

City of Milton State of Georgia 2023 Municipal Elections July Elections Consultant's Report



Submitted to

The Honorable Mayor Peyton Jamison
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IMPORTANT DATES

August 21, 2023 - First Day to Accept Request for AB Application **Per O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)

August 21st through August 25th Qualifying Period Municipal Office Candidates

September 26, 2023 - Last Day to notify electors of Election Day polling change which shall be in writing and mailed to the last known address of the elector by the Registrar or the Election Board. **Per S.E.B. Rule 183-1-7-.01. Precincts, Changes in Boundaries, Notification of Electors

October 10, 2023 Last Day to Register to Vote for the General Election

October 16, 2023 - First day absentee ballots must be ready for voting and ballot must be issued and mailed to voter within 3 days of receipt. **Per O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384

October 27, 2023 - Last Day to Accept Request for AB Application **Per O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)

November 7, 2023 Election Day

November 8, 2023 Elections Supt shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00am on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419, SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(10)

November 13, 2023 Last day to cure Provisional Ballots (Moved Due to Holiday)

November 14, 2023 Deadline for County Certification of Election

REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES

~*Set and publish qualifying fees. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131

~*Dates and locations of qualifying. O.C.G.A. § 212-132 (nonpartisan)

~*Notice of Election Day Polling Location Change

~ Logic and Accuracy Testing For KnowInk Poll Pads

~ Computation and Canvassing of Election Returns

~ Intent to Tabulate Early

~Publish cancellation of elections if necessary. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-291

*COMPLETED TASKS BY THE CITY

Elections Superintendent verbally confirmed that the City has timely and properly:

(1) published all required notices in the legal organ for the municipality to date;

(2) confirmed that all voting precincts impacted by redistricting have been be updated;

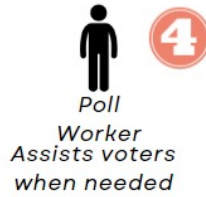
(3) That all new streets, street segments, and any overlapping segments were verified and that the Streets List provided to the County is accurate and correct. Furthermore, that all addresses listed on the Streets List are private residences and not commercial businesses;
and

(4) Created Milton's 2023 Elections Calendar, Elections Page on City website and conducted two Poll Worker Interest Meetings in preparation for the poll worker training in September.

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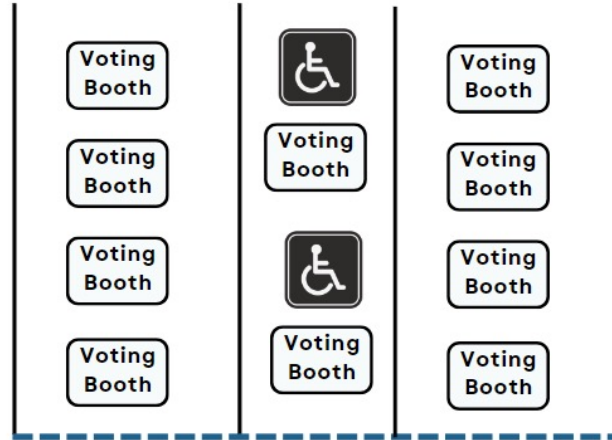
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Require that city counsel or municipal judge attend at least one virtual Elections Teams meeting a month. Georgia's Boards of Registrar and Boards of Elections have counsel available to advise on the legality of all elections decisions at every meeting.
2. That the Elections Consultant has access to City Hall with workspace and printing/copying capabilities. Consultant currently does not have access to City Hall.
3. That Elections Consultant has virtual access to all Elections Team meetings. Currently, information is shared with the consultant on what seems like a need-to-know basis.
4. I strongly encourage the City of Milton to avoid "copying" other city's municipal elections practices as no two city charters are identical and there is no uniformity in Georgia's municipal elections. Code switching between county, state, federal elections and municipal elections can be challenging, even for me, so relying on someone's due diligence is not advisable. These sources may be used as references but should not be used as a substitute for legal advice on elections law.
5. SB202 clarified the role of the Elections Superintendent which includes selecting and preparing polling locations as well as conducting the city's elections. I believe that the council erred when two incumbents on the November ballot were empowered to close Election Day polls in areas with high concentrations of people of color. If the city only wants ED 2 polls then it should consider placing one in the aforementioned area. An election contest could be made by a losing candidate on the grounds of misconduct, fraud, or irregularity by any primary or election official or officials sufficient to change or place in doubt the result. O.C.G.A. 21-2-522



