/A	4/8	4/7	1	4/25	6/14
Oakwood Village (NP)	2/6	N/A	2/6	3/8	4/8	4/7	5	4/25	6/14
Parma (P)	2/6	2/25	2/6	N/A	4/8	4/7	51	4/25	6/14
Parma Judicial (P)	2/6	2/25	N/A	N/A	4/8	4/7	117	4/25	6/14
Rocky River Judicial (P)	2/6	2/25	N/A	N/A	4/8	4/7	86	4/25	6/14
Shaker Hts Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	2/25	N/A	N/A	4/8	4/7	45	4/25	6/14
Strongsville (NP)	2/6	2/25	2/6	3/8	4/8	4/7	30	4/25	6/14
Westlake (NP)	No Candidate Election	2/25	2/6	3/8	4/8	4/7	24	4/25	6/14

Note: The filing deadline for Parma Independent candidates is May 6, 2019.

The filing deadline for the above Judicial Independent/Nonpartisan candidates is May 6, 2019.

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^Protest deadline for candidate petitions is generally 74 days (2/22/2019) before the election.

*Write In Filing Deadline: Generally 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline generally 67 days (3/1/2019) before the election. See individual municipal charters for specific information.

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