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#### **Election Information**

The City of Owens Cross Roads elects the following positions at each 4-year election term:

- Mayor
- Council Members currently 5 at-large members

The Alabama League of Municipalities has published "<u>Duties of the Mayor and Council</u>" to help understand the distinct roles and separation of duties.

Owens Cross Roads last election was held in 2020. In 2021, the Alabama State Legislature voted to move municipal elections off the same calendar year as

presidential elections. Officials elected in 2020 will serve until 2025. Municipal elections will be held on August 26, 2025.

The City Clerk's office is responsible for overseeing the election process.

#### **Registering to Vote**

<u>Secretary of State - Online Registration</u>

Secretary of State - Fillable PDF

Mail in request for form:

Secretary of State - Online Voter Form Request

Call to request the form from the following:

Alabama Secretary of State - 1-800-274-8683 Madison County Board of Registrars - 256-532-3510

Forms must be sent in to the County in which you live or to the Secretary of State's Office. See form for address.

Your County Board of Registrars will mail you a voter identification card upon determining that you are eligible to vote in your county. The voter identification card will provide the name and address of your polling locations, including the location for the municipal election.

#### **General Election Information**

You will need to contact the county in which you live for information regarding the General Election. The

number is listed below to each County/Division. You can refer to the <u>Locate Your Polling Place</u> page if you would like to find your polling location for an election. You can refer to <u>Alabamavotes.gov</u> for the <u>application</u> or to <u>locate your polling place</u>.

## **Secretary of State Information for Elections**

Alabama Municipal Election Polling Official Guide
Secretary of State - Frequently Asked Questions
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Election Information

#### Voter ID

- Valid Forms of ID
- Photo Voter ID Law Enacted
- How to Get A Free Photo Voter ID Card
- Where to obtain a Free Alabama Photo Voter ID

#### Fair Campaign Practices Act

- Begin Filing Reports Electronically
- <u>Candidate Filing Guidelines</u>
- Political Action Committee Filing Guidelines
- Online Filing System Guidelines
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   Overview
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#### Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) Deadlines

#### **Alabama Ethics Commission**

#### Statement of Economic Interests

- Who Must File
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## **Municipal Election Calendar - Quick Reference**

### Click here for ALL dates regarding the 2025 Municipal Calendar

Date	Information	Code of Alabama, 1975 - Section Number	
August 26, 2024	First day candidates can raise or spend money.	17-5-7(b)(2)	
May 28, 2025	Last day a person can become a resident of the municipality in order to become a candidate.	11-46-25(g) 11-43-63	
June 10, 2025	Mayor will give notice of the election.	11-46-22(a)	
June 10, 2025	Candidates may begin qualifying at City Hall once notice is published. Qualifying forms are available from the City Clerk after publication.	11-46-22(a)	
	Candidates must file a Statement of Economic Interests form with the Alabama Ethics Commission in order to appear on the ballot. For questions regarding the Statement of Economic Interests form, please call the Alabama Ethics Commission at 334-242-2997 or email at candidates@ethics.alabama.gov.	36-25-15(a)	
June 24, 2025	Last day, by 5:00 p.m., to qualify to run for municipal office.	11-46-25(g)	
July 27, 2025	Last day to establish residency to vote in municipal general election.	11-46-38(b)	
August 26, 2025	ELECTION DAY	11-46-28(a)	
August 26, 2025	All polling places shall be open for voting from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.	11-46-28(a)	

#### **Run-off Election**

Date	Information	Code of Alabama, 1975 - Section Number
September 8, 2025	Last day to register to vote for the run-off election.	11-46-38 17-3-50
September 23, 2025	RUN-OFF ELECTION	11-46-55(d) 11-46-21(a)
September 23, 2025	All polling places shall be open for voting from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.	11-46-28(a)

#### **Post Election**

Date	Information	Code of Alabama, 1975 - Section Number
November 3, 2025	Newly elected municipal officials take office on the first Monday in November following the election.	11-46-21(c)
November 3, 2025	Council meets for its organizational session @	

**Additional Post Election Requirements** 

Date	Information	
November 4, 2025	First Working City Council Meeting takes place the Tuesday following the Organizational session.	5:30 p.m.
November 5, 2025	Regional Municipal Official Orientation Presented by the Alabama League of Municipalities - VBC	All Day
November 6, 2025	Regional Municipal Official Orientation Presented by the Alabama League of Municipalities – VBC	All Day