

Election Calendar

Regular Municipal Election March 1, 2016

January 5, 2016 <u>56 Days Prior</u> (Between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)	<p>Candidate Filing Day [NMSA § 3-8-27A]</p> <p>(Between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Candidates must file Declaration of Candidacy. This is the ONLY opportunity for a candidate to file to run for office. All candidates must file in person at the City Clerk's office.</p> <p>A certified copy of candidate's current affidavit of voter registration on file with the Lea County Clerk which has been certified by that office on a date not earlier than November 16, 2015. Candidates' affidavits of voter registration must show their address as a street address or rural route number, not as a post office box.</p>
January 7, 2016 <u>54 Days Prior</u>	<p>By 9:00 a.m. the City Clerk must post a list of names of those individuals who have been certified as candidates, as well, as those who have not been certified with the reasons they have not. [NMSA §3-8-27H]</p> <p>Between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. the candidate or authorized representative shall contact the City Clerk's Office to ascertain whether his/her declaration of candidacy has been certified as valid. [NMSA §3-8-27D(5)]</p> <p>At 5:01 p.m. the City Clerk, in the presence of the certified candidates (or authorized representatives) who desire to be present, administers an impartial and fair drawing by lot to determine the order the candidates' names will appear on the ballot. The City Clerk draws for any candidate or his/her representative who is not present. [NMSA §3-8-29A]</p>
January 12, 2016 <u>49 Days Prior</u>	<p>Withdrawal of Candidacy. Deadline for candidates to withdraw his/her candidacy by filing an affidavit in the City Clerk's office on a form provided by the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall not place on the ballot the name of any person who has filed such an affidavit by this date. [NMSA §3-8-27I]</p>

January 12, 2016 <u>49 Days Prior</u>	<p>Write-In Candidate Filing Day</p> <p>(Between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) No person can be elected as a write-in candidate unless certified as such by the City Clerk. All write-in candidates must file in person at the City Clerk's office.</p> <p>This is the only date and time on which a write-in candidate may file for office. <i>[NMSA §3-8-27L]</i></p> <p>Write-in candidates shall file a certified copy of candidate's current affidavit of voter registration on file with the Lea County Clerk which has been certified by that office on a date not earlier than November 16, 2015. Candidates' affidavits of voter registration must show their address as a street address or rural route number, not as a P. O. Box.</p>
January 14, 2016 <u>47 Days Prior</u>	<p>By 9:00 a.m. the City Clerk must post in the office the names of those individuals who have been certified as declared write-in candidates as well as those who have not been certified with the reasons they have not. <i>[NMSA §3-8-27L(4)]</i></p>
January 26, 2016 <u>35 Days Prior</u>	<p>First day that absentee ballots may be mailed to voters, including Federal qualified electors and voters who applications have been accepted and approved. <i>[NMSA § 3-9-4M]</i></p> <p>First day absentee ballots may be cast in person on paper ballots. <i>[NMSA §3-9-4J]</i></p>
January 26, 2016 <u>35 Days Prior</u>	<p>Deadline for declared write-in candidate to file affidavit of withdrawal to City Clerk. <i>[NMSA §3-8-27L(5)]</i></p>
February 2, 2016 <u>28 Days Prior</u>	<p>At 5:00 p.m., Lea County Clerk closes voter registration. <i>[NMSA §1-4-8]</i></p>
February 10, 2016 <u>20 Days Prior</u>	<p>First day for early voting by voting machine/electronic tabulator in City Clerk's Office. <i>[NMSA §3-8-37.1 A]</i></p>
February 26, 2016 Friday Immediately Preceding the Election <u>4 Days Prior</u>	<p>Last day absentee ballots can be mailed out <i>[NMSA §3-9-4M]</i></p> <p>Last day to cast absentee/early ballots in person on paper or on machine/tabulator (until 5:00 p.m.). <i>[NMSA §3-8-37.1 A]</i></p> <p>Deadline for candidates to file a petition for appointment of a challenger, watcher and alternates for each polling place. City Clerk verifies the proposed appointees are qualified to serve. <i>[NMSA §3-8-31 B]</i></p>

March 1, 2016	Election Day – Polls open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. [NMSA §3-8-38D]
March 7, 2016 <u>6 Days Following</u>	By 7:00 p.m. on this date, the City Clerk or anyone authorized by law to administer oaths, administers the oath of office to each elected candidate. [NMSA §3-8-33B]
March 7, 2016	Organizational Meeting (Governing Body Regular Meeting) [NMSA §3-8-33H]