# Region 3 Election Timeline

**Election Day:** **May 4, 2021**

| Description | Days Before Election | Day of the Week | Deadline |
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| Candidate Filing Period Begins | E-122 | Saturday | January 2, 2021 |
| Candidate Challenge Period Begins | E-122 | Saturday | January 2, 2021 |
| Candidate Filing Period Ends | E-77 | Tuesday | February 16, 2021 |
| Documentation Deadline for Candidates | E-74 | Friday | February 19, 2021 |
| Candidate Challenge Period Ends | E-69 | Wednesday | February 24, 2021 |
| Candidate Withdrawal Deadline | E-65 | Sunday | February 28, 2021 |
| Deadline to Resolve Candidate Challenges | E-64 | Monday | March 1, 2021 [1] |
| Deadline to Announce Board Affirmation | E-64 | Monday | March 1, 2021 [1] |
| Release of Certified List of Candidates | E-60 | Friday | March 5, 2021 |
| Vote-By-Mail Application Period Begins | E-60 | Friday | March 5, 2021 |
| Ballot Mailing Period Begins | E-29 | Monday | April 5, 2021 |
| Candidate Photo and Statement Deadline | E-7 | Tuesday | April 27, 2021 |
| Vote-By-Mail Application Period Ends | E-7 | Tuesday | April 27, 2021 |
| **Election Day** | **0** | **Tuesday** | **May 4, 2021** [2] |
| Recount/Challenge Filing Period Begins | E+1 | Wednesday | May 5, 2021 |
| Deadline to Receive Postmarked Ballots | E+3 | Friday | May 7, 2021 |
| Unofficial Results Due | E+7 | Tuesday | May 11, 2021 |
| Recount/Challenge Filing Period Deadline | E+8 | Wednesday | May 12, 2021 |
| Challenge Resolution Deadline | E+13 | Monday | May 17, 2021 |
| Official Results Due/Certification Deadline | E+15 | Wednesday | May 19, 2021 |
| Retention of NC Materials | E+90 of Region 12 Election Day | TBD | TBD |

Due to the pandemic, the City Clerk - Election Division's office may be closed to the public, however, staff is available Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. by phone and email.

1. When a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, religious or national holiday, the actual deadline date will be moved to the following City Clerk business day.

2. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received within three business days.