



CITY OF HIALEAH 2023 ELECTION

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Primary Election: November 7, 2023
General Election (Run-Off), if necessary: November 21, 2023

Date of Election:

Primary Election: 11/07/2023
General Election, if necessary: 11/21/2023

Voter Registration:

Deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election: 10/10/2023
Deadline to register to vote: 10/23/2023

Election for:

- (1) Council Member Group I
- (2) Council Member Group II
- (3) Council Member Group III
- (4) Council Member Group IV

Qualifying Period:

Dates: Beginning on Monday, July 10, 2023 during business hours after 12:00 noon through Monday, July 31, 2023 ending at 5:00 p.m.

Hours: After 12:00 noon on Monday July 10, 2023 and ending at 5:00 p.m., and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 11, 2023
- Wednesday, July 12, 2023
- Thursday, July 13, 2023
- Friday, July 14, 2023
- Monday, July 17, 2023
- Tuesday, July 18, 2023
- Wednesday, July 19, 2023
- Thursday, July 20, 2023
- Friday, July 21, 2023

- Monday, July 24, 2023
- Tuesday, July 25, 2023
- Wednesday, July 26, 2023
- Thursday, July 27, 2023
- Friday, July 28, 2023
- Monday, July 31, 2023

Location: City of Hialeah City Hall
 Office of the City Clerk
 501 Palm Avenue
 Third Floor
 Hialeah, FL 33010

***We request that all prospective candidates contact the Office of the City Clerk at (305) 883-5820, in advance, in order to schedule an appointment to file the qualifying documentation and pay the qualifying fee. An appointment will ensure that appropriate personnel is available to process the qualifying papers.**

***IMPORTANT:** GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS APPROVED CS/SB 7050 ON MAY 24, 2023. CS/SB 7050 IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 AND REVISED THE FREQUENCY CAMPAIGN TREASURER REPORTS SHALL BE FILED BY CAMPAIGN TREASURERS AS DESIGNATED BY CANDIDATES OR POLITICAL COMMITTEES.

DUE DATE	Campaign Treasurer's Report, and if applicable Paid Campaign Workers Participation in Absentee Ballot Activities Report (MD-ED 26) CODE/TYPE	REPORTING PERIOD COVERED (FROM/TO)
03/10/2023	2023-M2 (monthly report)	02/01/2023 to 02/28/2023
04/10/2023	2023-M3 (monthly report)	03/01/2023 to 03/31/2023
05/10/2023	2023-M4 (monthly report)	04/01/2023 to 04/30/2023
06/12/2023	2023-M5 (monthly report)	05/01/2023 to 05/31/2023
07/10/2023	2023-M6 (monthly report)	06/01/2023 to 06/30/2023
08/09/2023	First day political signs can be displayed on private property	
*08/10/2023	2023-M7 (monthly report)	07/01/2023 to 07/31/2023
*09/11/2023	2023-M8 (monthly report)	08/01/2023 to 08/31/2023
*10/10/2023	2023-M9 (monthly report)	09/01/2023 to 09/30/2023
10/13/2023	2023-G1 (25 days prior to Primary Election)	07/01/2023* to 10/06/2023

