

2021 Municipal Elections Calendar

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Introduction

- Main calendar elements
 - Filing periods
 - Election officials & preparation
 - Ballots
 - Early voting
 - Absentee voting & the voter
- June 1 & June 8 calendar on WVSOS website
- Dates may vary per election (Primary/General)

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Filings, Withdraws, & Write-ins

- Candidate filing: January 11 – 30, 2021
- Candidate withdraw
 - Primary: 3rd Tuesday after filing
 - General: 84 days before the election
- Write-in candidate filing: 49 days prior

****Note: File notice of intent (vote by mail) – January 29, 2021**

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Election Officials & Preparation

- Ballot position drawing
 - Primary: 4th Tuesday after filing period
 - General: 70 days prior
- Appointment of election officials – 84 days prior
- Training – 30 days prior
- Canvass – 5 days after the election

Precinct Changes	Days Before Election
Notice of change published	120
Notice of emergency change published	90
Deadline to order change	90
Deadline for emergency change	60



Ballots

- Estimate # of absentee ballots needed – 70 days prior
 - Deliver to recorder 46 days before election
- Begin mailing absentees – 46 days prior (last day to mail is 6 days prior)
- Sample ballots must be published in accordance with W. Va. Code
 - 1st publication → 16 – 20 days prior to election
 - 2nd publication → 7 – 1 day(s) before the election

Early Voting

- 13 – 3 days prior to the election
- Includes Saturdays
- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Emergency absentee policy (7 days before – 12:00pm on Election Day)

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Absentee & The Voter

- Voter registration deadline: 21 days prior
- Absentee requests begin: January 1 (or 84 days prior)
- Absentee application deadline: 6 days prior
- Deadline to return absentee ballot
 - In person: 1 day prior
 - By mail: On or before Election Day (Follow canvass procedure for those received after)

Canvass

- 5 days after the election (excluding Sundays)
- Declare results and begin 48 hour recount period
- If no recount is requested, results may be certified

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