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Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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The General Village Election

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General Information

General Election Dates

Election Law § 15-104. General village election

1. a. The general village election shall be held on the third Tuesday in March except in any village which presently elects, or hereafter adopts a proposition to elect, its officers on a date other than the third Tuesday in March.
- b. In any village in which the general village election, or a special village election for officers pursuant to this chapter, is scheduled to be held on the third Tuesday of March, for any year in which the seventeenth day of March shall fall on such Tuesday, the board of trustees of such village shall provide that such election shall be held on the eighteenth day of March. Any provision of a resolution adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall not otherwise alter the political calendar for any such election, which shall continue to be computed from the third Tuesday of March.

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday Dates

Election Law § 1-106. Filing of papers; when received

1. All papers required to be filed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall, unless otherwise provided, be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If the last day for filing shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the next business day shall become the last day for filing.

All papers sent by mail in an envelope postmarked prior to midnight of the last day of filing shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing when received, except that all certificates and petitions of designation or nomination, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations or nominations, certificates of authorization for such designations or nominations, certificates of disqualification, certificates of substitution for such designations or nominations and objections and specifications of objections to such certificates and petitions required to be filed with the state board of elections or a board of elections outside of the city of New York shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing if sent by mail or overnight delivery service pursuant to subdivision three of this section, and received no later than two business days after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications.

Failure of the post office or any other person or entity to deliver any such petition, certificate or objection to such board of elections outside the city of New York no later than two business days after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications ***shall be a fatal defect*** (emphasis added).

2. The failure to file any petition or certificate relating to the designation or nomination of a candidate for party position or public office or to the acceptance or declination of such designation or nomination within the time prescribed by the provisions of this chapter ***shall be a fatal defect*** (emphasis added).

NOTE: Chapter 5 of the Laws of 2020 changed the deadline to submit and accept papers that are required to be filed under the Election Law. Previously, the statute had provided that a filing was timely anytime it was received, provided it was postmarked by the deadline. The law now requires postmarked papers or papers submitted through delivery services be received not later than two business days after the filing deadline. This should not be confused with the submission of an absentee ballot, which must be received by Election Day in order to be counted.

*NOTE: Election Law § 1-106 does **NOT** extend deadlines for village clerks or boards of trustees when a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday because village clerks and boards of trustees may conduct business on those days.*

General Construction Law § 24 Public holidays; half-holidays

Pursuant to General Construction Law § 24, the following days are public holidays:

Public Holiday	2021 Date
New Year's Day January 1 st	Friday, January 1, 2021
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Third Monday in January	Monday, January 18, 2021
Lincoln's Birthday February 12 th	Friday, February 12, 2021
Washington's Birthday Third Monday in February	Monday, February 15, 2021
Memorial Day Last Monday in May	Monday, May 31, 2021
Flag Day Second Sunday in June	Sunday, June 13, 2021
Junteeth June 19 th	Saturday, June 19, 2021
Independence Day July 4 th	(observed) Monday, July 5, 2021
Labor Day First Monday in September	Monday, September 6, 2021
Columbus Day Second Monday in October	Monday, October 11, 2021
Veterans' Day November 11 th	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Day Fourth Thursday in November	Thursday, November 25, 2021
Christmas Day December 25 th	(observed) Friday, December 24, 2021

If any of these days falls on a Sunday (except Flag Day), then the holiday is celebrated the next day.

Conducting Referenda

In villages, both mandatory and permissive referenda are conducted pursuant to Article 9 of the Village Law. Under Article 9, the board of trustees may bypass the petition process by submitting a permissive referendum to voters upon its own motion. If a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the motion is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Additionally, whenever a State statute subjects a village local law or resolution to a mandatory referendum and no other procedure is provided, the referendum must be conducted pursuant to Article 9 as if the referendum was a permissive referendum for which a valid petition was filed on the date that the board of trustees adopted the local law or resolution.

For a vote to be held on a local law or resolution that is subject to a permissive referendum, a valid petition must be filed in the office of the village clerk within 30 days of the passage of the legislative act. Many referenda may be timed so that they are held during a regularly scheduled village election. If the petition for a permissive referendum is filed after the first day of the month in which a general village election is to be held and before the first day of the month two months prior to the next general village election, the referendum must be held at a special election of the village to be held not less than 10, nor more than 60, days after the filing of the petition.

- **March Election** – If a petition is filed after March 1st and before January 1st, a special election must be held.
- **June Election** – If a petition is filed after June 1st and before April 1st, a special election must be held.

However, if the petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held, and on or before the first day of the month in which the general election is to be held, the proposition must be voted on at the general village election.

- **March Election** – If the petition is filed on or after January 1st, and on or before March 1st, the proposition must be placed on the ballot for the March election.
- **June Election** – If the petition is filed on or after April 1st, and on or before June 1st, the proposition must be placed on the ballot for the June election.

