

**CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE FOR THE  
2025 CITY ELECTION**

- Nomination Papers Available from the City Clerk ..... Tuesday, April 1, 2025**
- Deadline for Candidates to File Nomination Papers with Registrars ..... Tuesday, July 15, 2025**  
*☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.*
- Deadline for Registrars to Transmit Nomination Papers to City Clerk ..... Tuesday, July 29, 2025**
- Last Day to File Objections or to Withdraw ..... Thursday, July 31, 2025**  
*☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.*
- Drawing for Ballot Positions\* (City Council Chamber, if Preliminary Election scheduled)..... Thursday, August 7, 2025**  
*☞ At or before 5:05 p.m.*
- Last Day to Register to be eligible to Vote in the \*Preliminary Election ..... Saturday, September 6, 2025**  
*☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.*
- Last Day to Request a Mail-in Ballot in the \*Preliminary Elections..... Tuesday, September 9, 2025**  
*☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.*
- Preliminary Election\* (if scheduled) ..... Tuesday, September 16, 2025**
- Drawing for Ballot Positions (City Council Chamber)..... Monday, September 22, 2025**  
*☞ At or before 4:30 p.m.*
- Last Day to Register to be eligible to Vote in the City Election ..... Saturday, October 25, 2025**  
*☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.*
- Last Day to Request a Mail-In Ballot in the City Election..... Tuesday, October 28, 2025**  
*☞ At or before 5:00 p.m.*
- City Election ..... Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

**\* Preliminary Election Scheduling**

- (A) A Preliminary Election will be held citywide under the following circumstances: (a) if there are more than two (2) candidates for Mayor; or, (b) if there are more than twelve (12) candidates for Councillor at-large; or, (c) if there are more than six (6) candidates for School Committee.
- (B) A Preliminary Election will be held only in Wards with more than two (2) candidates for Ward Councillor.
- (C) A Preliminary Election ballot will include only those offices that meet the conditions under (A) and/or (B) above.

**NOMINATION PAPERS FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**will be available on Tuesday, April 1, 2025  
at the City Clerk's Office, Room 121, City Hall**

**Preliminary Election - Tuesday, September 16, 2025 (if necessary)**

**General Election - Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

**Candidates need the certified signatures of 50 registered Gardner voters to qualify as a candidate for nomination**  
*[Candidates are urged to obtain more than 50 signatures as some may be disqualified because they are duplicates, illegible,  
the signer is not a registered voter in Gardner, or the signer is not registered at the address written on the papers]*

**Nomination Papers must be returned to the City Clerk's Office  
No later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

**POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>NO. OF POSITIONS</b>
<b>Mayor</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Councillor at Large</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Councillor Ward 1</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Councillor Ward 2</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Councillor Ward 3</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Councillor Ward 4</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Councillor Ward 5</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>School Committee</b>	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>3</b>

**A list of candidates will be posted following final certification of nomination papers.**

**Contact the City Clerk's Office for more information.**

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