

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
2020 ELECTION CALENDAR**

| Date | Time | Event/Description | Computation | Legal Authority |
|--|-------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Monday June 8, 2020 | | First day to register as a candidate or political committee for the City election. | Second Monday in June of an election year. | City Code 5.10.020 |
| Wednesday August 26, 2020 | | Apartment building access for County/State/Federal candidates. | During the 90-day period preceding the next election. | City Code 6.04.040 |
| Tuesday September 15, 2020 | 7:30 PM | Nominating Caucus for City election. | Second Tuesday after Labor Day of an election year. | Charter Sec. 604(a) |
| Wednesday September 16, 2020 | | Apartment building access permitted for qualified City candidates | City candidates qualified as of this date. | City Code Section 6.04.040 |
| Friday September 18, 2020 | | Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown. | | |
| Friday September 18, 2020 | 5:00 PM | Deadline for City candidates nominated at Caucus to withdraw. Declination must be filed in writing with the City Clerk's office. | Candidates shall be placed upon the official ballot unless the nominated person files a declination with the City Clerk within 3 days after the nomination | Charter 604(b) |
| Friday September 18, 2020 | 5:00 PM | If not already registered, nominated City candidates must complete candidate registration by this time. | Within 3 days of nomination. | City Code 5.10.020(C) |
| Saturday September 19, 2020 | | Rosh Hashanah | | |
| <i>Saturday September 19, 2020</i> | | <i>Deadline MCBOE to transmit presidential absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline. (Military and Overseas absentee ballots.)</i> | <i>No later than 45 days before an election.</i> | <i>52 USC § 20302(a)(8)</i> |
| Monday September 21, 2020 | 5:00 PM | City candidates' Financial Disclosure Statements due to City Clerk. | On or before the Monday following the candidate's nomination. | City Code 3.04.080(D) |
| Wednesday September 23, 2020 | 12:00 PM | Deadline to provide City candidate's statement and photo to the City Clerk (via e-mail) for publication in the Takoma Park Newsletter | Deadline dependent upon Takoma Park Newsletter schedule. | |
| Sunday September 27, 2020 | | Yom Kippur begins at sundown. | | |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Monday September 28, 2020 | | Yom Kippur. | | |
| Monday October 5, 2020 | 4:00 PM | City Candidates' Post Nomination (First) Campaign Finance Report | No later than 4:00 p.m. of the third Monday after the City nominating caucus. | City Code 5.12.022(B)(1) |
| Monday October 12, 2020 | | Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples Day) – City facilities open. | | |
| Monday October 12, 2020 | 4:00 PM | City Candidates' Pre-Election (Second) Campaign Finance Report. | No later than 4:00 p.m. of the Monday at least seven days preceding the start of early voting. | City Code 5.12.022(B)(1) |
| <i>Tuesday October 13, 2020</i> | <i>5:00 PM MCBOE Office/ 11:59 PM SBE Online</i> | <i>Deadline to register to vote with MCBOE for the presidential election. After this time, voters may register at the time of voting.</i> | <i>21st day preceding an election.</i> | <i>EL § 3-302(a)</i> |
| Monday October 19, 2020 | 5:00 PM | Deadline to pre-register as a write-in candidate to have their name posted in the voting booth for the purpose of identifying them as a candidate for City office. Such candidate's Financial Disclosure Statement must be filed at the same time or before. | 3 business before the start of early voting. | Charter Section 605. City Code 3.04.080(D)(6) |
| <i>Wednesday October 21, 2020</i> | <i>5:00 PM</i> | <i>Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.</i> | <i>The day before early voting starts.</i> | <i>EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)</i> |
| <i>Thursday October 22, 2020</i> | <i>8:00 AM – 8:00 PM</i> | <i>Early Voting</i> | <i>2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.</i> | <i>EL § 10-301.1</i> |
| <i>Friday October 23, 2020</i> | <i>8:00 AM – 8:00 PM</i> | <i>Early Voting</i> | <i>2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.</i> | <i>EL § 10-301.1</i> |
| <i>Saturday October 24, 2020</i> | <i>8:00 AM – 8:00 PM</i> | <i>Early Voting</i> | <i>2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.</i> | <i>EL § 10-301.1</i> |
| <i>Sunday October 25, 2020</i> | <i>8:00 AM – 8:00 PM</i> | <i>Early Voting</i> | <i>2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.</i> | <i>EL § 10-301.1</i> |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Monday October 26, 2020 | 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Early Voting | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| Tuesday October 27, 2020 | 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Early Voting | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| Tuesday October 27, 2020 | 4:00 PM | Last day to request that a City election absentee ballot be mailed. | 4:00 PM on the 7th calendar day before the election. | City Code 5.20.020(B) |
| Tuesday October 27, 2020 | 8:00 PM (Mail) 11:59 PM (Fax/ Email) | Deadline for a registered voter to request an absentee ballot for the presidential election to be delivered by mail or fax. | Tuesday before an election | EL § 9-305(c)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E |
| Wednesday October 28, 2020 | 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Early Voting | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| Wednesday October 28, 2020 | | Beginning this day through election day, City absentee ballot applications must be presented in person. | 7th calendar day preceding election day. | City Code 5.20.020(C) |
| Thursday October 29, 2020 | 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Early Voting | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| Friday October 30, 2020 | 8:00 AM | Campaign Signs End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day after early voting ends. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| Friday October 30, 2020 | 5:00 PM (mail) 11:59 PM | Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot for the presidential election (delivered via Internet). | Friday before an election | EL § 9-305(c)(2) |
| Friday October 30, 2020 | 5:00 PM | Any write-in candidate for Mayor or Councilmember who wishes to be pre-registered as a write-in candidate and to have their name posted in the voting booth for the purpose of identifying them as a candidate for office, must file their name with the City Clerk by 5:00 pm. A pre-registered City write-in candidate's Financial Disclosure Statement must be filed at the same time or before pre-registering as a write-in candidate. | 3 business days prior to the start of early voting. | Charter Sec. 605 City Code 3.04.080(D)(6) |

