

Candidate Calendar
City of Corpus Christi
November 3, 2026 General Election
Dates are subject to change
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Date	Complete	Description
Thursday, January 15¹		Deadline for filing Semiannual campaign report due for July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 with the City Secretary. Applies to candidates, officeholders, and specific-purpose political committees. <i>Form must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. See Item #1 for details.</i>
Monday, June 15²		Candidate packet available online and on paper from the City Secretary's Office.
Wednesday, July 15¹		Deadline for filing Semiannual report of campaign contributions for January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 with the City Secretary. Applies to candidates, officeholders, and specific-purpose political committees. <i>Form must be submitted on paper with an original signature no later than 5:00 p.m.</i>
Friday, July 17¹⁹		Last day for <u>candidates</u> to register to vote or update voter registration.
Monday, July 20^{4, 5, 18}		First day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot. <i>Form must be submitted to the City Secretary's Office with the filing fee or petition in person or via mail with an original signature during regular office hours.</i> Deadline: No later than 3 days after filing for office, a candidate must complete the Annual and Supplemental Report of Financial Information. See additional instructions below at #18.
Tuesday, July 28 & August 11⁶		City Council Meeting(s) to order a general and special election.
Monday, August 17^{4, 5, 18}		Last day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot. <i>Form must be submitted to the City Secretary's Office with the filing fee or petition in person or via mail with an original signature no later than 5:00 p.m.</i> Deadline: No later than 3 days after filing for office, a candidate must complete the Annual and Supplemental Report of Financial Information. See #18 for additional instructions.
Friday, August 21⁷		Drawing for order of names on the ballot. The City Secretary will conduct the drawing at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 1201 Leopard Street.
Monday, August 24⁸		Deadline for candidate to withdraw their name from the ballot. <i>The form to withdraw must be brought to the City Secretary's Office with an original signature no later than 5:00 p.m. If the form is emailed, mailed or faxed, it must be notarized before sending.</i>
Monday, September 8¹⁰		Deadline for candidate to file the Personal Financial Statement (PFS) required by state statute with the City Secretary. <i>Form must be submitted on paper with an original signature no later than 5:00 p.m.</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 22⁹		Candidate Orientation (optional): 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the 6 th Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 1201 Leopard St.
Monday, October 5³		Deadline for filing with the City Secretary the first statement of campaign contributions and expenditures (30 th day report) with the City Secretary. <i>Form must be submitted on paper with an original signature no later than 5:00 p.m.</i>

Monday, October 19 ¹¹		First day of Early Voting by personal appearance.
Friday, October 23 ¹²		Last day to apply for a ballot by mail. See Nueces County website for details.
Monday, October 26 ³		Deadline for filing with the City Secretary the second statement of campaign contributions and expenditures (8 th day report) with the City Secretary. <i>Form must be submitted on paper with an original signature no later than 5:00 p.m.</i>
Friday, October 30		Last day of early voting by personal appearance.
Tuesday, November 3		ELECTION DAY, polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. By 7pm, last day to receive ballot by mail if carrier envelope is NOT postmarked. See Nueces County website for details.
Tuesday, November 17 ^{13, 15}		Canvass of the election will occur during the regular City Council Meeting; candidate attendance is optional. If a runoff election is necessary, it will be ordered at this meeting.
Friday, November 20 ¹⁴		Deadline for runoff candidates to withdraw from the runoff election. <i>The form to withdraw must be received by the City Secretary's Office with an original signature (not electronic) no later than 5:00 p.m. If the form is emailed, mailed or faxed, it must be notarized before sending.</i>
Monday, November 30 ¹⁷		First day of Runoff Early Voting by personal appearance.
Friday, December 4 ³		Runoff Candidates Only: Deadline for filing with the City Secretary the runoff statement of campaign contributions and expenditures (runoff 8 th day report) with the City Secretary. <i>Form must be submitted on paper with an original signature no later than 5:00 p.m.</i>
Tuesday, December 15 ¹⁶		Inauguration Day (<u>if runoff election is not required</u>).
Tuesday, December 8 ¹⁷		Last day of Runoff Early Voting by personal appearance.
Saturday, December 12 ¹⁷		Runoff Election Day, polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. By 7 p.m., last day to receive ballot by mail if carrier envelope is NOT postmarked. See Nueces County website for details.
Monday, December 21 ¹³		Canvass Meeting for Runoff election, 10:00am, Council Chambers, 1201 Leopard St. (candidate attendance optional).
Mon. January 11, 2027		3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ceremonial Meeting for Outgoing Members 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Swearing-in Ceremony for Newly Elected Members
Tue., January 12, 2027 ¹⁶		Council Meeting – New council members take office (<u>if runoff election is required</u>).
Fri., January 15, 2027 ¹⁶		Deadline for filing Semiannual campaign report through December 31, 2026 with the City Secretary. Applies to candidates, officeholders, and specific-purpose political committees.

