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2027 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

Primary Election Day ..... May 4, 2027

Petition Filing Deadline (90 days) ..... 4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Deadline for Write-In Candidates (72 days)* ..... 4:00 p.m., February 22, 2027
Voter Registration Closes (30 days)* ..... 9:00 p.m., April 5, 2027
In Person Absentee Opens ..... April 6, 2027
Independent Filing Deadline (Hilliard and Reynoldsburg) ..... 4:00 p.m., May 3, 2027

* In some instances, the statutory deadline falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In those instances, the deadlines are extended, pursuant to R.C. 1.14, to the next succeeding day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline.

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

Handouts: Acknowledgement of Notice of Judicial FDS, Acknowledgement of Notice of ORC, Notice of Judicial Candidate Seminars, Receipt

Petition: Special Form 3-I (Franklin County)

Signature Requirement ..... Min. 50 – Max. 150
Filing Deadline ..... 4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Fee ..... $80.00 ($50.00 petition fee and $30.00 OEC fee)
Offices to be elected:
Judge, full term commencing 1-1-2028 ..... Mike McAllister
Judge, full term commencing 1-2-2028 ..... Bill Hedrick
Judge, full term commencing 1-3-2028 ..... Mark A. Hummer
Judge, full term commencing 1-4-2028 ..... Gina Russo
Judge, full term commencing 1-5-2028 ..... Cynthia Ebner
Judge, full term commencing 1-6-2028 ..... Eileen Paley
Judge, full term commencing 1-7-2028 ..... Jim O'Grady
Judge, full term commencing 1-8-2028 (Environmental Division) ..... Stephanie Mingo
Judge, full term commencing 1-9-2028 ..... Mary Kay Fenlon

Nominated by petition - these offices do not appear on the primary ballot.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

Handouts: Acknowledgement of Notice of FDS, Acknowledgement of Notice of ORC, Receipt

Petition: Special Columbus – Single; Columbus City Council

Signature Requirement (Mayor) ..... Min. 1,000 – No Max.[c]
Signature Requirement (City Council) ..... Min. 250 – No Max.[c]
Filing Deadline ..... 4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Fee ..... $45.00 ($20.00 petition fee and $25.00 OEC fee)
Offices ..... Mayor (Ginther)
..... Auditor - UTE 12/31/2029
..... Council District 2 (Day-Achauer)
..... Council District 5 (Bankston)
..... Council District 6 (Green)
..... Council District 8 (Barroso de Padilla)
..... Council District 9 (Hardin)

Non-Partisan ballot. If no more than two candidates are certified for a contest, then no primary election will be held.

Additional Requirements:

Petitions shall contain the names and addresses of five registered electors of the City of Columbus designated in advance by the candidate as a nominating committee (committee members may reside anywhere in the city). Signers of city council petitions must be registered in the district.

[c] indicates this is a charter requirement.

CITY OF GAHANNA

Handouts: Acknowledgement of Notice of FDS, Acknowledgement of Notice of ORC, Receipt

Petition: Special Form Gahanna Mayor Nominating Petition

Signature Requirement ..... Min. 50 – Max. 100[c]
Filing Deadline..... 4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Fee ..... $45.00 ($20.00 petition fee and $25.00 OEC fee)
Offices..... Mayor (Jadwin)

A non-partisan primary for Mayor only. Two to be nominated.

CITY OF HILLIARD

Handouts: Acknowledgement of Notice of FDS, Acknowledgement of Notice of ORC, Receipt

Petition: Form 2-I

Signature Requirement
Major Party ..... Min. 50 – Max. 150
Minor Party ..... Min. 25 – Max. 75
Filing Deadline..... 4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Fee ..... $45.00 ($20.00 petition fee and $25.00 OEC fee)
Offices..... Three Council Seats (Betts, Cole, Vermillion)

Partisan Primary – In the event the number of candidates from a political party is less than or equal to the number of positions to be filled in the next General Election, then no primary election need be held.

City of Hilliard – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:

Petition: Form 3-N

Signature Requirement ..... Min. TBD – Max. TBD*
Filing Deadline..... 4:00 p.m., May 3, 2027
Filing Fee ..... $45.00 ($20.00 petition fee and $25.00 OEC fee)

Additional requirements per charter – *No group petitions and signers of petitions are restricted to the number of offices to be voted on. Nominating Committee not required.*

CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG

Handouts: Acknowledgement of Notice of FDS, Acknowledgement of Notice of ORC, Receipt

Petition: Form 2-I

Signature Requirement
Major Party ..... Min. 50 – Max. 150 (Ward Council Min. 25 – Max. 75)
Minor Party ..... Min. 25 – Max. 75 (Ward Council Min. 13 – Max. 39)
Filing Deadline..... 4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Fee ..... $45.00 ($20.00 petition fee and $25.00 OEC fee)
Offices..... Mayor (Begeny)
..... City Attorney (Shook)
..... President of Council (Pyakurel)
..... Council Ward 1 (Towns)
..... Council Ward 2 (Salvati)
..... Council Ward 3 (Chambers)
..... Council Ward 4 (Hill)

Partisan Primary – If the number of candidates from a political party is less than or equal to the number of positions to be filled in the next General Election, then no primary election need be held.

City of Reynoldsburg – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:

Petition: Form 3-N

Signature Requirement. (Mayor, City Attorney, Pres of Council) Min. TBD – Max. TBD*
Signature Requirement..... (Council Ward 1) Min. TBD – Max. TBD*
Signature Requirement..... (Council Ward 2) Min. TBD – Max. TBD*
Signature Requirement..... (Council Ward 3) Min. TBD – Max. TBD*
Signature Requirement..... (Council Ward 4) Min. TBD – Max. TBD*
Filing Deadline..... 4:00 p.m., May 3, 2027
Filing Fee ..... $45.00 ($20.00 petition fee and $25.00 OEC fee)

*Signatures required for independent candidates in the Hilliard and Reynoldsburg municipal elections are based on 1% of the total votes for governor at the 2026 General Election.

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CITY OF WHITEHALL

Handouts: Acknowledgement of Notice of FDS, Acknowledgement of Notice of ORC, Receipt

Petition: "Special – Whitehall"

Signature Requirement..... Min. 30 – No Max[c]
Filing Deadline.....4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Fee .....$45.00 ($20.00 petition fee and $25.00 OEC fee)
Offices.....Mayor (Bivens)
..... Treasurer (Luke)
.....City Attorney (Nicodemus)
.....President of Council (Balser)
..... Three Council-at-Large Seats (Elmore, Morrison, Harcar)

Non-Partisan Primary – If the number of persons filing such declaration does not exceed twice the number of offices available for nomination, then no primary election shall be held for such office. Nominating Committee not required.

VILLAGE OF BRICE *charter*

Handouts: Acknowledgement of Notice of ORC, Receipt

Petition: Form Brice Special

Signature Requirement..... Min. 10 – Max. 30[c]
Filing Deadline.....4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Fee .....$30.00 ($10.00 petition fee and $20.00 OEC fee)
Offices.....Mayor
..... Two Council Seats (Full Term)
.....Two Council Seats (Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2029)

Non-Partisan Primary – If the number of persons filing such declaration does not exceed twice the number of offices available for nomination, then no primary election shall be held for such office. Petitions shall contain the names and addresses of five registered electors of the Village of Brice designated in advance by the candidate as a nominating committee.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Handouts: Acknowledgement of Notice of FDS, Acknowledgement of Notice of ORC, Receipt

Petition: Form 2-V- Board of Education Primary (single candidate)
Petition: Board of Education Special (several candidates)

Signature Requirement.....Min. 300 – Max. 900
Filing Deadline.....4:00 p.m., February 3, 2027
Filing Fee .....$30.00 ($10.00 petition fee and $20.00 OEC fee)
Board Member .....Four Seats (eight to be nominated) (Adair, Ingles, Simmons, Pierce)

Non-Partisan Primary Election only if there are more than twice the number of candidates as open seats. Columbus City School District candidates are required to file a financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission.

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