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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
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PRESS RELEASE

Deadline for Obtaining Nomination Papers for 2023 Municipal Election is This Friday, July 28th

New Bedford, MA – The Board of Election Commissioners reminds residents that Nomination Papers for the 2023 Municipal Election are available in the Election Office located in City Hall, 133 William Street -- Room 114. The deadline for obtaining nomination papers is Friday, July 28th at 5 p.m.

Candidates are required to sign up and will be given an information packet that contains the Election Calendar and nomination papers. Before issuance of nomination papers, the candidate must sign a statement containing the person's name, address, and the office the person intends to be a candidate. Anyone other than the candidate must present a signed authorization to secure papers on their behalf. Candidates must obtain 50 certified signatures, per MGL 53 9A, to be eligible to appear on the Preliminary Ballot scheduled for October 3rd.

The Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023. In the Preliminary Municipal Election, New Bedford voters will be casting their votes for Mayor, Assessor-At-Large, School Committee, Councilors-At-Large, and Ward Councilors. Please see the attached updated election calendar for further details including information regarding early voting locations and dates.

City of New Bedford
Municipal Election Calendar
Preliminary Election – October 3, 2023
Municipal Election – November 7, 2023

APRIL 4	First day on which nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for the offices of Mayor, City Council, Assessor-At-Large, and School Committee. Each candidate must sign with the Board of Election Commissioners before he/she can obtain papers. A signed statement containing the person's name, address, and the office for which the person intends to be a candidate. Each candidate will be issued five (5) nomination papers.
JULY 28 Election 5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour to obtain nomination papers from the Board of Commissioners.
AUGUST 1 5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour to submit nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners for certification of signatures.
AUGUST 15 5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour to officially <u>accept nomination</u> once signatures certified with the Board of Election Commissioners.
AUGUST 17 Papers 5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour for <u>filing withdrawals or objections</u> of nomination with the Board of Election Commissioners.
SEPTEMBER 22 5:00 P.M.	Last day to register to vote for the Preliminary Election.
SEPTEMBER 23 9:00 A.M. TO 4 P.M.	In-person Early Voting at Main Public Library
SEPTEMBER 26 5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee preliminary ballot.
SEPTEMBER 27 11:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.	In-person Early Voting at Taber Mills
SEPTEMBER 28 11:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.	In-person Early Voting at Hazelwood Senior Center
OCTOBER 2 12:00 P.M.	Last day and hour to apply for an in-person absentee preliminary ballot

OCTOBER 3	PRELIMINARY ELECTION - POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 9 5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour to file recount petition with Board of Election Commissioners.
OCTOBER 27 5:00 P.M.	Last day to register to vote for the Municipal Election .
OCTOBER 28 9:00 A.M. TO 4 P.M.	In-person Early Voting at Main Public Library
OCTOBER 31 5:00 PM	Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee election ballot.
NOVEMBER 1 11:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.	In-person Early Voting at Taber Mills
NOVEMBER 2 11:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.	In-person Early Voting at Hazelwood Senior Center
NOVEMBER 6 12:00 PM	Last day and hour to apply for the in-person absentee election ballot.
NOVEMBER 7	Municipal Election - Polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 17 5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour to file for a recount for the Election