

March 5th, 2024 Annual City Election

Date	Event	Statutory Authority	
Thursday, December 7th, 2023	First day to warn first public hearing on proposed Charter Amendments in 2 public places, in clerk's office, & 2 public places in each ward	17 V.S.A. 2641(a) 17 V.S.A. 2645(a)(3),(6) 17 V.S.A. 2642	Not earlier than 40 days prior to 1st Public Hearing
Monday, December 11th, 2023	Last practical date for City Council to propose Charter Changes (existing City Council meeting)	Practical consideration given City Council meeting schedule & posting copy of changes requirements in 17 V.S.A. 2645(a)(2), (3)(B)	
Monday, December 11th, 2023	Last day to file petition for Charter Change Ballot Question signed by 5% of voters with City Clerk	Practical consideration given Charter Change Hearing Warning Requirements in 17 V.S.A. 2645(a)(2)	
Tuesday, December 12th, 2023	Deadline for Clerk to return defective Charter Change petitions	17 V.S.A. 2642(a)(3)(B)	within 24 hours of receipt
Wednesday, December 13th, 2023	Deadline for petitioners to file supplementary petitions for Charter Change Ballot Question	17 V.S.A. 2642(a)(3)(B)	within 48 hours after petition returned by clerk
Wednesday, December 13th, 2023	First day to warn second public hearing if held for proposed Charter Amendments by posting in 2 public places, in clerk's office, & 2 public places in each ward	17 V.S.A. 2641(a) 17 V.S.A. 2645(a)(3),(6) 17 V.S.A. 2642	Not earlier than 40 days prior to 2nd Public Hearing
Sunday, December 17th, 2023	Last day to warn first public hearing on proposed Charter Amendments in 2 public places, in clerk's office, & 2 public places in each ward	17 V.S.A. 2641(a) 17 V.S.A. 2645 (a)(3),(6) 17 V.S.A. 2642	Not later than 30 days prior to 1st Public Hearing
Saturday, December 23rd, 2023	Last day to warn second public hearing on proposed Charter Amendments by posting in 2 public places, in clerk's office, & 2 public places in each ward	17 V.S.A. 2641(a) 17 V.S.A. 2645 (a)(3),(6) 17 V.S.A. 2642	Not later than 30 days prior to 2nd Public Hearing

Saturday, January 6th, 2024	Official copy of proposed Charter Amendments filed with the City Clerk & open for public inspection	17 V.S.A. 2645(a)(2)	at least 10 days prior to 1st Public Hearing
Friday, January 11th, 2024	Last day to publish warning of 1st and 2nd Charter Change Public Hearings, in newspaper designated in annual resolution as paper of publication	17 V.S.A. 3641(b)	at least 5 days before hearing
Tuesday, January 16th, 2024	City Council Designation of Paper to Publish Warning in annual resolution as paper of publication	17 V.S.A. 2641(b)	Annual designation of paper of general circulation to publish in
Tuesday, January 16th, 2024	First Public Hearing on proposed Charter Amendments (existing City Council meeting)	City Council Schedule; 17 V.S.	at least 30 days prior to election
Thursday, January 18th, 2024	Last day to file petition for non-Charter Change ballot question signed by 5% of voters with City Clerk	17 V.S.A. 2642(a)(3)(A)	not less than 47 days prior to election
Friday, January 19th, 2024	Deadline for Clerk to return defective petitions (non-charter)	17 V.S.A. 2642(a)(3)(B)	within 24 hours of receipt
Monday, January 22nd, 2024	Deadline for petitioners to file supplementary petitions (non-charter)	17 V.S.A. 2642(a)(3)(B)	within 48 hours after petition returned by clerk
Monday, January 22nd, 2024	Second Public Hearing on proposed Charter changes	City Council Schedule; 17 V.S.	If charter change is proposed by petition, the 2nd public hearing must be held no later than 10 days after the first public hearing
Thursday, January 25th, 2024	First day to post warning & notice of elections in same places as public hearing warnings were posted	17 V.S.A. 2641(a)	not more than 40 days prior to election
Thursday, January 25th, 2024	Last day for BCA/ City Council polling place designation	17 V.S.A. 2501(a)	at least 40 days prior to election
Thursday, January 25th, 2024	Last day for BRV to divide checklist into wards/district	17 V.S.A. 2501(a)	at least 40 days prior to election
Monday, January 29th, 2024	Deadline for filing nominating petitions, consent forms, and	17 V.S.A. 2681 (a)(1)(A),(a)(2)	6th Monday prior to election

