

## Estimated Election Costs and Timelines for Ballot Measure

### Timelines for an Election

#### 2025 Special Election

The deadlines for a Special Election in an odd-numbered year are determined by California Elections Code section 9222. For a Special Election, the City would contract with the Monterey County Elections Office to conduct the election.

<b>August 6, 2025</b>	City adopts a Resolution calling for a special municipal election on November 4, 2025, for a street address ballot measure, requests that the Monterey County Elections Office conduct the election. The Resolution would contain the ballot measure language for the voters.
<b>August 7, 2025</b>	The Resolution is sent to the Monterey County Elections Office and County Board of Supervisors for approval. The election will be scheduled for 88-103 days from August 6th.
<b>October 2025</b>	The County will mail out ballots to Carmel-by-the-Sea registered voters.
<b>November 4, 2025</b>	Election day
<b>December 4, 2025</b>	Election results certified by the County

#### 2026 General Election Timeline (estimated dates)

<b>June 2, 2025</b>	Adopt a Resolution calling for a general municipal election for Mayor, Councilmembers, and ballot measure, and requesting consolidation with the County.
<b>August 9, 2025</b>	Last date to withdraw a ballot measure.
<b>October 2026</b>	County will mail out ballots.
<b>November 3, 2026</b>	Election day
<b>December 3, 2026</b>	Election results certified by the County

## **Estimated Costs for Elections – Monterey County**

The Monterey County Elections office has estimated that the cost of standalone election in an odd numbered year would be \$16-24 per registered voter. Carmel has about 2,500 registered voters, so the estimated cost to hold an election in 2025 is \$40,000 - 60,000.

However, the cost to hold an election during an even numbered year when consolidated with a county/statewide election, is about \$4-6 per registered voter when we have no ballot measures (only mayor and councilmember election), which is \$10,000 to \$15,000. If the City were to add a ballot measure an already planned election in 2026, the cost to add a ballot measure in 2026 would be estimated to be \$8,000 to \$10,000