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At a Glance

Municipal General Election 2025

Deadlines and Time Frames

Deadlines and time frames may differ for municipalities availing of mail voting

Latest date to begin voter enumeration	August 2	The listing of voters must begin at least 2 months prior to Election Day.
Voters List must be completed	September 2	
Posting of the time and place for nominating candidates Use MEF-01	August 25 (earliest) to September 1 (latest)	Must be posted 10 days before nomination day (if only one day is set) or 10 days before the first nomination day (if more than one day is set) in at least 2 places in the municipality and in a local newspaper, if available.
Nomination Period Use MEF-02 or if needed MEF-03	September 4 to 11	If only one nomination day is set, candidates must be nominated between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. If two or more nomination days are scheduled, candidates must be nominated between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each day. Nomination period excludes Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Send MEF-04 immediately to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement following close of nominations.
Last date for posting and publishing a list of nominated candidates Use MEF-04	Depending on nomination period: September 11 (earliest) to 18 (latest)	Returning Officer has 7 days after the date on which nominations close to give notice of the names of the nominated candidates in at least 2 places in the municipality and the local newspaper, if available.
Advance Poll period of 14 days Use MEF-04	September 18 to October 1 (inclusive)	If council decides to hold an Advance Poll, it must also decide when and where. Returning Officer must post in 2 places and publish in a local newspaper, if available, a notice of Advance Poll at least once in the 7 days before the poll. If there are 2 polls, one must be on September 27.
Last day for swearing in election officials, candidates, and agents and for impeditive voters to apply	October 1 (no later than 4:00 p.m.)	Use: MEF-09; MEF-10; MEF-11; and MEF-12

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Election Day	October 2	Polls Open 8:00 a.m. and Close 8:00 p.m.
Declaration of the elected candidates	October 3 before noon	Returning Officer publicly declares and posts in a conspicuous place the results of the election showing the number of votes received by each candidate.
Request for recount period	October 3 to 5 (inclusive)	Recounts must be requested not more than 3 days after the election.
Recounts must commence by this date	October 3 (earliest) to 8 (latest)	Recounts must commence not more than 3 days after receiving the request.
Returning Officer sends Election Report to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement	October 9	Must use MEF-17. Send original to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement within 7 days of the election and one copy retained by Returning Officer.
Last day for swearing in new councillors	October 16	New councillors must be sworn in within 14 days of the election. Use MEF-18.
First meeting of the newly elected council must be held by this date	October 16	Newly elected councils must have their first meeting within 14 days of being elected.
Election documents are destroyed, UNLESS there is a legal challenge that must be dealt with by the courts	November 1	Use MEF-13 and/or MEF-08C to update voters list before destroying election documents. If court action is taken, the election documents are destroyed only after the court action is completed and finalized.
Councillors have up to 90 days after the election to file MEF-19A or MEF-19B	December 31	Last date to file MEF-19A or MEF-19B if municipal regulations do not state otherwise.