5:00 p.m.	endorsement forms for Councilors, Ward Officers, School Board, Mayor		
Monday, January 29th, 2024	Last practical date for revisions to proposed Charter Amendments by City Council	Practical consideration	
Monday, January 29th, 2024	Last practical date for City Council to approve non-Charter ballot questions (existing City Council meeting)	Practical consideration	
Tuesday, January 30th, 2024	Non-conforming petitions returned by Clerk	17 V.S.A. 2681(e)	within 24 hrs of receipt
Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to submit supplemental petitions (if necessary)	17 V.S.A. 2681(e)	Wed. after filing deadline 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for withdrawing consent to be on the ballot	17 V.S.A. 2681(d)	Wed. after filing deadline 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 4th, 2024	Last day to post election Warning & Notice	17 V.S.A. 2641(a)	not less than 30 days prior to election
Sunday, February 4th, 2024	Voter Registration Checklist Posted	17 V.S.A. 2141	at least 30 days prior to election
Sunday, February 4th, 2024	Last day to post election warnings & notice & checklist	17 V.S.A. 2641(a)	not less than 30 days before election
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024	Last date to receive Local Ballots	17 V.S.A. 2681a(a)	at least 20 days prior to election
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024	Last day to post copy of revised charter changes based upon comments at Public Hearings in all places hearing notices were posted	17 V.S.A. 2645(a)(4)(A)	no less than 20 days before election
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024	1st Publication of Bond Vote Warning Notice in Paper	24 V.S.A. 1756	3 consecutive weeks on the same day of the week with the last publication being not last than 5 or more than 10 days before the election and in five public places 2 weeks
Thursday, February 16th, 2024	Last day to post warning of public informational meeting on any public questions in 2 public places in the City & in	17 V.S.A. 2680(h)(1)	at least 10 days prior to Public Informational meeting

	the clerk's office		
Wednesday, February 21st, 2024	2nd Publication of Bond Vote Warning Notice in Paper	24 V.S.A. 1756	3 consecutive weeks on the same day of the week with the last publication being not last than 5 or more than 10 days before the election
Saturday, February 24th, 2024	Last day to post sample ballots for City Election in clerk's office & 2 public places in wards	17 V.S.A. 2522(a)	at least 10 days prior to election
Saturday, February 24th, 2024	Last day to Test Ballots and Voting Machines	17 V.S.A. 2493(b)	at least 10 days prior to election
Monday, February 26th, 2024	Practical day to hold Public Informational Meeting on non-Charter Ballot questions (exsiting City Council meeting)	17 V.S.A. 2680(h)(2)(A)	within 10 days of election
Tuesday, February 27th, 2024	No longer required to mail out defective ballot notices	17 V.S.A. 2546(b)	Beginning 5 business days before election
Wednesay, February 28th, 2024	3rd Publication of Bond Vote Warning Notice in Paper of General Circulation (7 Days or BFP)	24 V.S.A. 1756	3 consecutive weeks on the same day of the week with the last publication being not less than 5 or more than 10 days before the election
Thursday, February 29th, 2024	Last day to publish Warning and Notice of City Election in local paper of general circulation (7 Days or BFP)	17 V.S.A. 2641(b)	at least 5 days prior to election
Friday, March 1st, 2024	Last day to request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed to voter	Practical Consideration	
Monday, March 4th, 2024	Last day to request and vote by absentee ballot Clerk's Office to Close at 1:00pm Ballot Boxes to Close at 4:30pm	17 V.S.A. 2531(a)(1)(A)	
Tuesday, March 5th 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Election Day - Polls Open	17 V.S.A. 2561, 2640	
Friday, March 15th, 2024	Deadline to submit Charter Change materials to the	17 V.S.A. 2645 (b)(2)	Within 10 days of Election

Secretary of State's Office

Saturday, May 4th, 2024

Deadline to submit Voter Participation

17 V.S.A. 2593

Within 60 days of Election