



Department Source: Law
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: December 19, 2022
Re: April 2023 Municipal Election

Executive Summary

A council bill has been prepared to call the municipal election for April 4, 2023.

Discussion

Under the City Charter, a regular election for municipal officials is held every April. In April 2023, the election will be for council members for Wards 1 and 5. Each candidate for the Wards 1 and 5 positions must file a nominating petition signed by at least 50 but no more than 75 registered voters entitled to vote for the candidate. Nominating petitions for all candidates must be filed no later than January 10, 2023.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Fiscal impact unknown at this time. The cost is based on the various entities who have placed an item on the ballot for any particular election.

In April 2022, the City's proportionate share for the costs relating to the municipal and special elections was \$65,383.33 with 18 entities having items on the ballot. City of Columbia election items in 2022 included filling positions for the Mayor, Council members for Ward 3 and Ward 4 and local use tax. The cost for the August 2022 municipal special election for the Ward 3 candidate was \$20,591.50 with two entities participating.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
	An ordinance is passed annually for the April municipal elections.

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance.