

**Arizona Charter City Election Charter (and Code if applicable) Comparison Chart**

Charter City	First Election	Second Election
Avondale	<p>Section 7 At the primary election any candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he is a candidate and no further election shall be held as to said candidate.</p> <p>Section 8 Nomination for general election. If at any primary election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then said election shall be considered to be a primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and a second or general election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices. The candidates not elected at such first election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at such second election; provided, that if there be any person who under the provisions of this section would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p>	<p>Section 10 Candidates receiving most votes to be elected. The candidates equal in number to the persons to be elected who shall receive the highest number of votes at said general election shall be declared elected to such office.</p>
Bisbee	<p>Section 9.07 (a) Mayor At the primary election any candidate for Mayor who shall receive a majority of all votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he or she is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said office.</p> <p>(b) Council Member At the primary election any candidate for Council Member who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast for said office at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he or she is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said office.</p>	<p>Section 9.08 (a) Mayor If in a primary election one candidate for Mayor does not receive a majority of the votes cast at large, then the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be considered nominated, and their names will appear on the ballot of the general election. In case of a tie for second place, that candidate with the highest number of votes and those tied for second place will appear on the ballot of the general election.</p> <p>(b) Council Member If in a primary election one candidate for Council Member in a ward does not receive a majority of the votes cast at large for Council Member, then the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be considered nominated, and their names will appear on the ballot of the general election. In case of a tie for second place, that candidate with the highest number of votes and those tied for second place will appear on the ballot of the general election.</p>

<p>Casa Grande</p>	<p>Sec. 6. At the primary election, any candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he or she is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate.</p> <p>Sec. 7. If at any primary election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then, said election shall be considered to be a primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and a second or general election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices. The candidates, not elected at such first election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at such second election; provided, that if there be any person who under the provisions of this section, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p>	<p>Sec. 8. Candidates receiving most votes to be elected. The candidates equal in number to the persons to be elected who shall receive the highest number of votes at said General election, shall be declared elected to such office.</p>
<p>Chandler</p>	<p>7.01. (d) Majority vote to elect. At said primary election any candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate; provided that if more candidates receive a majority than there are offices to be filled, then those equal in number to the offices to be filled, receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Nothing on the ballot shall indicate the affiliation of any candidate with any other person, party or group.</p>	<p>7.01. (e) Nomination for regular elections. If at any primary election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then said election shall be considered to be a primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices and a second or regular election shall be held to vote for a candidate to fill such office or offices. The candidates not elected at such first election equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at such second election, provided that, if there be any person who under the provisions of this section would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p>

Flagstaff	<p>Section 1—(b) Primary elections shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the General Election, and for such other purposes as the Council may prescribe. (c) General elections shall be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor and the Councilmembers of the City, and such other purposes as the Council may prescribe</p> <p>Section 5 (a) The Primary Election shall be held on the first Tuesday in February<sup>3</sup> in even-numbered years. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the Primary Election for each office for which there is a vacancy will be considered nominated for such office, and their names shall be printed on the ballot for the General Election; provided, that if there be any person who, under the provisions of this Section would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received said equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p> <p>(b) In the event that no more than two candidates file nominating petitions for each vacancy in office, the Primary Election may be dispensed with as to that office.</p>	<p>Sec. 3. Date of general elections; terms; oath of officers. The municipal general election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each election year as provided in section 4 of this chapter, except during the year 1962 when the municipal general election shall be held on the third Tuesday of November. The terms of the mayor and members of the council shall commence at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday in December following their election and, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be for four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Each officer so elected shall take and subscribe to his oath of office as in this chapter provided.</p>
Glendale	<p>Sec. 6. Majority to elect in primary. At the primary election any candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate.</p>	<p>Sec. 7. Nomination for general election. If at any primary election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then, said election shall be considered to be a primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and a second or general election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices. The candidates, not elected at such first election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at such second election; provided, that if there be any person who under the provisions of this section, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p>

Goodyear	<p>Section 6. At the primary election, any candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate. If more candidates receive a majority vote than vacancies to be filled, those receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected, equal to the number of vacancies.</p>	<p>Section 7. A. If at any Primary election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefore was elected, then, said election shall be considered to be a Primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and a second or General election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices.</p> <p>B. The candidates, not elected at such first election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at such second election; provided, that if there be any person who under the provisions of this section, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefore, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p> <p>Section 8. The candidates equal in number to the persons to be elected who shall receive the highest number of votes at said General election, shall be declared elected to such office.</p>
Goodyear Code	<p>2-3-1 Any candidate who shall receive at the primary election a majority of all the votes cast shall be declared to be elected to the office for which he or she is a candidate effective as of the date of the general election, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate; provided that if more candidates receive a majority than there are offices to be filled then those equal in number to the offices to be filled receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.</p>	<p>2-3-3 If at any primary election held as above, provided there be any office or offices for which no candidate is elected, then as to such office or offices, the election shall be considered to be a primary election for nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and the second or general municipal election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices. Candidates to be placed on the ballot at such second or general municipal election shall be those not elected at such first election, shall be equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office or less than that number if there be less than that number named on the primary election ballot, and persons who receive the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election shall be the only candidates at such second election, provided that if there be any person who, under the provisions of this article, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving an equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p> <p>2-3-4 The candidates equal in number to the persons to be elected who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.</p>

