



Secretary of State | Elections Division

Key Dates

- **October 6:** Deadline for requesting satellite location for regular city-school
- **October 7:** City Primary Election Day
- **November 4: Regular City-School Election**
 - Candidate Filing Deadline: September 18
 - Objection and Withdrawal Deadline: September 23
 - Satellite Petition Deadline: October 6
- **November 12:** First-tier canvass
- **November 18:** Second-tier canvass
- **December 2:** City Runoff Election Day

Resources

- [sos.iowa.gov > Elections > Candidates > City \(sos.iowa.gov/city-elections\)](https://sos.iowa.gov/Elections/Candidates/City)
 - Candidate's Guide
 - Affidavit of Candidacy
 - Nomination Petitions
- County Auditor
 - Population (determines signature requirements)
 - Offices that will appear on the ballot
 - General election administration questions
 - City Clerk's Guide/Filing Officer's Guide
- Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board (ethics.iowa.gov)
- Professional networks
- Iowa Code (start with Chapters 372-376, but there are more laws around cities)
- **Legal counsel**

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