Election 2021 Proposal



Election Code Changes

Charter Amendment

Election 2021 Resolution



Election Code Amendments

Adopted November 2, 2020

Enabling Legislation

- Retains Flexibility for VBM or Traditional Election
- Method of Voting Determined by Council via Resolution

Authorizing Administrative Procedures for VBM Election

- Mailing of Ballots and Issuance of Replacement Ballots
- Return and Canvas of Ballots (Due by 8 PM on Election Day, No Postmarks)
- Election Day Polling Location with Same Day Voter Registration
- Required Minimum Communications to Residents

Next Steps

• December 7: Approval of Resolution Designating Election 2021 as VBM Election

Charter Amendment Resolution

Summary of Changes

- Shifts Election Day to 2nd Tuesday in May
 - Allows for Extended Season at Beginning & End, Providing Additional Time for Outreach, Communications & Mailings
- Proposes Changes to the Process by which the Council President & Vice President are Elected (Allows Time for Council to Review & Discuss Roles)
- Reduces Timeline for Board to Certify Election from 10 days to 5 days

Charter Amendments require Public Hearings held 21 days after Public Notice

Next Steps

Tonight! Public Hearing

December 7: Adoption of the Charter Amendment Resolution

January 26: Effective Date of the Charter Amendment Resolution

Election 2021 Timeline

December:

Council Adopts Resolution for all Vote-by-Mail Election

Election Vendor Selections

February: Candidate Registration Opens for 6.5 Weeks

March: Candidate Registration Closes & Initial Voter Registration Deadline

April: Ballots Mailed to all Registered Voters

Tuesday, May 11: Election Day

- Ballots due by 8 PM, Polling Center Open with Same Day Registration
- Certification of Results due within 5 days

Monday, May 17: Acceptance of Certified Election Results

Monday, June 7: Adjourn Sine Die, Oath of Office Ceremony

Monday, July 19: Election of Council President & Vice President