

November 4, 2025 Regular City/School Election Calendar

Monday, August 25th

First day to file nomination papers: city candidates file nomination papers in the office of the County Auditor, school candidates file nomination papers in the office of the School Board Secretary

Tuesday, August 26th

First day to submit an absentee ballot request form to the County Auditor's Office

Monday, September 1st – Labor Day

Cerro Gordo County offices closed

Thursday, September 18th

5:00 pm - Deadline to file nomination papers: city candidates in the office of the County Auditor

5:00 pm - Deadline to file nomination papers: school candidates in the office of the School Board Secretary

Tuesday, September 23rd

5:00 pm - Deadline for candidate to withdraw

5:00 pm - Deadline to object to candidate's eligibility or nomination papers

Thursday, October 9th

9:00 am - Public test of election equipment (will continue each day until completed)

Wednesday, October 15th

First day to vote by absentee ballot in the County Auditor's Office

Monday, October 20th

5:00 pm - Voter pre-registration deadline

5:00 pm - Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail

Friday, October 31st

5:00 pm - Deadline to submit written challenge to absentee voter

Monday, November 3rd

5:00 pm - Deadline to vote by absentee ballot in the county auditors office

Tuesday, November 4th – Election Day – Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm

8:00 pm - Deadline for personal delivery of voted absentee ballots to county auditor's office

8:00 pm - Deadline to receive original ballot request postmarked by Oct 20 for a prior electronic request

8:00 pm - Deadline for absentee voter to correct an incomplete affidavit

Monday, November 10th

9:00 am - Special precinct board will meet to review provisional ballots and tally write-in votes

Tuesday, November 11th – Veterans Day observed

Cerro Gordo County offices closed

Wednesday, November 12th

2:00 pm - Canvass of election

Thursday, November 13th

9:00 am - Post Election Audit

Tuesday, November 18th

2:00 pm - Canvass of election for shared jurisdictions

Tuesday, December 2nd

Runoff Election Day (if necessary) for City of Mason City