Poll Worker
Assists voters
when needed

Voter Exits Voting Area

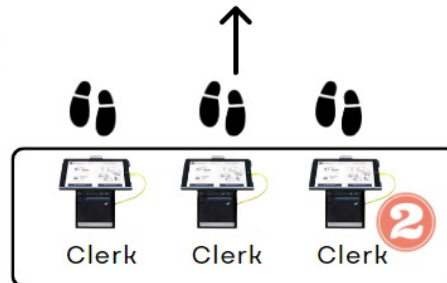


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Poll Worker
Directs voters
to Specific Voting Booth

Voter Enters Voting Area and Casts Ballot



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Materials Materials Materials

***Voter Check-In**

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Poll Worker
Directs Voters to
Stub & Ballot Boxes
and thanks voters
for voting

Stub
Box



Voter Deposits Number Stub
into Stub Box and Ballot
into Ballot Box

Voter picks up
Ga Voter Sticker
(Exits the Poll)



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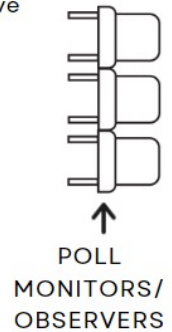
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Poll Worker
Greet and directs voters to
check-in and asks voters to have
ID ready

Voter
Enters the
Poll

ENTER



POLL
MONITORS/
OBSERVERS

EXIT

Supplies/
Materials

Cancelled/
Spoiled
Ballots

PROVISIONAL
BALLOT
PROCESSING

POLL
MGR

**Election Day
MILTON COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY
BALLOT STUB**
STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF MILTON
PRECINCT 1
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

(Name of Voter)

(tear off)

(tear off)

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Place a cross (x) or check (✓) mark in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you choose to vote. If you spoil your ballot, do not erase, but ask for a new ballot. Use only pen or pencil.

FOR CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 1 POST 2
(Vote for One)

☐ MCKEY MOUSE (Incumbent)

☐ _____
WRITE-IN

FOR CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 2 POST 2
(Vote for One)

☐ DONALD DUCK

☐ _____
WRITE-IN

FOR CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 3 POST 2
(Vote for One)

☐ PETER PAN

☐ _____
WRITE-IN

BALLOT STUB

OFFICIAL
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT
STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF MILTON
PRECINCT 1
NOVEMBER 7, 2023

(Name of Voter)

(tear off)

(tear off)

NUMBER STRIP

OFFICIAL
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT
STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF MILTON
PRECINCT 1
NOVEMBER 7, 2023

(tear off before depositing ballot in ballot box)

OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT

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**Absentee Ballot By Mail/AB In-Person Voting &
Provisional Ballot**

Election Day Ballot

Balloting on Election Day

- The City of Milton will use KnowInk Poll Pads to Check-In voters. Voter certificate will be printed for voter to sign and date. The poll worker will record the ballot stub number on the voter certificate.
- The poll worker will then write the name of the voter on the Numbered List of Voters.
- The voter votes the ballot, tears off the number stub, places the number stub in the appropriate box and places the ballot in the ballot box.
- The voters name should also be recorded on the Numbered List of Voters, form number NLV-04.
- Voter is admitted into the enclosed space and votes the ballot.
- Once voter comes out of the enclosed space, voter tears off the number stub places it into the 'stub box.'
- Then, the voter places their ballot into the 'ballot box'.

PROVISIONAL BALLOT PROCESSING

The Provisional Ballot station is required to be set up and ready to receive voters when the polls open at 7:00 a.m.

- Voting Booth - Privacy screen or private area
- Voter Certificates
- Provisional registration forms
- Envelopes - outer and inner
- Pens to complete registration form
- Appropriate pen to mark the ballot
- Secured ballot box
- Provisional Ballot Affidavit - For Out of Precinct Voters
 - Provisional Ballot Voting Guide with contact information for the Municipal Clerk's office.

CANCELLED/SPOILED BALLOTS

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-388

If elector confirms that an absentee ballot has not been received and signs an affidavit attesting to that fact.

- Issue a Replacement Ballot (A second application is not required)**
 - Attach the affidavit to the original application**
 - If opting to vote “in-person” cancel the mailed ballot and issue an in-person ballot during the time of early/advanced voting.**
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- If an elector returns a mailed ballot with the word “Spoiled” written across the face of the ballot envelope, then a Replacement Ballot shall be sent.**
 - Ballot clerk shall mark the ballot as “Cancelled” in the registration system and on the face of the ballot envelope**