



CITY OF SANTA FE

Public Campaign Financing and 2025 Regular Local Election Information

Please reference Chapter 9 of the Santa Fe Municipal Code for information related to the Election and Political Campaign Codes.

[CHAPTER IX - ELECTION AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CODES](#)

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2025 Regular Local Election Important Dates

05/05/2025 - Qualifying period begins - the period during which a candidate seeking to become a publicly financed candidate is permitted to collect qualifying contributions and to apply for certification as a publicly financed candidate. It begins one hundred eighty-three (183) days before the election. (SFCC Section 9.-2.3V)

05/05/2025 – Nominating Petitions – Persons seeking election for Mayor or City Councilor can begin collecting signatures on Nominating Petitions. (City of Santa Fe Municipal Charter 4.03)

06/07/2025 – Election resolution – the Governing Body shall adopt an election resolution no earlier than one hundred fifty (150) days and no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of a regular municipal election. (SFCC Section 9-1.6)

07/21/2025 - Qualifying period ends – the period for candidates seeking to become a publicly finance candidate ends one hundred six (106) days before the election. (SFCC Section 9.-2.3V)

08/07/2025 – Certification as a publicly financed candidate – On or before the eighty-ninth (89th) day before the election the City Clerk shall make a determination whether the candidate’s application complies with the requirements of Subsection 9-3.8 SFCC 1987 and whether the candidate satisfies the requisites for certification as a publicly financed candidate prescribed by Section 9-3.5 SFCC 1987, and shall thereupon issue a decision, in accordance with the determination so made, granting or refusing such certification to the candidate. (SFCC Section 9-3.9B)

08/11/2025 – Payments to publicly financed candidates – within three (3) business days of certifying a candidate as a publicly financed candidate, the City Clerk shall disburse to the candidate from the fund. (SFCC Section 9-3.10)

08/26/2025 – Declaration of Candidacy - A candidate for a position will be filled at a regular local election shall file a declaration of candidacy with the proper filing officer between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the seventieth day before the date of the regular local election. (NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-7)

Campaign Reporting Dates – All Candidates Per SFCC Section 9-2.10

- **09/05/2025** – By 12:00 p.m. on the 60th day preceding the election.
- **10/05/2025** – By 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day preceding the election.
- **10/28/2025** – By 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday preceding the election.
- **11/03/2025** – By Noon on Monday the day before the election.
- **12/04/2025** – Or within 30 days following the election (Final Report).

September 8, 2025: A publicly financed candidate may file one additional campaign finance statement reporting the receipt of qualified small contributions on the fifty-seventh (57th) day preceding the election (SFCC Section 9-3.13(A))

Additional Information November 4, 2025, Regular Local Election

The County Clerk is the proper filing officer for all petitions and will make the ultimate decision on Candidates who have qualified for the ballot based on NMSA 1978, § 1-22-10.

Candidates have two options for collecting Nominating Petition names, addresses, and signatures. Candidates can use the 2025 RLE Qualifying Elector Nominating Petition form approved by the Secretary of State or the City of Santa Fe's online petition form.

Santa Fe City Position Signature Estimated Requirements

Mayor – 312*

Council District 1 – 100*

Council District 2 – 91*

Council District 3 – 54*

Council District 4 - 69*

Signature requirements are calculated based on a percentage of the total number of registered voters in the district and are subject to change as voter registration numbers may change.

*Signatures required as of 04/29/2025 pursuant to the City of Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Section 4.03.

The City “opted-in” to the Local Election Act in 2018 (Ord. 2018-24). The election is conducted by Santa Fe County.