For more information relating to the conduct of referenda, please refer to NYCOM Municipal Management Series, **Enacting Local Legislation and Conducting Referenda**, available to download from the NYCOM website at www.nycom.org for NYCOM members only.

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NOTE: If the village fails to publish or post any required information, the election will not be invalidated, except that a vote on a proposition will be void if the required notice of election is not given. Election Law § 15-104(5)).

Friday, October 16, 2020 – For villages whose March elections are conducted by the county board of elections, last day for the village clerk to transmit to the county board of elections a certificate setting forth each village office to be filled.

Election Law § 4-106(2). At least five (5) months prior to the election.

Monday, November 16, 2020 – For villages whose March elections are conducted by the county board of elections, last day for the board of trustees to submit to the county board of elections a list of polling places within the village.

Election Law § 4-104(1). At least four (4) months prior to the election.

Monday, November 16, 2020 – Last day for the village clerk to publish a notice designating the office(s) to be filled and the term(s) thereof.

Election Law § 15-104(3)(a). At least four (4) months prior to the election.

Monday, November 16, 2020 – First day village clerk may accept absentee ballot applications.

Election Law § 15-120(5). Not earlier than four (4) months prior to the election.

Monday, November 16, 2020 – Last day to divide village into election districts.

Election Law § 15-110(5). At least 120 days before the election.

Monday, November 30, 2020 – First day that an individual may sign a party primary designating petition.

Election Law § 15-108(9). Not earlier than six (6) weeks prior to the last day to file party primary designating petitions.

Monday, December 28, 2020 – Deadline for filing the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 32 days before the primary.

NOTE: Thirty-two days before the primary is Friday, December 25th. When the last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of a party nomination falls on a public holiday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day, which is Monday, December 28th.

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 – First day that individuals may sign independent nominating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(9). Not earlier than six (6) weeks before the last day to file independent nominating petitions.

Thursday, December 31, 2020 – Last day that a vacancy may occur to be placed on a general election ballot or cause a special election.

Village Law § 3-312(3)(b)(1). If a vacancy occurs at least seventy-five days prior to the third Tuesday of the month preceding the end of the official year, a special election to fill the unexpired term must be held.

Friday, January 1, 2021 – First day to file a petition to cause a permissive referendum to appear on the general election ballot. This is also the first day that the board of trustees may (a) pass a local law or resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum, or (b) adopt a legislative act that is subject to a permissive referendum and submit the question to voters on its own motion, and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.

Village Law § 9-902(6). If such petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held and on or before the first day of the month in which the general village election is to be held, a proposition for the approval of such act or resolution must be submitted at the general village election.

NOTE: Pursuant to Village Law § 9-902(5), if a petition is filed before January 1st or after March 1st a special election must be held.

NOTE: If Article 9 is being followed for a mandatory referendum, the date that the board of trustees adopts the local law or resolution is deemed the date the petition is filed. Similarly, if a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the act is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Consequently, this is the first day that the board of trustees may adopt a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum and have the proposition appear on the general election ballot.

Monday, January 4, 2021 – First day to file party designating petitions for village primaries.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(d). Not earlier than 22 days before the primary.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 to Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – First day political parties may publish notice of a party caucus in a newspaper.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(c). Not earlier than two (2) weeks before the caucus.

NOTE: The exact date depends on the actual date the caucus is held.

Thursday, January 7, 2021 to Thursday, January 14, 2021 – Last day to file a declination of a party primary designation.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(e). Within three (3) days of filing of the designating petition.

NOTE: Within one (1) day of a declination being filed, the village clerk must notify the committee to fill vacancies named in the petition.

NOTE: The exact date depends upon the date the designating petition was filed.

Monday, January 11, 2021 to Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – Last day to post and file notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections.

Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c). At least 10 days before the scheduled caucus.

NOTE: The exact date depends upon the scheduled date of the caucus.

NOTE: When the last day to post and file a notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day. Thus if 10 days before a scheduled caucus falls on Saturday, January 9th or Sunday January 10th, the last day to post and file is pushed to Monday, January 11th. This is also the case if the last day to post and file falls on a public holiday. Thus, if 10 days before a scheduled caucus falls on Saturday, January 16th the filing deadline is extended to Tuesday, January 19th, since Monday, January 18th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Monday, January 11, 2021 – Last day to file party designating petitions for village primaries.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(d). Not later than 15 days prior to the primary.

NOTE: Upon the filing of a designating petition, the village clerk must notify via mail each individual designated. The notice must (1) state the last day to decline the designation, and (2) include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice.

Election Law § 6-144.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – Last day to file written objections to party primary designating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one (1) day after the last date to file the petition with the village clerk.

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution abolishing the village registration day.