Holbrook	<p>Section 9.01 (a) Primary elections shall be held for the purposes of making nominations for the general election and electing officers hereinafter provided, and for other such purposes as the Council may prescribe.</p> <p>(b) General General elections shall be held for the purpose of electing officers of the City and for such other purposes as the Council may prescribe.</p> <p>ection 9.07. (a) Mayor At the primary election, any candidate for Mayor who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected, and no further election shall be held as to said office.</p> <p>(b) Council Member At the primary election, any candidate for Council Member who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said office.</p>	<p>Section 9.08. (a) Mayor If in a primary election one candidate for Mayor does not receive a majority of the votes cast at large, then the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be considered nominated, and their names will appear on the ballot of the general election. In case of a tie for second place, that candidate with the highest number of votes and those tied for second place will appear on the ballot of the general election. These shall be the only candidates for Mayor in the general election.</p> <p>(b) Council Member if in a primary election one or more candidates for Council Member do not receive a majority of all votes cast at such election, the candidates not elected at the primary election equal in number to twice the number of the offices remaining unfilled, and who received the highest number of votes for the offices at the primary election, shall be considered nominated for the remaining positions, and their names shall appear on the ballot of the general election. In the case of a tie among candidates who would have been entitled to become candidates for an office at the general election except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, all such candidates receiving said equal number of votes shall become candidates for such office.</p>
Mesa	<p>Any candidate for the office of Mayor who shall receive at the primary election the number of votes constituting a majority of all of the valid ballots cast for the office of Mayor shall be declared elected. Any candidate for the office of district Councilmember who shall receive at the primary election the number of votes constituting a majority of all of the valid ballots cast for the office of Councilmember in that district shall be declared elected. If a voter votes for two (2) or more candidates for a certain office, that ballot and vote shall not count for that same office. Nothing on the ballot shall indicate the affiliation of any candidate with any other person, party, or group.</p>	<p>A general election shall be held for those seats where no candidate was elected at the primary election. For the office of Mayor and for each district Councilmember seat, the two (2) persons (or more than two [2] in the event of a tie vote) receiving the highest number of valid votes cast for that office shall be the only persons named on the ballot at the general election.</p>

Nogales	<p>Sec. 35. Candidate receiving majority vote at primary. At said primary election any candidate who shall receive a majority of all votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate.</p>	<p>Sec. 36. Second or general election. If at any election held as above provided, there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then, as to such office or offices, said election shall be considered to be a primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and a second or general municipal election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices. The candidates, not elected at such first election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at said second election; provided, that if there be any person who, under the provisions of this paragraph, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p>
Peoria	<p>Sec. 6. Majority to elect in primary. At the primary election any candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate.</p>	<p>Sec. 7. Nomination for general election. If at any primary election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then, said election shall be considered to be a primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and a second or general election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices. The candidates, not elected at such first election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at such second election; provided, that if there be any person who under the provisions of this section, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p>

Prescott	<p>Section 6 - Majority to elect in primary At the primary election any candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election for that office shall be declared elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate.</p>	<p>Section 7 - Nomination for general election If at any primary election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then, said election shall be considered a primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and a second or general election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices. The candidates, not elected at such first election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at such second election; provided, that if there be any person who under the provisions of this section, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p>
Phoenix	<p>Sec. 15. A. Every voter shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for office of Mayor and to vote for one candidate for the office of City Council Member from that voter's Council District.</p> <p>B. Any candidate who at said Mayor and Council Election shall receive a majority of all the votes cast for that office at such election shall be elected to such office.</p>	<p>Sec. 16. A. If under the provisions of Section 15 the office of Mayor remains unfilled after the Mayor and Council Election, a Runoff Election shall be held later to fill the office. In the Runoff Election there shall be printed on the ballot the names of two candidates for the office. The names shall be those of the two unelected candidates polling the greatest numbers of votes in the Mayor and Council Election. The candidate who shall receive the highest number of votes at such Runoff Election shall be declared elected to the office of Mayor.</p> <p>B. If under the provisions of Section 15 the office of Council Member in any Council District remains unfilled after the Mayor and Council Election, a Runoff Election shall be held in each such Council District later to fill such offices. In the Runoff Election there shall be printed on the ballot in each district in which a Council Office remains unfilled the names of two candidates for the office; the names shall be those of the two unelected candidates polling the greatest numbers of votes in the Mayor and Council Election. In the Runoff Election, the candidate polling the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.</p> <p>C. All ties in either election shall be decided by lot in the presence of the candidates concerned and under the direction of the election authorities.</p>

