

2026 CITY OF RALEIGH REPORTING SCHEDULE

The Raleigh ⁷City Ordinance 2024 627 was ratified on May 7, 2024, and extends Council members to four-year terms with staggered elections starting in 2026. Per N.C.G.S. § 163-278.40D, all candidates that file for Raleigh Mayor or City Council will move from a Nonpartisan Plurality to a Nonpartisan with a Primary reporting schedule.

⁸MUNICIPAL NONPARTISAN ELECTION WITH A PRIMARY

N.C.G.S. § 163-278.40D and 163-278.9b will establish the timeline for candidates that file for Raleigh City Council during the December Filing Period for the March Primary Election.

Under the governing statute of G.S. 163-279(a)(3) and G.S. 163-294, all candidates that file for a Nonpartisan office with a Primary Election may have the following reports filled, in addition to the Organizational Report:

- 2025 Year-End Semi-Annual Report
- 2026 Thirty-Five Day Report
- 2026 Pre-Primary Report
- 2026 Mid-Year Semi Annual Report
- 2026 Pre-Election Report
- 2026 Year- End Semi Annual Report

Please note that, depending on the outcome of the March Primary Election, the committee will fall under one of the following three conditions that will determine a specific **Reporting Schedule**:

- If the candidate is involved in the Primary and proceeds to the General Election (**Schedule 1**)
- If the candidate is not involved in the Primary Election and proceeds to the General Election (**Schedule 2**)
- If the candidate is involved in the Primary but does not proceed to the General Election (**Schedule 3**)

The Wake County Board of Elections Campaign Finance office will notify ALL candidates that file for a Raleigh City Council seat of their specific reporting schedule, and due date for a report. If you have any questions regarding the reporting schedule, please call the Wake County Campaign Finance Team at (919) 404-4088 or email candidates@wake.gov.

⁷ <https://cityofraleigh0drupal.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/drupal-prod/COR14/municipal-election-changes-2024-627.pdf>

⁸ N.C.G.S 163-278.40(D) Campaign Report; Nonpartisan Primary and Elections

REPORTING SCHEDULE 1

* If the candidate is involved in the Primary Election and Proceeds to the General Election*

Report Type	Period Start Date	Period End Date	Report Due Date
Organizational Report	Date of First Transaction or Act in Support of Candidacy	Up to 10 days after period start date (⁹ May NOT cover future dates)	Within 10 days of organizing
2025 Year-End Semi-Annual Report	07/01/2025 or day after period end date of the last report filed	12/31/2025	01/30/2026
2026 Thirty-Five Day Report	01/01/2026	01/20/2026	01/27/2026
2026 Pre-Primary Report	01/21/2026	02/16/2026	02/23/2026
2026 Mid-Year Semi-Annual Report	02/17/2026	06/30/2026	07/31/2026
2026 Pre-Election Report	07/01/2026	10/19/2026	10/26/2026
2026 Year-End Semi-Annual Report	10/20/2026	12/31/2026	01/29/2027

¹⁰SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING

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- 2027 Mid-Year Semi Annual Report
 - Period Start Date: 01/01/2027 Period End date: 06/30/2027 Period Due Date: 07/30/2027
- 2027 Year-End Semi Annual Report
 - Period Start Date: 07/01/2027 Period End date: 12/31/2027 Period Due Date: 01/30/2028

⁹ The Organizational Report can cover 1 to 10 days. It may be submitted before the tenth day, provided the date signed and submitted is AFTER the period end date.

¹⁰ Election Cycle renews on the first day of every year

REPORTING SCHEDULE 2

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2026 Mid-Year Semi-Annual Report	01/01/2026	06/30/2026	07/31/2026
2026 Thirty-Five Day Report	07/01/2026	09/22/2026	09/29/2026
2026 Pre-Election Report	09/23/2026	10/19/2026	10/26/2026
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REPORTING SCHEDULE 3

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