References

1. Candidates shall file a Semiannual report not later than January 15. Tex. Election Code § 254.063(a) and (c). Officeholders shall file a semiannual report not later than January 15. Tex. Election Code § 254.093(a) and (c). Form: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/coh-local.pdf>.

Submission options: Reports are due before 5:00 p.m. in person, emailed as an attachment, or by using the online form (email citysecretary@corpuschristitx.gov for an individual link). The report must either be (a) notarized (wait to sign it in front of the notary) or (b) the Unsworn Declaration section must be completed. If submitting in person, the City Secretary's Office can notarize the report. If submitting via email attachment, the form must be notarized or candidate must complete Unsworn Declaration prior to sending.

2. The City Secretary's Office shall make printed forms for the purpose of filing such forms. Tex. Election Code § 1.010 and Title 15.
3. Candidates in an opposed election must file two additional reports with the City Secretary: (1) not later than the 30th day before election day and (2) not later than the 8th day before election day. The deadline for filing the first report (30th day report) falls on Sunday October 4, 2026. Therefore, the deadline moves to Monday, October 5, 2026. The deadline for filing the second report (8th day report) is Monday, October 26, 2026. Runoff election candidates must file a report not later than the 8th day before runoff election day, which is Friday, December 4, 2026. Tex. Election Code § 254.064. Form: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/coh-local.pdf>.

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4. The first day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot is July 18, 2026, which is on a Saturday. The Texas Secretary of State has confirmed that "regular business hours" prevails. Thus, the City of Corpus Christi's next regular business day on which a candidate may file an in-person application for a place on the ballot in person is Monday, July 20, 2026. Tex. Election Code § 143.004 and § 143.007. The application must include payment of the \$100 filing fee or a petition signed by registered voters as outlined in the City Charter Article II, § 2. Form: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-49f.pdf>.
5. Candidate must have filed "Form CTA—Appointment of Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate" with the City Secretary's Office prior to filing an application for a place on the ballot. Tex. Election Code § 252.001. "If you plan to run for a public office in Texas (except for a federal office), you must file an Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate (form CTA) with the proper filing authority before you become a candidate, even if you do not intend to accept campaign contributions or make campaign expenditures." [Texas Ethics Commission Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders who File with Local Filing Authorities](#). Form: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/cta_26.pdf
6. Monday, August 17, 2026 is the statutory deadline to order a General or Special Election. Tex. Election Code § 3.005. The last City Council meeting prior to this deadline is August 11, 2026.
7. No statutory time is mandated, as drawing for general or special elections may be conducted at any time after the filing deadline, but the City Secretary must post notice of the drawing 72 hours immediately preceding the scheduled time of the drawing. Tex. Election Code § 52.094.
8. Candidate's name shall be omitted from ballot if there is a timely withdrawal before 5:00 p.m. of 71st day before Election Day. Tex. Election Code § 145.092(f), 145.094(a)(4). A candidate may not withdraw after 5:00 p.m. of the 71st day before Election Day. Tex. Election Code § 145.092(f). Form: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-66f.pdf>

