



MEMORANDUM

January 6, 2021

TO: All Councilmembers
All Council Staff
FM: Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council
RE: Deadlines for Adoption of Ballot Measures in 2021

The deadlines for adoption of ballot measures for 2021 elections are in the table below. This schedule is predicated on the Council meeting as set out in the recently adopted rule changes (first 4 Tuesdays a month) as well as no Council meetings being held in the second full week of April 2021 (April 12-April 16) or in the first two weeks of August 2021 (Aug 2-August 13):

2021 Election Dates

	<u>2/9¹</u>	<u>4/27¹</u>	<u>8/3²</u>	<u>11/2³</u>
Last regular council meeting with maximum processing time (25 days)	11/10/20	1/26/21	4/6/21	7/6/21
Last regular council meeting with minimum processing time (10 days)	11/24/20	2/16/21 ⁴	5/4/21 ⁴	7/20/21
Last regular council meeting to pass as emergency	12/8/20	2/23/21	5/11/21	7/27/21
Last special council meeting to pass as emergency	12/11/20	2/26/21	5/14/21	8/3/21
Election Division deadline for receiving effective ordinance	12/11/20	2/26/21	5/14/21	8/3/21

1. Based on effective ordinance filed with Elections 60 days before the election. RCW 29A.04.321
2. Based on effective ordinance filed with Elections no later than the Friday (May 14) immediately before the first day of regular candidate filing, which in 2021 is May 17, the Monday two weeks before Memorial Day. RCW 29A.24.050; RCW 29A.04.321
3. Based on effective ordinance filed with Elections no later than the primary. RCW 29A.04.321.
4. **This would require that the adopted ordinance be signed by the Chair, Clerk and Executive on the day of the meeting.**

Note: This schedule does not apply to Charter amendments. Because Charter § 800 provides that ordinances proposing amendments to the Charter are not subject to executive veto, such ordinances have an effective date (10 days after enactment by the Council) that differs from the effective date of an ordinance that is subject to executive veto.