

2021/2022 Election Overview

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Election Dates



City Charter

- 2015 Charter Amendment - City elections same as State.

Election Dates according to State Statutes

- Primary Elections – summer of even numbered years
- General Elections - fall of even numbered years
- Special Elections - odd or even years



Types of Elections

Primary Elections

- Summer of Even Number Years Only – August
 - Only held if there are more than 2 candidates for each seat.

General Elections

- Fall of Even Number Years Only – November
 - Candidate Elections
 - General Obligation Bonds
 - Sales Tax



Types of Elections

Special Elections

- Can be held in odd or even years
 - Charter Amendments
 - Initiative, Referendum, or Recall
 - Regional Plan Adoption
 - Franchise
 - Expenditure Limitation/Permanent Base Adjustment



Upcoming Election Dates

2021 Special Elections

- March 9, 2021
- May 18, 2021
- August 3, 2021
- November 2, 2021

2022 Special Elections

- March 2, 2022
- May 17, 2022

2022 Primary Election (if needed)

- August 2, 2022

General Election

- November 8, 2022



Financial Considerations

- Coconino County Elections conducts the City Elections
- Costs are based on registered voters.
 - 44,000 registered voters at last election.
- Special Elections
 - All Mail Ballot - \$2.50/registered voter
 - Polling Place - \$5.00/registered voter
- Combined Jurisdiction Election
 - Mail & Polling Place - \$2.00/registered voter



Financial Considerations

- Other Election Related Costs
 - Publicity Pamphlet – printing and mailing
 - Information Gathering
 - Outreach & Education Materials
 - Consulting Costs (optional)
 - Most common with bond questions



What is a City Charter?

- A document that outlines the City's governmental structure, identifies jurisdiction, and provides enabling authority for self-rule.
- Was originally voted on by the citizens in 1958 and has been amended 8 times since then.
 - Last amendment 2015
- Any amendment to the Charter requires approval by a majority of qualified electors voting in election.
 - Under State law, each change to the Charter must be considered by the voters independently.



Possible Amendments

- 2015 Charter Review Committee evaluated and ranked several staff and committee proposed amendments.
- 19 questions forwarded to voters in 2015
- Roughly 30 questions remain for future consideration
- Additional staff recommendations since 2015.
 - Election Dates
 - Lease of City Property
- Other considerations from Council.



Charter Election

- The time to begin planning for possible 2021 or 2022 ballot measures is now.
- Planning and Outreach take time.
 - Charter Amendment or Ballot Measure Citizen Committee
 - Information Gathering
 - Recommendations to Council
 - Public Outreach



Possible Timeline

Action	November 2021 Timeline	March 2022 Timeline
Advertise/Select Charter Review Committee Members	January/February 2021	February/March 2021
Convene Committee	March - May 2021	March - August 2021
Committee Recommendations to Council	May/June 2021	September 2021
Final Council Approval & Call of Election	June/July 2021	October/November 2021
Prepare Final Public Outreach Materials Present to Service Groups	July - October 2021	October 2021 – February 2022
Election	November 8, 2021	March 2, 2022



Council Direction

- Do you want to move forward with a possible Special Election for Charter Amendments?
 - November 2021 or March/May 2022?
- Do you want to the City Manager to appoint a committee to evaluate proposed amendments?
- Are there charter amendments you would like to add to the list for consideration?



QUESTIONS?