

**THE CITY OF EDMONTON
BYLAW 21014
ELECTIONS BYLAW**

Edmonton City Council enacts:

PART I - GENERAL

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| PURPOSE | 1 | The purpose of this bylaw is to establish procedures for City elections and delegate authorities to the returning officer. |
| DEFINITIONS | 2 | <p>(1) Unless otherwise specified, words used in this bylaw have the same meaning as defined in the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, RSA 2000, c M-26 or the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i>, RSA 2000, c L-21.</p> <p>(2) In this bylaw:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) “City” means the City of Edmonton; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) “City Manager” means the City’s chief administrative officer or delegate.</p> |
| RULES FOR INTERPRETATION | 3 | The marginal notes and headings in this bylaw are for ease of reference only. |

PART II - PRE-ELECTION PROCEDURES

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| RETURNING OFFICER | 4 | <p>(1) The City Manager must appoint an individual to serve as returning officer for all elections.</p> <p>(2) The City Manager must appoint an individual, other than the individual appointed pursuant to subsection (1), to serve as substitute returning officer for all elections.</p> |
| PLACE OF NOMINATION | 5 | The returning officer must designate one or more locations within the City to serve as the local jurisdiction office for the purpose of receiving nominations. |

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| NOMINATION SIGNATURES | 6 | <p>Candidate nominations must be signed by at least:</p> <p>(a) if the candidate is nominated for the office of chief elected official, 100 electors; or</p> <p>(b) if the candidate is nominated for the office of councillor, 25 electors.</p> |
| NOMINATION DEPOSITS | 7 | <p>Candidate nominations must be accompanied by a deposit in Canadian funds in the amount of:</p> <p>(a) if the candidate is nominated for the office of chief elected official, \$500; or</p> <p>(b) if the candidate is nominated for the office of councillor, \$100.</p> |
| DEATH OF CANDIDATE | 8 | <p>(1) If a candidate dies after being nominated and prior to the opening of voting stations on the first day of advance vote, the returning officer must post notice of the death in a conspicuous location in all relevant voting stations.</p> <p>(2) If a candidate dies following the opening of voting stations on the first day of advance vote,</p> <p>(a) the election for the office for which the deceased candidate was nominated must be discontinued, and</p> <p>(b) a new election for that office must be held as soon as practicable.</p> |

PART III - ELECTION PROCEDURES

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| FORM OF BALLOT | 9 | The returning officer must establish the form of ballot for each election. |
| BLIND ELECTOR TEMPLATE | 10 | (1) The returning officer must determine the form of the blind elector template for each election. |

- (2) The returning officer must make the blind elector template available during advance voting and on election day.
- (3) The returning officer must notify electors of the availability of the blind elector template as part of the notice of election.

SPECIAL BALLOTS

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- (1) Electors may vote by special ballot in any election.
- (2) An application for a special ballot package may be made to the returning officer:
 - (a) in writing;
 - (b) by telephone;
 - (c) in person;
 - (d) by e-mail; or
 - (e) by a secure website designated by the returning officer.
- (3) For a general election, applications for a special ballot package may be submitted beginning on August 1 of the year in which the general election is held and must be received by the returning officer:
 - (a) if the elector is requesting delivery of a special ballot package by mail, no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to election day; or
 - (b) if the elector is requesting in-person pick-up of a special ballot package, no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day.
- (4) All completed special ballot packages must be received by the returning officer no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day.
- (5) For any other election, the application periods and receipt deadline for special ballot packages must be stated in the resolution fixing the date of election.

ELECTION DAY VOTING HOURS	12	On election day, all voting stations will be open continuously between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
COUNTING	13	At any time after 7:30 p.m. on election day, the returning officer may count special ballot boxes, advance vote ballot boxes, and institutional vote ballot boxes.

PART IV - RETURNING OFFICER AUTHORITIES

AUTHORITIES	14	<p>The returning officer may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) divide the City into voting subdivisions and alter their boundaries; (b) designate more than one voting station for each subdivision; (c) determine the location of all voting stations; (d) post printed instructions at voting stations in languages other than English as the returning officer deems appropriate; (e) designate the location of one or more institutional voting stations in addition to all other voting stations; and (f) delegate any of their powers, duties, or functions to any person.
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PART V - TRANSITIONAL

REPEAL 15 Bylaw 19457, Election Bylaw, is repealed.

READ a first time this 10th day of December 2024;

READ a second time this 10th day of December 2024;

READ a third time this 10th day of December 2024;

SIGNED AND PASSED this 10th day of December 2024.

THE CITY OF EDMONTON



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MAYOR



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CITY CLERK