Election Law § 15-118(3). Resolution is effective for all village elections held more than 60 days after the resolution is adopted.

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – Last day to file written specifications of objections to party primary designating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two (2) days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the petition and the county board of elections.

NOTE: If an objection to a party primary designating petition is filed before January 12th, the written specifications will be due before January 14th; the exact date is dependent upon the filing date of the objection. For example, if a written objection was filed on Wednesday, January 6th, the written specifications would be due on Friday, January 8th.

Friday, January 15, 2021 – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution designating Wednesday, March 18, 2021 the day of the village election, identifying the polling place in each district, and the hours the polls will be open. Polls must be open from at least 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

Election Law §§ 15-104(1)(b) and 15-104(3)(b). Must be adopted at least 60 days prior to the election.

Friday, January 15, 2021 – Deadline for filing the second statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 11 days before the primary.

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – Earliest date for holding a party caucus.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Not more than 56 days before the election.

NOTE: Party officials must either:

- a) publish notice of the caucus in a newspaper not more than two (2) nor less than one (1) week before the caucus, **or***
- b) post notice of the caucus in six (6) public places in the village at least 10 days before the caucus.*

Notices must also be filed and posted in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections at least 10 days before the caucus. Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c).

Thursday, January 21, 2021 – First day a certificate of party nomination may be filed.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(a). Not earlier than 54 days prior to election.

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – Primary day in villages where party nominations are made via a primary.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Must be 49 days prior to the village election.

NOTE: Party officials must publish notice of the primary in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation within the village of the primary at least once a week for two (2) weeks prior to the primary. Election Law § 15-108(2)(b).

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – Last date for holding a party caucus.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Not later than 49 days prior to the village election.

NOTE: Party officials must either:

- a) publish notice of the caucus in a newspaper not more than two (2) nor less than one (1) week before the caucus, **or***
- b) post notice of the caucus in six (6) public places in the village at least 10 days before the caucus.*

Notices must also be filed and posted in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections at least 10 days before the caucus. Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c).

Thursday, January 28, 2021 – Last day to file a certificate of party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(a). Not later than 47 days prior to the village election.

NOTE: If a list of caucus or primary participants is not filed with the certificate, the clerk must immediately mail notice to those who signed the certificate, stating that the list of nominations must be filed within five (5) days after the mailing of the notice. Election Law § 15-108(2)(e).

NOTE: Upon the filing of a certificate of nomination or a petition nominating a person, the village clerk must immediately notify via mail each individual nominated. The notice must state the last day to decline and include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.

Friday, January 29, 2021 – Last day to file written objections to certificates of party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one (1) day after the last date to file the certificate with the village clerk.

Monday, February 1, 2021 – Last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of a party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(b). Not later than 44 days prior to the election

NOTE: Forty-four days prior to the election is Sunday, January 31st.

When the last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of a party nomination falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day.

Monday, February 1, 2021 – Last day to file written specifications of objections to certificates of party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two (2) days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the certificate and the county board of elections.

NOTE: If an objection is filed on Thursday, January 28th, or Friday, January 29th, the last day to file written specifications on the objection would be on Saturday, January 30th or Sunday, January 31st, respectively. Pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file is extended to is extended to the next business day, which is Monday, February 1st.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 – First day to file an independent nominating petition.

Election Law § 15-108(8)(a). Not earlier than 42 days before the village election.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 – Last day to fill a vacancy caused by a declination of a party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(c). Not later than 41 days prior to the village election.

Thursday, February 4, 2021 – Last day for the board of trustees to appoint election inspectors.

Election Law § 15-116(1). At least 40 days before the general village election (See special provisions for Nassau County. Election Law § 15-116(2)).

NOTE: Failure to appoint election inspectors by this deadline will not impact the conduct of the election, but every effort should be made to comply with this timeframe.

Friday, February 5, 2021 – Deadline for filing the third statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 10 days after the primary.

Sunday, February 7, 2021 – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution establishing a second registration day to be 12 days before the election.

Election Law § 15-118(5). Not later than 37 days prior to the first election for which it is effective.

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – Last day to file independent nominating petitions for an office to be filled at the general village election.

Election Law § 15-108(8)(a). Not later than 35 days before the village election.

NOTE: Upon the filing of a certificate of nomination or a petition nominating a person, the village clerk must immediately notify via mail each individual nominated. The notice must state the last day to decline and include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – Last day to file written objections to independent nominating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one (1) day after the last date to file the petition with the village clerk.

Friday, February 12, 2021 – For villages with two registration days, last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution stating the place and hours at which inspectors will meet to prepare register and the hours and place of registration and election.

Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 20 days before the first registration day.

Sunday, February 14, 2021 – For villages with only one registration day, last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution stating the place and hours at which inspectors will meet to prepare register and the hours and place of registration and election.

Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 20 days before the registration day.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – Last day to file certificate of acceptance or declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the village election.

Election Law § 15-108(8)(b). Not later than three (3) days after the last day to file the petition.

NOTE: Two days after the last date to file an independent nominating petition is Friday, February 12th. Pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, when the last day to file falls on a public holiday the deadline is extended to the next business day. Thus the deadline to file written objections is extended to Tuesday February 16th, because Friday, February 12th is Lincoln's Birthday and Monday, February 15th is Washington's Birthday.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – Deadline for filing the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 32 days before the election.

NOTE: Thirty-two days before Election Day is Friday, February 12th. Pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, when the last day to file falls on a public holiday the deadline is extended to the next business day. Thus the deadline to file the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures is extended to Tuesday, February 16th, because Friday, February 12th is Lincoln's Birthday and Monday, February 15th is Washington's Birthday.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – Last day to file written specifications of objections to independent nominating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two (2) days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the petition and the county board of elections.

NOTE: Two days after the last day to file written objections to independent nominating petitions is Friday, February 12th. Pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, when the last day to file falls on a public holiday the deadline is extended to the next business day. Thus, the deadline to file written objections is extended to Tuesday, February 16th, because Friday, February 12th is Lincoln's Birthday and Monday, February 15th is Washington's Birthday.

NOTE: If an objection to an independent nominating petition is filed before Wednesday, February 10th, the written specifications will be due before February 16th. The date depends on when the objection is filed.

Friday, February 19, 2021 – Last day to file a certificate to fill a vacancy caused by declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the general village election.

Election Law § 15-108(8)(c). Not later than three (3) days after the last day to file a certificate of declination.

Monday, February 22, 2021 – For villages with two registration days, last day to publish and post in each election district a copy of the resolution stating the date, place, and time when inspectors will meet to register voters for the first registration day.

Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 10 days prior to the first registration day.

Approximately Monday, February 22, 2021 – NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft of the ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots. Once reviewed by the candidates, the sample ballot should be made available to the public.

NOTE: Chapter 411 of the Laws of 2019 amended Election Law § 7-128 to require sample and official ballots for all elections conducted at the time of the State General Election to be made available as soon as practicable. While village elections conducted pursuant to Article 15 are specifically exempted from this provision, NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft of the ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots to adhere to the spirit and intent of this law.

NOTE: Due to the timing of referenda, a petition for a permissive referendum may be filed between January 1st and March 1st and cause the proposition to appear on the ballot. Similarly, the board of trustees may pass a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory referendum or submit the permissive referendum to voters on its own motion between January 1st and March 1st and have that proposition appear on the general election ballot. Consequently, ballots may be subject to change to include the presentation of propositions after this date.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – For villages with only one registration day, last day to publish and post in each election district a copy of the resolution stating the date, place, and time when inspectors will meet to register voters.

Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 10 days prior to registration day.

Monday, March 1, 2021 – Last day to file a petition to cause a permissive referendum to appear on the general election ballot. This is also the last day that the board of trustees may (a) pass a local law or resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum, or (b) adopt a legislative act that is subject to a permissive referendum and submit the question to voters on its own motion, and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.

Village Law § 9-902(6). If such petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held and on or before the first day of the month in which the general village election is to be held, a proposition for the approval of such act or resolution must be submitted at the general village election.

NOTE: Pursuant to Village Law § 9-902(5), if a petition is filed before January 1st or after March 1st a special election must be held.

NOTE: If Article 9 is being followed for a mandatory referendum, the date that the board of trustees adopts the local law or resolution is deemed the date the petition is filed. Similarly, if a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the act is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Consequently, this is the last day that the board of trustees may adopt a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum and have the proposition appear on the general election ballot.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 – First registration day in villages with two registration days.

Election Law § 15-118(5). Twelve days before the general village election.

NOTE: The hours of registration must be at minimum from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Election Law § 15-118(3)(c).

Friday, March 5, 2021 – Deadline for filing the second statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 11 days before the election.

Friday, March 5, 2021 – Last day individuals may register with the county board of elections to be eligible to vote in the village election.

Election Law § 15-118(2). At least 10 days before the election.

NOTE: At least 10 days before the election is Saturday, March 7th. As county boards of election are closed on Saturdays, the last day to register and be eligible to vote is Friday, March 6th.

Saturday, March 6, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to publish notice setting forth the (1) polling place in each district, (2) hours during which the polls are open (at least 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.), (3) names and addresses of candidates, offices, and term nominated for, and (4) abstract of any proposition.

Election Law §§ 15-104(3)(c) and (4). At least 10 days prior to general village election. The notice must also be posted in six (6) conspicuous places in the village and at each polling place at least one (1) day before the election.

