

## Comparable Cities – Partisan/Non-Partisan Elections

City	Partisan	Non-Partisan	Other Designation	Law
Albuquerque		<b>X</b>		§ 2-4-7 POSITION OF CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT. (A) The names of all certified candidates for office shall be listed on the ballot without party or other designation. The order, on the ballot, of the names of the candidates for each office shall be determined by lot, that is, the name of each candidate for an office or position shall be drawn in a impartial and fair public drawing administered by the City Clerk in accordance with the Municipal Election Code [as set forth in division (B) below]. The City Clerk shall notify, in writing, each candidate for an office or position of the time and place of the public drawing. Such notice shall be given to the candidate or the candidate's authorized representative at the time of filing of the candidate's declaration of candidacy.
Atlanta		<b>X</b>		Section 5-105. - No partisan primaries; candidates listed without party label. No political party shall conduct primaries for the purpose of nominating candidates for municipal elections. In all municipal elections conducted by or for the City of Atlanta, the names of all candidates shall be listed upon the ballot without party label.
Cleveland		<b>X</b>		§ 4 – Nominations. Candidates for all offices to be voted for at any regular Municipal election under the provisions of this Charter shall be nominated at a non-partisan primary election to be held on the second Tuesday in September prior to the regular Municipal election. Candidates for all offices to be voted for at any other Municipal election under the provisions of this Charter shall be nominated at a non-partisan primary election to be held on the eighth Tuesday prior to the other Municipal elections.
Colorado Springs		<b>X</b>		11-30. Nonpartisan Elections. All municipal elections shall be nonpartisan. In accepting a nomination, a candidate shall, by affidavit filed with the City Clerk, attest to the fact that such candidate has not become a candidate as the nominee or representative of, or because of any promised support from any political party, committee, convention, or organization representing or acting for any political party.
Denver		<b>X</b>		Sec. 15-4. - Applicability of Uniform Election Code. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter 15 or by the Charter, the conduct of all city and county elections shall be governed by the provisions of the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, articles 1 through 13 of title 1, C.R.S., as amended.  Colorado Statutes 31-10-302. Nomination of municipal officers. (1) Candidates for municipal offices shall be nominated, without regard to affiliation, by petition on forms supplied by the clerk.
Fort Worth		<b>X</b>		Section 2. Any qualified person who desires to become a candidate for election to the City Council shall file with the city secretary a sworn application for his or her name to appear on the ballot, in accordance with the laws of Texas for nonpartisan or independent candidates, and must accompany the application with a filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or, in lieu of the payment of a filing fee, any qualified person who desires to become a candidate for mayor may become a candidate by petition signed by qualified voters equaling at least one-half of one (0.5) percent of the total vote received by all candidates for mayor in the most recent mayoral general election, or by twenty-five (25) qualified voters, whichever is the greater number.
Fresno			<b>X</b>	California Elections Code Section 10223. Each nomination paper shall be accompanied by a verified statement of the candidate that he or she will accept the nomination, and will also accept the office in the event of his election. The statement shall contain . . . the designation which he or she wishes to have under his or her name on the ballot, which designation shall conform to one of the designations permitted under this code relating to the forms of ballots generally.
Honolulu		<b>X</b>		Section 13-116. City Elections – 1. In general: City elections shall be conducted in accordance with the election laws of the state insofar as applicable, but all city elective officers shall be elected by nonpartisan special elections.
Kansas City		<b>X</b>		Sec. 603. Non-partisan election. Elections for any City office will be non-partisan.
Little Rock		<b>X</b>		Law not found. From Annual Financial Report: “An 11-member board of directors—elected on a non-partisan basis for staggered four-year terms—employs the manager to supervise the daily operations of the city.”
Miami		<b>X</b>		Sec. 8. - Form of ballots. All ballots used in any general municipal election, runoff election or special election to fill a vacancy held under authority of this Charter shall be without party mark or designation and without any insignia or mark of any association or organization thereon, and shall be substantially in the same form as the election ballot used in all general state elections.

