

## 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
<b>Open to all municipalities for issues</b>	*12/7 (see note below)	12/27	12/7	1/6	1/31	2/6	1063	2/23	4/13
<b>Presidential and Congressional</b>	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
<b>Open to all municipalities for issues</b>	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
<b>Open to all municipalities for issues</b>	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		
Woodmere Charter Review Commission	8/8	8/27	N/A	N/A	10/2	10/9	1	N/A	N/A
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
<b>Open to all municipalities for issues</b>	N/A	N/A	11/7/12	12/7/12	1/2/13	1/7/13	N/A	1/24/13	3/15/13

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