

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

Edmonton City Council enacts:

**PART I - GENERAL**

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| <b>PURPOSE</b>                  | 1 | The purpose of this bylaw is to establish procedures for City elections and delegate authorities to the returning officer.   |
| <b>DEFINITIONS</b>              | 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="margin-left: 40px;">(a) “<b>City</b>” means the City of Edmonton; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) “<b>City Manager</b>” means the City’s chief administrative officer or delegate.</p> |
| <b>RULES FOR INTERPRETATION</b> | 3 | The marginal notes and headings in this bylaw are for ease of reference only.  |

**PART II - PRE-ELECTION PROCEDURES**

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| <b>RETURNING OFFICER</b>   | 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> |
| <b>PLACE OF NOMINATION</b> | 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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| <b>NOMINATION<br/>SIGNATURES</b> | 6 | <p>Candidate nominations must be signed by at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) if the candidate is nominated for the office of chief elected official, 100 electors; or</li> <li>(b) if the candidate is nominated for the office of councillor, 25 electors.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>NOMINATION<br/>DEPOSITS</b>   | 7 | <p>Candidate nominations must be accompanied by a deposit in Canadian funds in the amount of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) if the candidate is nominated for the office of chief elected official, \$500; or</li> <li>(b) if the candidate is nominated for the office of councillor, \$100.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>DEATH OF<br/>CANDIDATE</b>    | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(2) If a candidate dies following the opening of voting stations on the first day of advance vote, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the election for the office for which the deceased candidate was nominated must be discontinued, and</li> <li>(b) a new election for that office must be held as soon as practicable.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

### **PART III - ELECTION PROCEDURES**

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| <b>FORM OF BALLOT</b>             | 9  | The returning officer must establish the form of ballot for each election.                         |
| <b>BLIND ELECTOR<br/>TEMPLATE</b> | 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.

**ELECTOR ASSISTANCE TERMINAL**

- 10.1 (1) The returning officer may, for any election, provide an elector assistance terminal that:
  - (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 (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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SIGNED AND PASSED

THE CITY OF EDMONTON

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK