

2020

May Municipal Non-Partisan Election Timeline

March

March 9

Nomination Petition Filing Deadline for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(On or before 64th day prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-8

March 10 - March 19*

Publication of Candidates' Names for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by Municipal Clerk

(within 10 days after filing deadline)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-13

March 12

Deadline for Amendments to Defective Petitions for Municipal Non-Partisan Candidates

(no later than 61 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-9

March 13

Filing Deadline for Objections to Nomination Petitions for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(no later than 4 days after filing deadline)

N.J.S.A. 19:13-10

March 17

Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by Municipal Clerks

(prior to the 55th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-6

March 18

Deadline for Determination of Petition Challenges for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(9 days after the last day for filing nomination petitions)

N.J.S.A. 19:13-11

March 22 - April 20

Publication of Notice of Municipal Non-Partisan Election by Municipal Clerks

(within 30 days before the close of registration for election)

(N.J.S.A. 19:12-7)

March 28

Commencement of Mailing of Mail-In Ballots for Municipal Non-Partisan Election

(45 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-5, N.J.S.A. 19:63-9

**Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:45-13 within 10 days after the expiration of the time for filing certificates, statements and petitions for candidates, and the drawing for position, the municipal clerk shall cause the names of the candidates as they are to appear upon the ballots to be published in proper form once in each of the two newspapers having circulation in the municipality and published in this State.*

*** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:45-12 there is no specific deadline in the statute for ballot draw, but the clerk must give at least a two day notice by certified mail to the candidates. N.J.S.A. 40:45-13 also provides that within 10 days after the petition deadline and the ballot draw, the municipal clerk is to publish once in each of two newspapers having circulation in the municipality and the state, the names of the candidates as they are to appear on the ballot.*

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April 21

Voter Registration Deadline for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(21 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

April 21

Mandated Evening Voter Registration Available for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections in Offices of County Commissioners of Registration

(optional for municipal clerks)(21 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:31-2

April 28

Deadline for Filing of Challenger Appointments for Municipal Non-Partisan Election

(second Tuesday preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:7-3, N.J.S.A 19:12-7

May

May 3 - May 9

Publication of Notice of Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by Municipal Clerks

(once during the calendar week prior to election)

(please reference N.J.S.A. 19:12-7)

May 5

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(not less than 7 days prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

May 5

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by County Boards of Election

(7 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

May 6

Mailing of Sample Ballots for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:14-25

May 8

Deadline for Application to Receive Municipal Non-Partisan Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

(4th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

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May 11 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for Municipal Non-Partisan Election

(up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

May 11

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by County Boards of Election

(1 day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

May 12

Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(second Tuesday in May)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-7, N.J.S.A. 40:45-16

May 12

Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(day of election)

(notice to be given 48 hours prior to the start of testing)

N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8

May 12

Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the Municipal Non-Partisan Election

May 12

Deadline for in Person Submission of Municipal Non-Partisan Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election

(by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-16

May 13 - May 29

Impoundment Period for Voting Machines Used in the Non-Partisan Elections

(17 days following election) (to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)

N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

May 14

Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election

(no later than 48 hours after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-16

May 15

Canvass by Municipal Clerks of Votes Cast in Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(three days following election) (to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-16

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May 29

Deadline for Recount Applications for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(within 17 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

May 29

Deadline for Applications for Recheck of Voting Machines Used in the Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(within 17 days after election) (to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)

N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

May 29

Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the Municipal Non-Partisan Election

(within 17 days after election or 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21, N.J.S.A. 19:53C-21

June

June 9

Municipal Non-Partisan Run-Off Election

(4th Tuesday next following municipal election, unless in any year that Tuesday shall be the date upon which a primary election shall be held, in which case the run-off election shall be held on the 5th Tuesday next following the municipal election)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-19

June 13

Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(not later than 32 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:29-3