10/16/2023	Last day to designate poll watcher(s) for Early Voting for the Primary Election. <i>Due before noon to the City Clerk.</i> Candidates may have one watcher in each early voting area at any time. Must utilize DS-DE 125 for poll watcher designations.	
10/24/2023	Last day to designate poll watcher(s) for Election Day for the Primary Election. <i>Due before noon to the City Clerk.</i> Candidates may have one watcher in each early voting area at any time. Must utilize DS-DE 125 for poll watcher designations.	
10/27/2023	2023-G2 (11 days prior to Primary Election)	10/07/2023 to 10/20/2023
10/30/2023	TR – 90 Days Termination Report After Qualifying. For candidates who are unopposed or do not qualify, following the last day of qualifying for office. (See Florida Statutes § 106.07(1)(c))	07/01/2023 to 10/30/2023
11/02/2023	Last day to accept contributions prior to the Primary Election – <i>midnight of the fifth day prior to an election.</i> (See Florida Statutes § 106.08(3)(a))	
11/03/2023	2023-G3 (4 days prior to Primary Election)	10/21/2023 to 11/02/2023
11/03/2023	Last day to designate poll watcher(s) for Early Voting for the General Election (if necessary). <i>Due before noon to the City Clerk.</i> Candidate may have one watcher in each early voting area at any time. Must utilize the DS-DE 125 form for poll watcher designations.	
11/07/2023	Last day to designate poll watcher(s) for Election Day – General Election (if necessary). <i>Due before noon to the City Clerk.</i> Candidates may have one watcher in each early voting area at any time. Must utilize the DS-DE 125 form for poll watcher designations.	
11/07/2023	Primary Election	
11/10/2023	2023-R1 (11 days prior to the General Election)	11/03/2023 to 11/03/2023
11/16/2023	Last day to accept contributions prior to the General Election – <i>midnight of the fifth day prior to an election.</i> (See Florida Statutes § 106.08(3)(a))	
11/17/2023	2023-R2 (4 days prior to the General Election)	11/04/2023 to 11/16/2023
11/21/2023	General Election (if necessary)	
12/07/2023	Political signs must be removed from private property no later than today for candidates who are eliminated or elected on November 7, 2023.	
12/21/2023	Political signs must be removed from private property no later than today for candidates who are eliminated or elected on November 21, 2023.	
02/05/2024	TR - 90 Days After Primary Election. For candidates elected or eliminated on the Primary Election. (See Florida Statutes § 106.141 (1))	11/03/2023 to 02/05/2024
02/19/2024 (President's Day Holiday)	TR - 90 Days After General Election. For candidates elected or eliminated on the General Election. (See Florida Statutes § 106.141 (1))	11/17/2023 to 02/19/2024

*Denotes a change

Updated on June 26, 2023

Important Information about Filing Campaign Treasurer's Reports

CANDIDATES MUST ALSO REFER TO THE 2022 CANDIDATE AND CAMPAIGN TREASURER HANDBOOK AND FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 106 FOR ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDELINES

Florida Statutes § 106.07 and § 106.141

Filing Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Candidates shall file all campaign treasurer's reports with the City Clerk. Candidates must report all contributions and expenditures on required campaign finance reporting forms. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate and campaign treasurer with the appropriate reporting forms.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on or by the report's designated due date. A report postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated as the report's due date is deemed timely filed. Depending upon when a candidate files his/her "Form DS-DE 9 – *Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository*" with the City Clerk, reports will be filed monthly, then on the 25th, 11th and 4th days preceding the City of Hialeah Primary Election. The candidate and campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer shall collectively certify the accuracy and truthfulness of each report filed with the City Clerk.

Waiver of Campaign Treasurer's Report

During a reporting period with no campaign finance activity, i.e., no contributions received and funds expended or received, the filing of the report may be waived by notifying the City Clerk that no activity has occurred. The notification shall be made by filing a Waiver of Campaign Treasurer's Report form on or before the report's designated due date. A candidate may mail or file the form in person. A United States postmark bearing the due date or an earlier date is acceptable. The Waiver of Report must be signed by both the candidate and treasurer or deputy treasurer.

Penalties for Filing a Late Report

A late report is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late, and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a report that is due immediately preceding the municipal regular election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

The City Clerk has no statutory authority to waive a fine. Only the Florida Elections Commission may waive a fine based on a timely appeal filed by the candidate. The Florida Elections Commission shall meet and hold a hearing to determine if a fine shall be waived.

Deadline to Accept Campaign Contributions

Florida Statutes § 106.08

The deadline for candidates with opposition in the November 7, 2023 City of Hialeah Primary Election to accept campaign contributions is Thursday, November 2, 2023. Contributions received after November 2, 2023 must be returned to the contributor.

Form DS DE 2 – *Contributions Returned* is required for disclosing contributions that are not deposited in the campaign account and are returned to the contributor. Form DS-DE 2 will be provided to the candidate and campaign treasurer by the City Clerk.