



CITY OF SOUTHFIELD
**ELECTION
GUIDE 2026**

FROM YOUR CITY CLERK
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2026 ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

PRIMARY ELECTION

Voters choose who will be on the ballot in November.

- › **June 25:** Absentee ballots available.
- › **July 21:** Last Day to register to vote in any manner other than in-person.
- › **July 25 – August 2:** Early Voting.
- › **August 3:** Last day to request Absentee Ballot *(by 4 pm, in person ONLY)*.
- › **August 4: IT'S ELECTION DAY!** Polls close at 8pm.
Drop box + Mailed-in ballots must be received by this time.

GENERAL ELECTION

- › **September 24:** Absentee ballots available.
- › **October 20:** Last Day to register to vote in any manner other than in-person.
- › **October 24 – November 1:** Early Voting.
- › **November 2:** Last day to request Absentee Ballot *(by 4 pm, in person ONLY)*.
- › **November 3: IT'S ELECTION DAY!** Polls close at 8pm.
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WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE VOTING IN A PRIMARY ELECTION

In August Primary Elections, voters must select candidates from **only one** party. The Primary ballot is divided into columns: one for Republican candidates and one for Democratic candidates for the same offices.

- › You **may not** “cross over” by voting for partisan candidates from more than one party. If you do, your votes for partisan offices will not be counted.
- › The ballot also includes a separate column for nonpartisan offices, such as judges, and for ballot proposals. All voters may vote in the nonpartisan and proposal section, regardless of which party column they choose to vote in.

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE VOTING IN A GENERAL ELECTION

In November General Elections, you are allowed to select candidates from different parties for different races. You are not required to vote only for candidates in a specific party.

- › **PARTISAN SECTION:** to vote for the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a “straight-ticket”, a “split-ticket”, or a “mixed-ticket.”
- › **STRAIGHT-TICKET:** Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.
- › **SPLIT-TICKET:** You may vote a straight-ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.
- › **MIXED-TICKET:** Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office
- › **NONPARTISAN** and **PROPOSAL SECTIONS** of the ballot (if any) must be voted separately.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Visit the Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) at www.mi.gov/vote or scan the QR Code.

1. View a Sample Ballot
2. Check if You're Registered
3. Register/Update Voter Information
4. Check the Status of Your Absent Voter Ballot
5. Find your Polling Place



EARLY VOTING

- **EARLY VOTING SITE:** City Hall, Room 115 (Parks & Rec)
26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI 48076
(For your convenience, please park in parking lot between Library and City Hall)
- **TIME:** Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Thurs: 12:00pm – 8:00pm

(Beginning the 2nd Saturday to the Election, ending the Sunday prior to the Election)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EARLY VOTING						
		ELECTION DAY				

AUGUST 4TH PRIMARY:

Early Voting: July 25 – August 2

NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL:

Early Voting: October 24 – November 1

VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT



Apply for an absentee ballot online. If you are not on the absentee ballot list, (scan the QR Code) or apply at The City of Southfield Clerk's office.

mvic.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index

3 WAYS TO RETURN YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

1. **BY MAIL:** (to be counted, it must be RECEIVED by the clerk's office by 8pm on election day!)
2. **BALLOT DROP BOX:** See all drop box locations at www.cityofsouthfield.com/residents/election-information
3. **BRING THE BALLOT TO YOUR EARLY VOTING SITE DURING EARLY VOTING OR ON ELECTION DAY AT YOUR PRECINCT.**



**REGISTERED VOTERS HAVE
3 OPTIONS TO VOTE:**



BY MAIL
OR
DROP BOX
(Absentee Ballot)



9 DAYS of
in-person Early
Voting



ELECTION DAY,
Vote in-person
at your precinct

Visit our website or scan the QR Code
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