

2020 Deadlines by Election and Important Deadlines



March 17, 2020 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	12/18/19	1/17/20	2/19/20	2/18/20	975	3/5/20	4/24/20
All State/Federal/County Candidates	12/18/19	1/6/20	N/A	N/A	2/19/20	2/18/20	975	3/5/20	4/24/20

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (1/31/2020)

^Protest deadline for candidate petitions is 74 days (1/3/2020) before the election.

**Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline: generally 67 days (1/10/2020) before the election.

Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (1/7/2020)

Note: The filing deadline for Independent candidates for the November 3, 2020 General Election is March 16, 2020 (day before the primary election).

August 4th, 2020 Special Election (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	5/6	6/5	7/7	7/6	TBD	7/23	9/11

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (6/19/2020)

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

November 3rd, 2020 General 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	8/5	9/4	10/6	10/5	975	10/22	12/11
Independent Candidates	3/16	8/24	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/5	975	10/22	12/11
State Board of Education	8/5	8/24	N/A	N/A	10/6	10/5	975	10/22	12/11

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (9/18/2020)

^Protest deadline for Independent candidate petitions (filing deadline 3/16/2020) is 7/30/2020.

^Protest deadline for nonpartisan candidate petitions is 74 days (8/21/2020) before the election.

**Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline: generally 67 days (8/28/2020) before the election.

Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (8/25/2020)

May 4, 2021 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	2/3	3/5	4/6	4/5	TBD	4/22	6/11
Bedford Judicial (P)	2/3	2/22	N/A	N/A	4/6	4/5	70	4/22	6/11
Berea	3/5	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/6	4/5	13	4/22	6/11
Berea Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Garfield Hts Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lyndhurst Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mayfield Hts Mayor Only	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/6	4/5	13	4/22	6/11
Newburgh Hts (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oakwood Village (NP)	2/3	N/A	2/3	3/5	4/6	4/5	5	4/22	6/11
Parma (P)	2/3	2/22	2/3	N/A	4/6	4/5	51	4/22	6/11
Parma Judicial (P)	2/3	2/22	N/A	N/A	4/6	4/5	117	4/22	6/11
Rocky River Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shaker Hts Judicial (P)	No Candidate Election	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Strongsville (NP)	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/6	4/5	30	4/22	6/11
Westlake (NP)	2/3	2/22	2/3	3/5	4/6	4/5	24	4/22	6/11

Note: The filing deadline for Parma Independent candidates is May 3, 2021.

The filing deadline for the above Judicial Independent/Nonpartisan candidates is May 3, 2021.

Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 days before the election (3/19/2021)

^Protest deadline for candidate petitions is generally 74 days (2/19/2021) before the election.

*Write In Filing Deadline: Generally 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline: generally 67 days (2/26/2021) before the election. See individual municipal charters for specific information.

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Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name will not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (2/23/2021)