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--|---|---|
| Monday November 2, 2020 | 5:00 P:M | <i>Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.</i> | <i>The day immediately preceding election day.</i> | <i>EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)</i> |
| Monday November 2, 2020 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Walk in “absentee” voting for the City election. | After the 7th calendar day preceding election day, through election day, a qualified voter or the voter’s authorized agent may submit a written request in person to the City Clerk for an absentee ballot. | City Code 5.20.020(C) |
| Tuesday November 3, 2020 | 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Election day. | First Tuesday after the first Monday in even-numbered years. | Charter Sec. 606(a) |
| Tuesday November 3, 2020 | 8:00 PM | Deadline for City absentee ballots to be received by the City Clerk. | Before the closing of polls on election day. | City Code 5.16.060(B)(1) |
| <i>Tuesday November 3, 2020</i> | <i>8:00 PM</i> | <i>Extended deadline for receipt of SBE voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in general election. An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked.</i> | | <i>EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D</i> |
| <i>Tuesday November 3, 2020</i> | <i>8:00 PM</i> | <i>Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request a presidential absentee ballot in person at MCBOE.</i> <i>Deadline for MCBOE receipt of presidential absentee ballot delivered by hand.</i> | <i>No later than the close of polls on election day.</i> | <i>EL § 9-305(b)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A</i> <i>COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)</i> |
| Wednesday November 4, 2020 | | City Election Canvass (City ballot reconciliation) | Within 48 hours after the closing of the polls. | Charter Sec. 613(b) |
| <i>Wednesday November 4, 2020</i> | <i>8:00 AM</i> | <i>End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.</i> | <i>The day immediately after election day.</i> | <i>EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)</i> |
| Wednesday November 4, 2020 OR Thursday November 5, 2020 | TBD | Board of Elections certification meeting | The judges of the election shall meet within two days following the election, and shall therefore determine and declare what persons have been elected and certify the results to the Council. | |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---|---|--------------------------|
| Thursday November 5, 2020 | 7:30 PM | Special meeting of the City Council to receive the certification of the election results. | Within 2 days following the election. | Charter Sec. 613 |
| Monday November 9, 2020 | | Deadline for filing City election challenge or appeal. | Two days after certified results presented to Council. | City Code 5.16.070(A) |
| Monday November 9, 2020 | 4:00 PM | Final (Third) City Campaign Finance Report due to City Clerk. | No later than 4:00 p.m. of the Monday following the election. | City Code 5.12.020(A)(2) |
| Monday November 9, 2020 | | Any anonymous contributions received to be contributed to the City general fund by this date. | No later than 4:00 p.m. of the Monday following the election. | City Code 5.12.020(D) |
| Wednesday November 11, 2020 | | Veterans Day | | |
| Thursday November 12, 2020 | 7:30 PM | Swearing-In of the Mayor and Councilmembers | The newly elected Council shall meet on the second Wednesday following its election for the purpose of organization. If the second Wednesday following its election conflicts with Veterans Day or a recognized religious holiday, the Council shall meet the next day, Thursday. | Charter Sec. 305 |
| Wednesday February 3, 2021 | | Minimum retention for voted paper ballots and printed or electronic voting machine records. | | City Code 5.16.060(D) |

Version: 2020-06-08

**Entries in italics refer to the presidential election and State Board of Elections requirements. They are listed here because of their importance for City voters.*