Scottsdale	<p>Sec. 5. Any candidate who shall receive at the general election, the number of votes constituting a majority of all of the ballots cast, shall be declared to be elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further elections shall be held as to said candidate provided that if more candidates receive the number of votes constituting a majority of all of the ballots cast than there are offices to be filled, then those candidates, equal in number of the offices to be filled, receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be elected.</p>	<p>Sec. 6. If at any general election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then a run-off election shall be held to elect candidates to fill such office or offices. The candidates not elected at the general election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at the general election, shall be the only candidates at the run-off election; provided, that if there be any person who under the provisions of this section would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office, except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p> <p>Sec. 7. Candidates receiving most votes to be elected. The candidates, equal in number to the persons to be elected, who shall receive the highest number of votes at a run-off election shall be declared elected to such office. In any cases of ties, the decision as to winner shall be determined by lot.</p>
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<p>Tempe</p>	<p>(c) Except as otherwise provided by this Charter, the provisions of the election laws of the State of Arizona shall apply to elections held under this Charter. All elections provided for by the Charter shall be conducted by the election authorities established by law. For the conduct of city elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable, consistent with law and this Charter.</p> <p>(d) Optional procedure. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this Charter to the contrary, the council may by ordinance provide that at the primary election, any candidate who shall receive a majority of all votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office of which he is a candidate, effective as of the date of the general election, and no further election shall be held as to such candidate, provided that nothing on the ballot shall be indicative of the source of the candidacy or of the support of the candidate.</p>	
<p>Tempe Code</p>	<p>Sec. 13-4. Any candidate for mayor or city councilman who shall receive a majority of all votes cast at the primary election shall be declared to be elected to the office for which he is a candidate, effective as of the date of the general election, and no further election shall be held as to such candidate. If more candidates receive a majority of all votes cast than there are offices to be filled, then those candidates, equal in number of the offices to be filled, receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared to be elected.</p>	<p>Sec. 13-5. If at any primary election held as provided in this chapter there is any office for which no candidate was elected, then such election shall be considered to be a primary election for nomination of candidates for such office, and a general election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office. Candidates to be placed on the ballot at the general election shall be those not elected at the primary election. The number of candidates shall be equal in number of candidates to twice the number to be elected to any office not filled at the primary election, or less than that number if there be less than that number named on the primary election ballot; candidates who receive the highest number of votes for the respective offices at the primary election shall be the only candidates listed on the ballot for the general election; provided, that if there is any candidate who received an equal number of votes, then all such candidates receiving an equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office at the general election.</p> <p>Sec. 13-6. The candidates equal in number to the persons to be elected who shall receive the highest number of votes at a general election shall be declared elected to such office.</p>

Tucson	<p><b>Sec. 2.</b> Primary elections under this Charter shall be held on the third Tuesday in September of each year in which a general election for the offices of mayor and councilmen, or councilmen only, shall be held as hereinafter provided in this chapter. The provisions of the general laws of the State of Arizona relating to and governing primary elections and the nomination of elective officers, whether by primary or certificate of nomination (being the whole of title 16, Arizona Revised Statutes, 1956, and each and every provision of said title with all amendments and supplements thereto) applicable to a city of the population and the class of this city, shall apply and govern the holding of primaries and nominations of elective officers. The mayor and council shall have power to make any further and additional provisions relating to primaries and nominations of officers not repugnant or contrary to the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the state or any amendments and supplements thereto.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 9.</b> Beginning in the year 1930, and continuing thereafter, the mayor shall be nominated from and elected by the voters of the city at large, and the councilmen shall be nominated each from, and by the respective voters of, the ward in which he resides, and shall be elected by the voters of the city at large.</p>
Winslow	<p>Sec. 5. (a) ...The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the primary election for each office for which there is a vacancy will be considered nominated for such office and their names will be printed on the ballot for the general election; provided, that if there be any person who under the provisions of this section, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving said equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.</p>	<p>Sec. 7. (a) The candidate for mayor who shall receive the highest number of votes at the general election shall be declared elected.</p> <p>(b) The candidates for councilman, equal in number to the offices to be filled, who shall receive the highest number of votes at the general election shall be declared elected.</p>

Yuma	<p>Sec. 1. (a) Primary elections shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the general election, and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe.</p> <p>Sec. 5 Any candidate who shall receive at the primary election, a number of votes constituting a majority of all the ballots cast, shall be declared to be elected to the office for which he is a candidate effective as of the date of the general election, and no further elections shall be held as to said candidate provided that if more candidates receive the number of votes constituting a majority of all the ballots cast than there are offices to be filled, then those candidates, equal in number of the offices to be filled receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be elected.</p>	<p>Sec. 1 (b) General elections shall be held for the purpose of electing a mayor, councilmembers and magistrate of the City and for such other purposes and offices as the City Council or this Charter may prescribe.</p> <p>Sec. 5. Any candidate who shall receive at the primary election, a number of votes constituting a majority of all the ballots cast, shall be declared to be elected to the office for which he is a candidate effective as of the date of the general election, and no further elections shall be held as to said candidate provided that if more candidates receive the number of votes constituting a majority of all the ballots cast than there are offices to be filled, then those candidates, equal in number of the offices to be filled receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be elected.</p>
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