

**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. |

**NOMINATION
SIGNATURES**

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Candidate nominations must be signed by at least:

- (a) if the candidate is nominated for the office of chief elected official, 100 electors; or
- (b) if the candidate is nominated for the office of councillor, 25 electors.

**NOMINATION
DEPOSITS**

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Candidate nominations must be accompanied by a deposit in Canadian funds in the amount of:

- (a) if the candidate is nominated for the office of chief elected official, \$500; or
- (b) if the candidate is nominated for the office of councillor, \$100.

**DEATH OF
CANDIDATE**

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- (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.
- (2) If a candidate dies following the opening of voting stations on the first day of advance vote,
 - (a) the election for the office for which the deceased candidate was nominated must be discontinued, and
 - (b) a new election for that office must be held as soon as practicable.

PART III - ELECTION PROCEDURES

FORM OF BALLOT

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The returning officer must establish the form of ballot for each election.

**BLIND ELECTOR
TEMPLATE**

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- (1) The returning officer must determine the form of the blind elector template for each election.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
ELECTOR ASSISTANCE TERMINAL	10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The returning officer may, for any election, provide an elector assistance terminal that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) allows an elector to vote privately and independently; (b) is not part of or connected to the Internet or another electronic network; (c) creates a paper ballot that records the vote cast; (d) allows an elector to verify the elector's vote before it is cast, without the assistance of another person; and (e) does not enable the choice of an elector to be made known to an election officer or scrutineer. (2) The returning officer must test the elector assistance terminal before the first elector uses the equipment to vote and after the last elector uses the equipment to vote.
ELECTOR ASSISTANCE TERMINAL VOTING	10.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Upon request, electors will receive a ballot compatible with the elector assistance terminal for each office they are eligible to vote for. (2) Electors will insert the ballot into the elector assistance terminal and will confirm the name of the candidate they wish to vote for. (3) After marking their ballot, the elector assistance terminal will release the ballot for the elector to retrieve and place in the ballot box in a manner that protects the secrecy of their vote.
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

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The returning officer may:

- (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.

PART V - TRANSITIONAL

REPEAL 15 Bylaw 19457, Election Bylaw, is repealed.

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Read a second time

Read a third time

SIGNED AND PASSED

THE CITY OF EDMONTON

MAYOR

CITY CLERK