9. The Candidate Orientation is led by the City Secretary, City Attorney, and City Manager, covering a variety of topics including an overview of city government, time commitments of being on Council, legal issues, parliamentary procedures, and much more. Attendance is encouraged but not required.
10. Candidates for City Council are required to file the Personal Financial Statement (PFS) as required by Local Government Code Chapter § 145.004(c)(1) no later than the 20th day after the application filing deadline. Incumbent candidates who filed the PFS with the City Secretary in April are not required to file a financial statement required under another provision of this chapter covering that same year if, *before the deadline for filing the statement under the other provision, the person notifies the clerk or secretary of the municipality in writing that the person has already filed a financial statement under this chapter covering that year* per Local Government Code § 145.006. The 20th day is Sunday, September 6, 2026 and Monday, September 7 is the Labor Day holiday, so the deadline moves to the next business day, which is Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Form: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/pfs/e_pfs26-LOCAL.pdf
11. For an election held on the uniform election date in November, the period for early voting by personal appearance begins on the 17th day before election day, or the next business day (being Monday, October 19, 2026). Early voting continues through the fourth day before Election Day (being October 30, 2026). Tex. Election Code § 85.001. **Note** that at time of printing, it is unknown when S.B. 2753, enacted by the 89th Legislature (R.S), will be implemented by the Texas Secretary of State. If it is implemented for this election, the Early Voting dates will change.
12. Application must be received, not postmarked, no later than the close of regular business in the early voting clerk's office or 12:00 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before Election Day (5:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2026). Tex. Election Code § 84.007(c). An application is considered to be submitted at the time of its receipt by the early voting clerk. Tex. Election Code § 84.007(d). For an application for ballot by mail submitted by fax or email to be effective, the application also must be submitted by mail and received by the early voting clerk not later than the fourth business day after transmission by fax or email. Tex. Election Code § 84.007(b-1).
13. Canvass must be held between the third and fourteenth day after Election Day, which is between November 6 and November 17, 2026. Tex. Election Code § 67.003(c). For the Runoff Election, the canvass must be held between December 15 and December 26, 2026.
14. A candidate may not withdraw after 5:00 p.m. of the third day after the final canvass for the main election. Tex. Election Code § 145.092(d). “If a runoff candidate withdraws, the remaining candidate is considered to be elected and the runoff election for that office is not held.” Tex. Election Code § 145.095.
15. City Charter Article II, § 3 outlines when a runoff election is necessary and how the candidates are determined. Not later than the fifth day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed, the authority responsible for ordering the main election shall order the runoff election. Tex. Election Code § 2.024.
16. All council members shall take office at the first council meeting after the votes are canvassed from the regular election. However, in the event a runoff election is required for any office, all council members shall take office at the first council meeting after the votes are canvassed from the runoff election. City Charter Article II, 2 § 1(c).
17. The time period for Runoff Early Voting follows the same pattern for a uniform election date. For an election held on the uniform election date in November, the period for early voting by personal appearance would begin on the 17th day before Election Day, or the next business day. Due to Thanksgiving, the next business day is Monday, November 30, 2025. Tex. Election Code § 2.025 (e)(2)(B). Early voting continues through the fourth day before Election Day, which is Tuesday,

December 8, 2025. Tex. Election Code § 85.001. Per Tex. Election Code § 2.025(a) and (e), a runoff election shall be held on a Saturday designated by the Secretary of State. This year's runoff election date is Saturday, December 12, 2026. **Note** that at time of printing, it is unknown when S.B. 2753, enacted by the 89th Legislature (R.S), will be implemented by the Texas Secretary of State. If it is implemented for this election, the Early Voting dates will change.

18. Candidates for City Council are required to file an Annual Report of Financial Information, covering January 1 through December 31 of the previous year, within 3 days of filing for office. If filing for office after June 30, they will also file a Supplemental Report of Information, covering the time period January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. If any incumbent candidate has previously filed a report for the appropriate period(s), that report shall satisfy this section. City Code Sec. 2-343.

Instructions: The Annual report covers the period Jan. 1, 2025, to Dec. 31, 2025 (on form, select third button under Report Type, Candidate's Report for Year Ending December 31, 2025). The Supplemental report covers the period Jan. 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 (on form, select second button under Report Type, Supplemental Report for Six Months Ending June 30, 2026). Both of these should be marked as New Filing under the section Ethics Report Filing. Amended filing is only selected if a New Filing has been submitted and a corrected/updated filing is being submitted. The report and additional instructions are available at <https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/city-secretary/ethics-filings/>.

19. Per Tex. Election Code § 141.001(6), a person must be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected on the date described by Tex. Election Code § 141.001(5).