



CANDIDATE CALENDAR
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Nomination Period: 07/13/2026 – 08/7/2026* (*Deadline extended if incumbent does not file)

Before Soliciting any contributions	File Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement with the City Clerk
Planning to spend or receive over \$2,000	File Form 410 Statement of Organization within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions together with \$50 fee to Secretary of State and copy to the City Clerk.
July 13, 2026	First Day for Candidates to pull nomination papers with the City Clerk (Appointment Preferred)
July 31, 2026 (period *- 6/30/2026)	All open Committees must file Form 460 (Semi-Annual) with the City Clerk
August 7, 2026 (5:00 PM) <i>Recommend not to wait until last day and last hour</i>	Close of the Nomination Period if all incumbents file nominations papers. (*This date is extended if an incumbent does not file by August 7. <u>An incumbent is not eligible to file during the extended nomination period.</u>
*extended date TBD ~ August 12, 2026 (5:00 PM) "TBD"	Close of the extended Nomination Period if an incumbent did not file nomination papers by August 7. <u>Incumbents are not eligible to file during the extended nomination period.</u>
During business hours for 10 days following close of nominations	Public Examination Period. Candidate Statements, Names, and Ballot Designations will be made available for public view by the City Clerk.
August 5, 2026 Inland FBMC 18.38.040(C)(4) (90 days before election)	First Day that political signs may be erected.
August 13, 2026	Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of Candidate names to appear on the ballot
September 4, 2026 Coastal FBMC 17.38.040 (C)(4) (60 days before election)	First Day that political signs may be erected. \$100 deposit
September 24, 2026 (period 7/1/26 – 9/19/26)	File Form 460 (First Pre-Election Campaign Statement) or Form 470 with the City Clerk
September 24, 2026	First Day mail sample ballots booklets.



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October 5, 2026	Vote by mail official ballots will begin being placed in the mail by the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk.
TBD ~ October 6, 2026	City Hall Mendocino County Ballot Box Open 24 hours a day/7 Days a Week
October 19, 2026	Last day to register to vote to receive a vote by mail ballot. Conditional voter registration after this date will be provided at polling locations.
October 20, 2026	Last day for Write-In Candidates
October 22, 2026 (period 9/20/26 – 10/17/26)	File Form 460 (Second Pre-Election Campaign Statement) or Form 470 with the City Clerk.
NOVEMBER 3, 2026	ELECTION DAY. Polls are open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Polling Locations: Veterans Memorial Building, 360 N. Harrison Street and Grace Community Church, 1450 East Oak Street.
November 8, 2026 Inland 5 days after election	Deadline to remove political signs.
November 13, 2026 Coastal 10 days after election	Deadline to remove political signs and return of \$100 deposit if timely.
December 3, 2026	Last Day for County to certify Election Results to City.
December 14, 2026	City Council to adopt and certify Election Results at City Council meeting at Town Hall and Taking Office/Oath for newly elected officials.
December 31, 2026	Terminate a Committee, Form 410 and 460 must be filed with Secretary of State and copy to City Clerk with zero balance.
January 13, 2027	Filing of Statement of Economic Interest Assuming Office "Form 700"
January 15, 2027	\$50 fee due to Secretary of State for open campaign committee(s)
February 1, 2027 (period 10/18/26 – 12/31/26)	All committees must file Form 460 with Secretary of State copy to City Clerk