NOTE: If the village fails to publish or post required information, the election will not be invalidated, except that a vote on a proposition will be void if the required notice of election is not given (see Election Law § 15-104 (5)).

Saturday, March 6, 2021 – Registration day in villages with one registration day. For villages with two registration days, this is the second registration day.

Election Law § 15-118(5). Ten days prior to election.

NOTE: The hours of registration must be at minimum from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Election Law § 15-118(3)(c).

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – Last day for the board of elections to provide a list of registered voters to the village clerk.

Election Law § 5-612(1). At least seven (7) days prior to general village election.

NOTE: The village clerk must contact the county board of elections for a list of registered voters.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to qualified voters.

Election Law § 15-120(5). At least seven (7) days prior to election.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to mail absentee ballots to qualified voters.

Election Law § 15-120(6). Not later than six (6) days before the village election.

Sunday, March 14, 2021 – Sample ballots must be made available for public inspection not later than this day.

Election Law § 7-128(1). Not later than two (2) days prior to the election.

NOTE: NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review it as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots.

Monday, March 15, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to receive personal applications for an absentee ballot from applicant or applicant's agent. Upon receiving an application, the clerk must deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant or their agent named in the application.

Election Law § 15-120(5). Not later than one (1) day prior to the election.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – The village election.

Election Law § 15-104(1)(a). March village elections held on the third Tuesday of March.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – Village clerk must deliver the absentee ballots to the board of inspectors.

Election Law § 15-120(8). On the day of the general village election. Last day for the village clerk to receive absentee ballots in person or by mail.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – Inspectors must file a certificate of canvass of voters with the village clerk.

Election Law § 15-126(1). Before 9:00 a.m. of the day following the village election.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – The board of trustees must meet to canvass the election returns when a village has more than one election district.

Election Law § 15-126(1). Not later than 8:00 p.m. of the day after the village election.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 – The last day a recanvass of the vote may be requested.

Election Law § 15-126(3). Not later than two (2) days after the date of the election.

NOTE: The clerk may, upon his or her own volition, and must, upon the written request of any candidate, cause a recanvass of the votes cast in the village election.

Friday, March 19, 2021 – The deadline by which the clerk must notify the county board of elections of a request for recanvass.

Election Law § 15-126(3). Within one (1) day after receiving the written request.

NOTE: This is the last possible date the clerk may notify the county board of elections of the request to recanvass. If the clerk receives the written request prior to Thursday, March 18th, he or she has one day to notify the county board of elections.

Friday, March 19, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to notify the winners of the election the results and that they must file an oath of office with the village clerk within 30 days of the commencement of their term.

Election Law § 15-128. Within three (3) days after the village election.

Monday, April 12, 2021 – Deadline for filing the third statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 27 days after the election.

June Village Election ▪ Tuesday, June 15, 2021

NOTE: If the village fails to publish or post any required information, the election will not be invalidated, except that a vote on a proposition will be void if the required notice of election is not given. Election Law § 15-104(5)).

Friday, January 15, 2021 – For villages whose June elections are conducted by the county board of elections, last day for the village clerk to transmit to the county board of elections a certificate setting forth each village office to be filled.

Election Law § 4-106(2). At least five (5) months prior to the election.

Thursday, February 11, 2021 – For villages whose June elections are conducted by the county board of elections, last day for the board of trustees to submit to the county board of elections a list of polling places within the village.

Election Law § 4-104(1). At least four (4) months prior to the election.

NOTE: Four months before the election is Monday, February 15th. As county boards of election are closed on weekends and public holidays, the last day for the village clerk to submit to the county board of elections a list of polling places within the village is Thursday, February 11th as Lincoln's Birthday is Friday, February 12th and Washington's Birthday is Monday, February 15th.

Monday, February 15, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to publish a notice designating the office(s) to be filled and the term(s) thereof.

Election Law § 15-104(3)(a). At least four (4) months prior to the election.

Monday, February 15, 2021 – First day village clerk may accept absentee ballot applications.

Election Law § 15-120(5). Not earlier than four (4) months prior to the election.

Monday, February 15, 2021 – Last day to divide village into election districts.

Election Law § 15-110(5). At least 120 days before the election.

Monday, March 1, 2021 – First day that an individual may sign a party primary designating petition.

Election Law § 15-108(9). Not earlier than six (6) weeks prior to the last day to file party primary designating petitions.

Friday, March 26, 2021 – Deadline for filing the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 32 days before the primary.

Tuesday, March 33, 2021 – First day that individuals may sign independent nominating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(9). Not earlier than six (6) weeks before the last day to file independent nominating petitions.

Thursday, April 1, 2021 – Last day that a vacancy may occur to be placed on a general election ballot or cause a special election.

Village Law § 3-312(3)(b)(1). If a vacancy occurs at least seventy-five days prior to the third Tuesday of the month preceding the end of the official year, a special election to fill the unexpired term must be held.

