

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS [\[5\]](#)

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- (a) *Regular Elections; Nomination; Petition.* The regular City election shall be an odd year general election as established by state law. Candidates for city council and mayor shall be nonpartisan and shall be nominated by petitions containing the signatures of at least twenty (20) qualified electors registered to vote.

State Law reference— Odd year elections, MCL 168.644a et seq.

- (b) *Registered Voter Defined.* All citizens legally registered under the constitution and laws of the State of Michigan to vote in the City shall be registered voters of the City within the meaning of this charter.
- (c) *Conduct of Elections.* The provisions of the general election laws of the State of Michigan shall apply to elections held under this charter. All elections provided for by the charter shall be conducted by the election authorities established by law. Candidates shall run for office without party designation. For the conduct of City elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, state election law shall be followed.
- (d) *Special Elections.* The city council may request a special election, which shall be conducted pursuant to the election laws of the State of Michigan, but no more than two (2) special elections may be called within one (1) year.

FOOTNOTE(S):

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State Law reference— Elections generally, MCL 168.1 et seq. [\(Back\)](#)