

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FL
2026 ELECTION CANDIDATE CALENDAR

Feb. 19, 2026 **First day to obtain Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form.** Petition cards available after form is filed with the City Clerk.

Apr. 10, 2026 **Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m.** if campaign account open. Include all contributions and expenditures through March 31, 2026.
Report Type: 2026 Q1

Apr. 24, 2026 Final day for **office holders to resign**, if current term overlaps term of office for which becoming a candidate [F.S.99.012(3)(c)] and [Code Sec. 14.41(1)] (10 days prior to first day of qualifying period).

May 4, 2026 **Qualifying period begins 8 a.m.** (first day for candidates to file for office.)

May 15, 2026 **Qualifying period ends 5 p.m.** (final day for candidates to file for office)

June 10, 2026 **Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m.**
Report covers April 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026.
Report Type: 2026 Q2

June 19, 2026 **Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m.** (60 days prior)
Report covers June 1, 2026 – June 12, 2026.
Report Type: 2026 G1

July 3, 2026 **Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m.** (46 days prior)
Report covers June 13, 2026 – June 26, 2026.
Report Type: 2026 G2

July 9, 2026 **Initial mailing of absentee ballots by Supervisor of Elections**

July 17, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (32 days prior) Report covers June 27, 2026 – July 10, 2026. Report Type: 2026 G3
July 20, 2026	Voter Registration Books close (29 days prior to election) [F.S. 97.055].
July 24, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (25 days prior) Report covers July 11, 2026 – July 17, 2026. Report Type: 2026 G4
July 31, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (18 days prior) Report covers July 18, 2026 – July 24, 2026. Report Type: 2026 G5
Aug. 7, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (11 days prior) Report covers July 25, 2026 – July 31, 2026. Report Type: 2026 G6
Aug.13, 2026	Last day candidates can accept contributions – 12 a.m. midnight (not less than 5 days prior to election) [(F.S. 106.08(3))].
Aug. 14, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (4 days prior) Report covers Aug. 1, 2026 – Aug. 13, 2026. Report Type: 2026 G7
Aug. 18, 2026	Election Day (Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
Nov. 16, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. [F.S. 106.141] (90 days after election). Report Type: 2026 TRG ** This report is required of candidates who did not receive the threshold votes.

For the two candidates running in each seat who received the highest number of votes, the following additional reporting dates are required for the November 3, 2026 runoff election.

Aug. 28, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (67 days prior). Report covers Aug. 14, 2026 – Aug. 21, 2026. Report Type: 2026 R1
Sep. 11, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (53 days prior). Report covers Aug. 22, 2026 – Sep. 4, 2026. Report Type: 2026 R2
Sep. 25, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (39 days prior). Report covers Sep. 5, 2026 – Sep. 18, 2026. Report Type: 2026 R3
Oct. 5, 2026	Voter Registration Books close (29 days prior to election) [F.S. 97.055].
Oct. 9, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (25 days prior). Report covers Sep. 19, 2026 – Oct. 2, 2026. Report Type: 2026 R4
Oct. 23, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (11 days prior). Report covers Oct. 3, 2026 – Oct. 16, 2026. Report Type: 2026 R5
Oct. 29, 2026	Last day candidates can accept contributions – 12 a.m. midnight (not less than 5 days prior to election) [(F.S. 106.08(3))].
Oct. 30, 2026	Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. (4 days prior). Report covers Oct. 17, 2026 – Oct. 29, 2026. Report Type: 2026 R6
Nov. 3, 2026	Election Day

Nov. 17, 2026 Oath of Office administered.
 New Council Orientation.

Nov. 19, 2026 Oath of Office ceremony at City Council meeting.

Feb. 1, 2027 **Treasurer's Report must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than 11:59 p.m. [F.S. 106.141] (90 days after election).**
Report Type: 2026 TRR