Thursday, April 1, 2021 – First day to file a petition to cause a permissive referendum to appear on the general election ballot. This is also the first day that the board of trustees may (a) pass a local law or resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum, or (b) adopt a legislative act that is subject to a permissive referendum and submit the question to voters on its own motion, and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.

Village Law § 9-902(6). If such petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held and on or before the first day of the month in which the general village election is to be held, a proposition for the approval of such act or resolution must be submitted at the general village election.

NOTE: Pursuant to Village Law § 9-902(5), if a petition is filed before April 1st or after June 1st a special election must be held.

NOTE: If Article 9 is being followed for a mandatory referendum, the date that the board of trustees adopts the local law or resolution is deemed the date the petition is filed. Similarly, if a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the act is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Consequently, this is the first day that the board of trustees may adopt a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum and have the proposition appear on the general election ballot.

Monday, April 5, 2021 – First day to file party designating petitions for village primaries.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(d). Not earlier than 22 days before the primary.

Tuesday, April 3, 2021 to Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – First day political parties may publish notice of a party caucus in a newspaper.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(c). Not earlier than two (2) weeks before the caucus.

NOTE: The exact date depends upon the date of the caucus.

Thursday, April 8, 2021 to Thursday, April 15, 2021 – Last day to file a declination of a party primary designation.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(e). Within three (3) days of filing of the designating petition.

NOTE: Within one (1) day of a declination being filed, the village clerk must notify the committee to fill vacancies named in the petition.

NOTE: The exact date depends upon the date the designating petition was filed.

Monday, April 12, 2021 to Monday, April 19, 2021 – Last day to post and file notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections if the county board of elections conducts the village election.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(c). Notice must be filed in the offices of the village clerk and the county board of elections, if the county board of election conducts the village election, at least 10 days before the scheduled caucus.

NOTE: When the last day to post and file a notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day. Thus, if 10 days before a scheduled caucus falls on Saturday, April 10th or Sunday, April 11th, the last day to post and file is Monday, April 12th. This is also the case if the last day to post and file falls on Saturday, April 17th, and the filing deadline is extended to Monday, April 19th.

NOTE: The exact date depends upon the scheduled date of the caucus.

Monday, April 12, 2021 – Last day to file party designating petitions for village primaries.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(d). Not later than 15 days prior to the primary.

NOTE: Upon the filing designating petition, the village clerk must notify via mail each individual designated. The notice must a) state the last day to decline the designation, and b) include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – Last day to file written objections to party primary designating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one (1) day after the last date to file the petition with the village clerk.

Thursday, April 15, 2021 – Last day to file written specifications of objections to party primary designating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two (2) days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the petition and the county board of elections.

NOTE: If an objection to a party primary designating petition is filed before April 13th, the written specifications will be due before April 15th; the exact date is dependent upon the filing date of the objection.

Thursday, April 15, 2021 – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution abolishing the village registration day.

Election Law § 15-118(3). Resolution is effective for all village elections held more than 60 days after the resolution is adopted.

Friday, April 16, 2021 – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution identifying the polling place in each district and the hours the polls will be open. Polls must be open at minimum from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

Election Law § 15-104(3)(b). Must be adopted at least 60 days prior to the election.

Friday, April 16, 2021 – Deadline for filing the second statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 11 days before the primary.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – Earliest date for holding a party caucus.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Not more than 56 days before the election.

NOTE: Party officials must either:

*a) publish notice of the caucus in a newspaper not more than two (2) nor less than one (1) week before the caucus, **or***

b) post notice of the caucus in six (6) public places in the village at least 10 days before the caucus.

Notices must also be filed and posted in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections at least 10 days before the caucus. Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c).

Thursday, April 22, 2021 – First day a certificate of party nomination may be filed.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(a). Not earlier than 54 days prior to election.

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – Primary day in villages where party nominations are made via a primary.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Must be 49 days prior to the village election.

NOTE: Party officials must publish notice of the primary in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation within the village at least once a week for two (2) weeks prior to the primary. Election Law § 15-108(2)(b).

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – Last date for holding a party caucus.

Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Not later than 49 days prior to the village election.

NOTE: Party officials must either:

- a) publish notice of the caucus in a newspaper not more than two (2) nor less than one (1) week before the caucus, **or***
- b) post notice of the caucus in six (6) public places in the village at least 10 days before the caucus.*

Notices must also be filed and posted in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections at least 10 days before the caucus. Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c).

Thursday, April 29, 2021 – Last day to file a certificate of party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(a). Not later than 47 days prior to the village election.

NOTE: If a list of caucus or primary participants is not filed with the certificate, the clerk must immediately mail notice to those who signed the certificate, stating that the list of nominations must be filed within five (5) days after the mailing of the notice. Election Law § 15-108(2)(e).

NOTE: Upon the filing of a certificate of nomination or a petition nominating a person, the village clerk must immediately notify via mail each individual nominated. The notice must state the last day to decline and include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.

Friday, April 30, 2021 – Last day to file written objections to certificates of party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one (1) day after the last date to file the certificate with the village clerk.

Monday, May 3, 2021 – Last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of a party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(b). Not later than 44 days prior to the election.

NOTE: Forty-four days prior to the election is Sunday, May 2nd. When the last day to post and file a notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day.

Monday, May 3, 2021 – Last day to file written specifications of objections to certificates of party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two (2) days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the certificate and the county board of elections.

NOTE: If an objection is filed on Thursday, April 29th, or Friday, April 30th, the last day to file written specifications of the objection would be on Saturday, May 1st or Sunday, May 2nd, respectively. Pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the written specifications would be extended to the next business day, Monday, May 3rd.

NOTE: If an objection to a certificate of party nomination is filed before Thursday, April 30th, the written specifications will be due before Monday, May 4th; the date depends on the date the objection is filed.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – First day to file an independent nominating petition.

Election Law § 15-108(8)(a). Not earlier than 42 days before the village election.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – Last day to fill a vacancy caused by a declination of a party nomination.

Election Law § 15-108(7)(c). Not later than 41 days prior to the village election.

Thursday, May 6, 2021 – Last day for the board of trustees to appoint election inspectors.

Election Law § 15-116(1). At least 40 days before the general village election (See special provisions for Nassau County). Election Law § 15-116 (2)).

NOTE: Failure to appoint election inspectors by this deadline will not impact the conduct of the election, but every effort should be made to comply with this timeframe.

Friday, May 7, 2021 – Deadline for filing the third statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 10 days after the primary.

Sunday, May 9, 2021 – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution establishing a second registration day to be held 12 days before the election.

Election Law § 15-118(5). Not later than 37 days prior to the first election for which it is effective.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – Last day to file independent nominating petitions for an office to be filled at the general village election.

Election Law § 15-108(8)(a). Not later than 35 days before the village election.

NOTE: Upon the filing of a certificate of nomination or a petition nominating a person, the village clerk must immediately notify via mail each individual nominated. The notice must state the last day to decline and include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – Last day to file written objections to independent nominating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(10)(d). Not later than one (1) day after the last date to file the petition with the village clerk.

Friday, May 14, 2021 – Last day to file written specifications of objections to independent nominating petitions.

Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two (2) days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the petition and the county board of elections.

NOTE: If an objection to an independent nominating petition is filed before Wednesday, May 15th, the written specifications will be due before Friday, May 17th; the exact date is dependent upon the filing date of the objection.

Friday, May 14, 2021 – For villages with two registration days, last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution stating the place and hours at which inspectors will meet to prepare register and the hours and place of registration and election.

Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 20 days before the first registration day.

Friday, May 14, 2021 – Deadline for filing the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 32 days before the election.

Friday, May 14, 2021 – Last day to file certificate of acceptance or declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the village election.

Election Law § 15-108(8)(b). Not later than three (3) days after the last day to file the petition.

Sunday, May 16, 2021 – For villages with only one registration day, last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution stating the place and hours at which inspectors will meet to prepare register and the hours and place of registration and election.

Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 20 days before the registration day.

Monday, May 17, 2021 – Last day to file a certificate to fill a vacancy caused by declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the general village election.

Election Law § 15-108(8)(c). Not later than three (3) days after the last day to file a certificate of declination.

Approximately Thursday, May 20, 2021 – NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft of the ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots. Once reviewed by the candidates, the sample ballot should be made available to the public.

NOTE: Chapter 411 of the Laws of 2019 amended Election Law § 7-128 to require sample and official ballots for all elections conducted at the time of the State General Election to be made available as soon as practicable. While village elections conducted pursuant to Article 15 are specifically exempted from this provision, NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft of the ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots to adhere to the spirit and intent of this law.

NOTE: Due to the timing of referenda, a petition for a permissive referendum may be filed between April 1st and June 1st and cause the proposition to appear on the ballot. Similarly, the last day that the board of trustees may pass a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory referendum or submit the permissive referendum to voters on its own motion between April 1st and June 1st and have that proposition appear on the general election ballot. Consequently, ballots may be subject to change to include the presentation of propositions after this date.

Monday, May 24, 2021 – For villages with two registration days, last day to publish and post in each election district a copy of the resolution stating the date, place, and time when inspectors will meet to register voters.

Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 10 days prior to registration day.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – For villages with only one registration day, last day to publish and post in each election district a copy of the resolution stating the date, place, and time when inspectors will meet to register voters.

Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 10 days prior to registration day.

