



November 8, 2022 Coordinated Election	
Ballot Issue:	Ballot Item #2B City-Initiated Charter Amendment No. 2 (November Elections)
Ballot Question	<p>Shall Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, regarding the conduct of City elections, be amended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make the regular city election date the first Tuesday in November of every odd-numbered year, instead of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of every odd-numbered year; • transition to the new election schedule by extending the current term of the Mayor and of each Councilmember from April to November of the appropriate odd-numbered year, without altering the number of terms each may serve; • allow for coordinated elections to be conducted by the County Clerk and Recorder and clarify the applicable law for coordinated elections; • allow Council to adjust the time frame for candidate nominations and withdrawals up to 180 days prior to an election; and • make minor conforming edits; and <p>shall Article II of the Charter, regarding membership, terms and organization of the City Council, be amended to provide that City officers elected in a November election shall be sworn in and take office, and a Mayor Pro Tem shall be elected, at a special Council meeting on the second Tuesday of January after such election?</p> <p>_____ Yes/For</p> <p>_____ No/Against</p>
Timeline	<p>September 2021-May 2022: Conversations with Election Code Committee</p> <p>March 22, 2022: Presentation at Council Work Session</p> <p>June 21, 2022: Council considers Ordinance NO. 081, 2022 on first reading</p> <p>July 5, 2022: Council adopts Ordinance NO. 081, 2022 on second reading and places item on the ballot</p>
Chamber Position	No Position
Some Basics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This change to the City Charter would allow all municipal elections to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of November in odd-numbered years.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This would replace the current schedule in which candidate elections are held in April of odd-numbered years.• This item is proposed to raise voter participation and lower voter fatigue.• By moving to a November election, the City can coordinate elections with the County General Election. Costs for the election would not change dramatically.• In 2021 the City of Fort Collins saw a 37% voter turnout. In comparison, Larimer County saw a 43% voter turnout in their last odd-number coordinated election. |
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