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Run-off Election Fact Sheet

A run-off election is held when a sufficient number of candidates do not receive a majority of the votes cast to elect the required number of positions or no candidate for mayor or no candidate for ward councilman receives a majority of the votes cast for the candidate's respective office.

At the run-off election, the candidates shall be those candidates not elected at the regular municipal election who received the greatest number of votes. If a municipal election candidate proceeds into a run-off election:

- A municipal candidate with a single candidate committee is not required to file a 20 day post-election report for the municipal election. A joint committee where all of the candidates in the committee are running in the run-off is not required to file a 20 day post-election report for the municipal election.
- A municipal joint committee with at least one candidate not participating in the run-off is still required to file a 20 day post-election report for the municipal election.
- The run-off is considered to be a separate election. Candidates are required to file Form D-1 (or D-2 for a joint committee) for the run-off. However, no 29 day pre-election report is required.
- Candidates file the 11 day pre-election and 20 day post-election reports.
- There are new contribution limits. They retroactively refresh 13 days prior to the municipal election. If a contributor gives a contribution after the 11 day cut-off date, it is attributed to the runoff election.
- A candidate maintaining a single candidate committee in the municipal election may transfer all of their funds to the run-off election.
- Candidates maintaining a joint candidates committee, with at least one candidate participating in the run-off, may transfer all of their funds to the run-off election or contribute up to the maximum contribution limit from a candidate committee.
- If quarterly reporting is required after a June run-off, the first quarterly report is due on October 15th. If quarterly reporting is required after a December run-off, the first quarterly report is due on April 15th.