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 – Last day to file a petition to cause a permissive referendum to appear on the general election ballot. This is also the last day that the board of trustees may (a) pass a local law or resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum, or (b) adopt a legislative act that is subject to a permissive referendum and submit the question to voters on its own motion, and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.

Village Law § 9-902(6). If such petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held and on or before the first day of the month in which the general village election is to be held, a proposition for the approval of such act or resolution must be submitted at the general village election.

NOTE: Pursuant to Village Law § 9-902(5), if a petition is filed before April 1st or after June 1st a special election must be held.

NOTE: If Article 9 is being followed for a mandatory referendum, the date that the board of trustees adopts the local law or resolution is deemed the date the petition is filed. Similarly, if a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the act is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Consequently, this is the last day that the board of trustees may adopt a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum and have the proposition appear on the general election ballot.

Thursday, June 3, 2021 – First registration day in villages with two registration days.

Election Law § 15-118(5). Twelve days before general village election.

NOTE: The hours of registration must be at minimum from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Election Law § 15-118(3)(c).

Friday, June 4, 2021 – Deadline for filing the second statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 11 days before the election.

Friday, June 4, 2021 – Last day individuals may register with the county board of elections to be eligible to vote in the village election.

Election Law § 15-118(2). At least 10 days before the election.

NOTE: At least 10 days before the election is Saturday, June 6th. As county boards of elections are closed on Saturdays, the last day to register and be eligible to vote is Friday, June 5th.

Saturday, June 5, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to publish notice setting forth the (1) polling place in each district, (2) hours during which the polls are open (at least 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.), (3) names and addresses of candidates, offices, and term nominated for, and (4) abstract of any proposition.

Election Law §§ 15-104(3)(c) and (4). At least 10 days prior to general village election. The notice must also be posted in six (6) conspicuous places in the village and at each polling place at least one (1) day before the election.

NOTE: If the village fails to publish or post required information, the election will not be invalidated, except that a vote on a proposition will be void if the required notice of election is not given. Election Law § 15-104 (5).

Saturday, June 5, 2021 – Registration day in villages with one registration day. For villages with two registration days, this is the second registration day.

Election Law § 15-118(5). Ten days prior to election.

NOTE: The hours of registration must be at minimum from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Election Law § 15-118(3)(c).

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – Last day for the board of elections to provide a list of registered voters to the village clerk.

Election Law § 5-612(1). At least seven (7) days prior to general village election.

NOTE: The village clerk must contact the county board of elections for a list of registered voters.

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to qualified voters.

Election Law § 15-120(5). At least seven (7) days prior to election.

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to mail absentee ballots to qualified voters.

Election Law § 15-120(6). Not later than six (6) days before the village election.

Sunday, June 13, 2021 – Sample ballots must be made available for public inspection not later than this day.

Election Law § 7-128(1). Not later than two (2) days prior to the election.

NOTE: NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft of the ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots.

Monday, June 14, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to receive personal applications for an absentee ballot from applicant or applicant’s agent. Upon receiving an application, the clerk must deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant or their agent named in the application.

Election Law § 15-120(5). Not later than one (1) day prior to the election.

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – The village election.

NOTE: By State law, general village elections are held on the third Tuesday in March. However, villages may chose, and many have chosen, to hold their elections on another date. Other than in March, the most popular date to hold village elections is the third Tuesday in June.

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – Village clerk must deliver the absentee ballots to the board of inspectors.

Election Law § 15-120(8). On the day of the general village election. Last day for the village clerk to receive absentee ballots in person or by mail.

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – Inspectors must file a certificate of canvass of voters with the village clerk.

Election Law § 15-126(1). Before 9:00 a.m. of the day following the village election.

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – The board of trustees must meet to canvass the election returns when a village has more than one election district.

Election Law § 15-126(1). Not later than 8:00 p.m. of the day after the village election.

Thursday, June 17, 2021 – The last day a recanvass of the vote may be requested.

Election Law § 15-126(3). Not later than two (2) days after the date of the election.

NOTE: The clerk may, upon his or her own volition, and must, upon the written request of any candidate, cause a recanvass of the votes cast in the village election.

Friday, June 18, 2021 – Last day for the village clerk to notify the winners of the election the results and that they must file an oath of office with the village clerk within 30 days of the commencement of their term.

Election Law § 15-128. Within three (3) days after the village election.

Friday, June 18, 2021 – The deadline by which the clerk must notify the county board of elections of the request for recanvass.

Election Law § 15-126(3). Within one (1) day after receiving the written request.

NOTE: This is the last possible date the clerk may notify the county board of elections of the request to recanvass. If the clerk receives the written request prior to Thursday, June 17th, he or she has one day to notify the county board of elections.

Monday, July 12, 2021 – Deadline for filing the third statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 27 days after the election.



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