



2026 City Council Election-Important Dates

At the 2026 General Election on November 3rd, five City Council positions will appear on the ballot.

Open City of Detroit Positions

City Councilor	Currently held by Greg Sheppard
City Councilor	Currently held by Michele Tesdal
City Councilor	Currently held by Denny Nielsen
City Councilor	Currently held by Dean O'Donnell
City Councilor	Currently held by William McCall

- The three (3) Councilors receiving the highest number of votes shall each hold office for four (4) years and the other members for two (2) years.
- All positions are non-partisan
- All positions are volunteer and non-paid
- All terms will begin on January 12, 2027, at the first meeting of the City Council

File by Petition

A person must complete and submit the two forms listed below and submit to the City Elections Officer prior to gathering any signatures. The first day to file for the November 3, 2026 General Election is June 3, 2026, and the last day to file for the November 3, 2026 General Election is August 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

- SEL 101 – Candidate filing – Major Political Party or Nonpartisan
- SEL 121 – Candidate Signature Sheet – Non partisan

Qualifications and Residency Requirements

To qualify as a candidate for City Councilor you must be:

- A qualified elector under the laws and Constitution of the State of Oregon.
- A registered voter of the City of Detroit.
- No city employee who receives compensation from the city shall hold a city elective office. No person who holds the office of municipal judge shall hold another city elective or appointed office.
- Must be able to attend nine (9) out of twelve (12) regular City Council Meetings in a calendar year.
- The Council shall be the judge of the qualifications and election of the elected city officers.