

# 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION GUIDE



**POLLS OPEN 7 AM - 8 PM**

**PRELIMINARY ELECTION:**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

***(IF NEEDED)***

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION:**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025**



The City of  
**WORCESTER**



## **FAQs:**

**Q: What is the Municipal Election?**

A: The Municipal Election elects the Mayor, At-Large City Councilors, District City Councilors, At-Large School Committee Members, and District School Committee members.

**Q: Is there a Municipal Preliminary?**

A: Municipal Preliminaries are only necessary if there are more than two candidates running for the same district seat. The Preliminary would take place on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Q: Who can vote in the Municipal Election?**

A: Any registered voter in the City can vote.

**Q: Do I need an excuse to vote by mail? (If yes, what is a valid excuse?)**

A: You do not need an excuse.

**Q: Do I automatically get sent a mail-in ballot?**

A: No, you must register to vote by mail. You can register online, by mail or through email or fax.

**Q: When do I need to return my ballot?**

All ballots must be returned by close of polls on Election Day (8 p.m.)

**Q: How do I track my ballot after I've mailed it back?**

You can track your ballot: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/TrackMyBallot>

## How do I register to vote?

Visit [www.registertovotema.com](http://www.registertovotema.com)!

To learn more about the  
**Municipal Election, City Council  
Districts, School Committee  
Districts,  
Early Voting, Vote By Mail and your  
polling location**, please visit  
[www.worcesterma.gov/elections](http://www.worcesterma.gov/elections).



## Important Dates



**Tuesday, March 4th, 8:45 am-** First day & hour to access nomination papers @ the offices of the Board of Election Commissioners, Room 208, City Hall.

**Tuesday, May 6th, 5:00 pm-** Last day & hour for submitting nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners for certification of signatures.

**Thursday, May 15th, 5:00 pm-** Last day & hour to file a withdrawal or objections to nomination of candidates with the Board of Election Commissioners.

**Saturday, August 23rd-** Last day & hour to register to vote in the Preliminary Election. Office Hours 8 AM – 5 PM

**Tuesday, Sept. 2nd-** Preliminary Election, Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. *(if necessary, Worcester Charter Section 7-4f)*

**Tuesday, Sept. 9th-** Last day & hour to decline nomination for election to Mayor, Council, or School Committee and for submitting non-binding public opinion advisory questions for certification of signatures.

**Saturday, October 25th-** Last day & hour to register to vote in the Municipal Election. Office Hours 8 AM – 5 PM

**Tuesday, Nov. 4th-** Municipal Election, Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.