

March Bulletin for Candidates

Changes to the Municipal Elections Act (MEA)

The following changes were made to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 regarding financial filings:

- Error in financial statement
 - If an error is identified in the financial statement that you have filed with the City Clerk, you may withdraw the statement and file a corrected one, but only until the filing deadline.
- 30 day extension period
 - If you do not file a financial statement by the deadline date, you have an additional 30 days in which to file provided you pay a **\$500 late filing fee**. If you do not file by the 30th day at 2 p.m., penalties will apply (i.e., disqualification and/or prohibition from running for any municipal office until after 2018)
- Refund of nomination filing fee
 - Your \$100 nomination filing fee will be refunded if you file the required financial statement by 2 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2017.

Notice of Financial Filing and Penalties

Please find enclosed the Notice of Financial Filing Requirements and Penalties as required under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Read the information carefully as you are required to file a financial statement after your election campaign closes – even if you did not raise or spend any money for your campaign. A list of key dates is provided to help you meet your filing deadlines.

Election Day Results

The City Clerk's Official [Declaration of Results](#) and [poll-by-poll results](#) are now available on the Election Services' website. The declaration shows the names of each candidate and the total number of votes received. Poll-by-poll results show the number of votes each candidate received in each voting subdivision.

Election Sign Deposit Refund

The City's Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS) division is responsible for processing election sign deposit refunds and invoicing any sign infractions. Your election sign deposit, less any deductions will be refunded to you within 90 days after voting day. For any questions about election signs, or your refund, please call 311.

Upcoming Office Closure

Election Services is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays:

- April 14 (Good Friday)
- April 17 (Easter Monday)
- May 22 (Victoria Day)

Key Dates

2017

- March 30**
- End of primary campaign period
 - Last day to file [Notice of Campaign Extension Period \(Form 6\)](#)

Primary Campaign Period

Applies to all candidates

- April 28**
- Last day to apply to the [Superior Court of Justice](#) to extend the deadline for submitting your Financial Statement
- May 1, 2 p.m.**
- Deadline to file [Financial Statement – Auditor's Report \(Form 4\)](#)
 - Deadline to notify the City Clerk of a court approved financial statement filing extension
- May 1**
- First day to apply for a Compliance Audit for the primary campaign (after 2 p.m.)
- May 15**
- Election sign deposits refunded by MLS
- May 31, 2 p.m.**
- Deadline to pay primary Financial Statement late filing fee of \$500
- July 31**
- Last day to apply for a Compliance Audit period for the primary campaign

Supplementary Campaign Period

Applies only to candidates who have extended their campaign

2017

- October 2**
- End of supplementary campaign period
- October 31**
- Last day to apply to the [Superior Court of Justice](#) to extend the deadline for submitting your supplementary Financial Statement
- November 1, 2 p.m.**
- Deadline to file [Financial Statement – Auditor's Report \(Form 4\)](#)
 - Deadline to notify the City Clerk of a court approved financial statement filing extension
- November 1**
- First day to apply for a Compliance Audit for the supplementary campaign (after 2 p.m.)
- December 1, 2 p.m.**
- Deadline to pay supplementary Financial Statement late filing fee of \$500

2018

- January 30**
- Last day to apply for a Compliance Audit for the supplementary campaign
 - Last day for contributors to apply for a contribution rebate