

**Election Report Deadlines**

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City Council of the  
**City of Annapolis**

**Ordinance 24-25**

**Introduced by: Alderman Huntley**

**Co-sponsored by:**

**Referred to:** Board of Supervisors of Elections, Rules and City Government Committee

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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**BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2025 Edition: **4.44.080**

**SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

**City Code Title 4 - ELECTIONS**  
**Chapter 4.44 - Fair Election Practices**

**Section 4.44.080 - Election reports required.**

~~A. A candidate to public or party office, and the treasurer designated by that candidate shall file and sign the report or statement of contributions, loans and expenditures as prescribed in accordance with this chapter with the board. Unless a final report is submitted pursuant to subsection F, election reports as specified below are required by all candidates for public or party office, whether or not the candidate's name appears on the primary ballot, the candidate withdraws subsequent to filing the candidate's certificate of candidacy or the~~

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candidate is unsuccessful in the election. Each report filed shall contain all contributions received and expenditures made in furtherance of the candidate's nomination or election by the candidate personally or, with the knowledge of the candidate, by any other person or groups of persons. The report shall be completed, except as otherwise provided in this section. The initial report filed shall contain all contributions and loans received and expenditures made since the date of the last preceding election to fill the office for which the person is a candidate. Each subsequent report shall contain all contributions and loans received and expenditures made since the end of the period for which the last preceding report was filed. A statement to that effect must be included on the forms prescribed pursuant to this chapter. The reports shall be filed for each of the following reporting periods:

1. ~~No later than the fourth Tuesday preceding any primary election;~~
2. ~~No later than the Tuesday immediately preceding any primary election;~~
3. ~~No later than the fourth Tuesday preceding any general election;~~
4. ~~No later than the Tuesday immediately preceding any general election;~~
5. ~~No later than seven days prior to any special election;~~
6. ~~No later than July 1st in any year in which there is no election for City Council notwithstanding special elections; and~~
7. ~~No later than December 1st following a general election. This report shall cover the balance of the preceding election cycle which ends on the day of the general election.~~

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1. Unless a final report is submitted pursuant to subsection F, election reports as specified below are required by all candidates for public or party office, whether or not the candidate's name appears on the primary ballot, the candidate withdraws after filing the candidate's certificate of candidacy or the candidate is unsuccessful in the election.
2. Each report filed shall contain all contributions received and expenditures made in furtherance of the candidate's nomination or election by the candidate personally or, with the knowledge of the candidate, by any other person or group of persons.
3. The report shall be completed, except as otherwise provided in this section. The initial report filed shall contain all contributions and loans received and expenditures made since the date of the last preceding election to fill the office for which the person is a candidate.

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4. Each subsequent report shall contain all contributions and loans received and expenditures made since the end of the period for which the last preceding report was filed.

5. A statement to that effect must be included on the forms prescribed pursuant to this chapter.

**B.** The reports shall be filed for each of the following reporting periods:

1. No later than the 26th Tuesday preceding any primary election;

2. No later than the 13th Tuesday preceding any primary election;

3. No later than the fourth Tuesday preceding any primary election;

4. No later than the Tuesday immediately preceding any primary election;

5. No later than the Tuesday immediately preceding any general election;

6. No later than seven days before any special election;

7. No later than July 1st in any year in which there is no election for City Council, notwithstanding special elections; and

8. No later than December 1st following a general election. This report shall cover the balance of the preceding election cycle, which ends on the general election day.

**SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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