

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

**SCHEDULE FOR THE
2023 CITY ELECTION**

- Nomination Papers Available from the City Clerk Wednesday, April 12, 2023**
- Deadline for Candidates to File Nomination Papers with RegistrarsTuesday, August 15, 2023**
☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.
- Deadline for Registrars to Transmit Nomination Papers to City ClerkTuesday, August 29, 2023**
- Last Day to File Objections or to WithdrawThursday, August 31, 2023**
☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.
- Drawing for Ballot Positions (City Council Chamber)Thursday, August 31, 2023**
☞ At or before 5:05 p.m.
- Last Day to Register to be eligible to Vote in the *Preliminary ElectionSaturday, September 30, 2023**
☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.
- Last Day to Request a Mail-in Ballot in the *Preliminary Elections.....Monday, October 2, 2023**
☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.
- Preliminary Election* (if scheduled)Tuesday, October 10, 2023**
- Last Day to Register to be eligible to Vote in the City ElectionSaturday, October 28, 2023**
☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.
- Last Day to Request a Mail-In Ballot in the City Election.....Tuesday, October 31, 2023**
☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.
- City ElectionTuesday, November 7, 2023**

*** Preliminary Election Scheduling**

- (A) A Preliminary Election will be held citywide under the following circumstances: (a) if there are more than two (2) candidates for Mayor; or, (b) if there are more than twelve (12) candidates for Councillor at-large; or, (c) if there are more than six (6) candidates for School Committee.
- (B) A Preliminary Election will be held only in Wards with more than two (2) candidates for Ward Councillor.
- (C) A Preliminary Election ballot will include only those offices that meet the conditions under (A) and/or (B) above.

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**will be available on Wednesday, April 12, 2023
at the City Clerk's Office, Room 121, City Hall**

Preliminary Election - Tuesday, October 10, 2023 (if necessary)

General Election - Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Candidates need the certified signatures of 50 registered Gardner voters to qualify as a candidate for nomination
*[Candidates are urged to obtain more than 50 signatures as some may be disqualified because they are duplicates, illegible,
the signer is not a registered voter in Gardner, or the signer is not registered at the address written on the papers]*

**Nomination Papers must be returned to the City Clerk's Office
No later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED		
OFFICE	TERM	NO. OF POSITIONS
Mayor	2 Years	1
Councillor at Large	2 Years	6
Councillor Ward 1	2 Years	1
Councillor Ward 2	2 Years	1
Councillor Ward 3	2 Years	1
Councillor Ward 4	2 Years	1
Councillor Ward 5	2 Years	1
School Committee	4 Years	3

A list of candidates will be posted following final certification of nomination papers.

Contact the City Clerk's Office for more information.

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