Minneapolis			X	Section 5A. Conduct of Elections. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.17, subdivision 2, or any other provision of law and except as otherwise provided in this section, the City General Election for Mayor and City Council shall be conducted in the manner provided by law for elections for nonpartisan offices. All such candidates shall, however, state the name of their political party or political principle, stated in three words or less, on their affidavits of candidacy and affidavits of candidacy for Mayor and City Council shall otherwise conform with all requirements of the Minnesota general election laws pertaining to affidavits of candidacy for partisan offices. The political party or political principle shall be placed on the General Election ballot with the names of the candidates for such offices.
Oakland			X	California Elections Code Section 10223. Each nomination paper shall be accompanied by a verified statement of the candidate that he or she will accept the nomination, and will also accept the office in the event of his election. The statement shall contain . . . the designation which he or she wishes to have under his or her name on the ballot, which designation shall conform to one of the designations permitted under this code relating to the forms of ballots generally.
Oklahoma City		X		Section 5. General Election Laws Applicable. Except as in this Article X provided, in said primary election for the nomination of the Mayor and the Councilmen and in the general election and canvass of returns and all other proceedings whatever relating to said elections, either primary or general, the general laws of this State applicable to municipal elections and primaries are hereby adopted and put into full force and effect with the further exception and proviso that on the primary and general election ballots no party emblem or party designation shall appear and the names of all nominees who are required to be on the ballot shall appear in one column.
Omaha		X		Section 2.01. Councilmembers; Number, Term, and Selection. The Council shall be composed of seven members who shall be known as Councilmembers. The Councilmembers shall be elected by the people on a non-partisan basis, for a term of four years, in accordance with state law.  Section 3.01. The Mayor. The executive and administrative power of the city shall be vested in and exercised by a Mayor, who shall be elected by the people on an at-large, non-partisan basis and shall serve for a term of four years.
Sacramento			X	California Elections Code Section 10223. Each nomination paper shall be accompanied by a verified statement of the candidate that he or she will accept the nomination, and will also accept the office in the event of his election. The statement shall contain . . . the designation which he or she wishes to have under his or her name on the ballot, which designation shall conform to one of the designations permitted under this code relating to the forms of ballots generally.
St. Louis	X			2.08.230 Party candidate--Determination. The person receiving the greatest number of votes at a primary as the candidate of a party for an office shall be the candidate of that party for such office and his name as such candidate shall be placed on the ballot for elective city officers to be elected at the following election.
Tucson	X			Arizona Statutes 16-301. Nomination of candidates for printing on official ballot of general or special election. At a primary election, each political party entitled and intending to make nominations for the ensuing general or special election shall, if it desires to have the names of its candidates printed on the official ballot at such general or special election, nominate its candidates for all elective, senatorial, congressional, state, judicial, county and precinct offices to be filled at such election except as provided in section 16-344.
Tulsa	X			SECTION 2. PRIMARY ELECTIONS. In September in the year 2009, and in September every year thereafter in which an elected officer's term expires, a primary election shall be held on the day specified by the laws of Oklahoma, at which time the several political parties shall nominate candidates for the office of those whose terms expire. Only qualified electors residing in an election district may vote in the primary election of their political party for candidates for the office of Councilor for such election district. All qualified electors residing in the city may vote in the primary election of their political party for candidates for the office of Mayor and City Auditor. The candidate for each office receiving the greatest number of votes at such primary election shall be deemed nominated.
Wichita		X		Law not found. From web site: "The seven-member Council is elected to four-year terms on a nonpartisan basis with staggered terms of office."

## Oklahoma Cities and Towns – Partisan/Non-Partisan Elections

### State Law

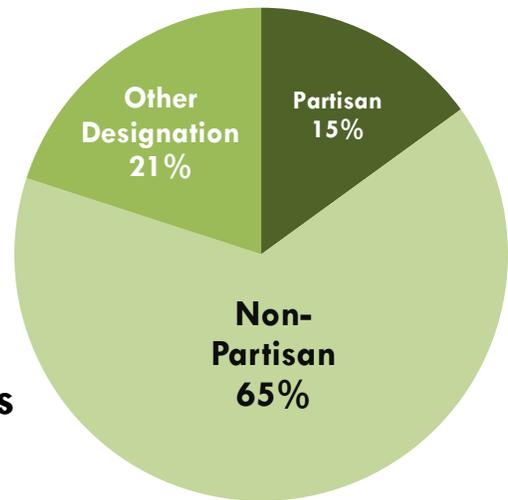
Oklahoma Statutes Title 26 Section 13-103 - Conduct of Municipal Elections

B. A municipality may adopt an ordinance requiring its elections to be partisan. If such an ordinance is adopted, a municipality shall notify the county election board that its election is to be partisan in its resolution calling for an election. If a municipality fails to notify the county election board that its election will be on a partisan basis in the resolution calling for an election, then the municipal election shall be on a nonpartisan basis. Provided, any municipality which is governed by a charter may provide otherwise by charter or ordinance.

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Ada		<b>X</b>		Section 6-1. Overlapping terms of two years; nominated and elected at large; nonpartisan elections; when terms begin. D. Both the primary and the general election shall be nonpartisan; and no party designation or emblem shall be placed on the ballots.
Ardmore		<b>X</b>		Sec. 34. Commissioners; overlapping terms of three years; nominated and elected at large; nonpartisan elections. Both the primary and general elections shall be nonpartisan and no party designation or emblem shall be placed on the ballot.
Bartlesville		<b>X</b>		ARTICLE 3. NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS – Section 2. All city elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis. No declaration of candidacy or ballot shall contain any party emblem, sign or designation, and there shall be nothing thereon to indicate any affiliation of the candidate.
Broken Arrow	<b>X</b>			§ 16-107. Primary elections--When held. A primary election shall be held in cities and towns on the first Tuesday of March in each odd-numbered year, at which time the several political parties shall nominate candidates for offices which are to be elected at the upcoming general municipal election.  § 16-108. Conduct of primary elections. The general laws relating to primary elections shall govern municipal primaries except as otherwise provided. Party candidates for municipal office, including those from wards as well as at large, shall be nominated at large by the registered voters of the respective parties of the entire municipality.
Claremore		<b>X</b>		Section 6.01 City Elections. (c) Candidates shall run for office without party designation.
Edmond		<b>X</b>		Section 78. Nonpartisan ballots. All primary and general elections hereafter held in the City of Edmond shall be free and equal to all qualified electors. Primary ballots and ballots for the general election in said City for city officers shall be nonpartisan, and such ballots shall contain no emblems, device, mark or sign of any kind indicating to which political party a candidate may belong. The names of the candidates, when there shall be more than one candidate for any office, shall be rotated on such ballots in such manner as to make such ballots fair and equal for all candidates, and so that no candidate may have any advantage over any other candidate for the same office.
Lawton		<b>X</b>		<u>C-6-1</u> - Nomination and election—Terms—Nonpartisan elections, etc. e. Both the primary and the general election shall be nonpartisan; and no party designation or emblem shall be placed on the ballots.
Midwest City		<b>X</b>		Sec. 1. Terms of mayor and other councilmen; nonpartisan elections; how nominated and elected. The election of all officers under this Charter shall be nonpartisan. No party designation or emblem shall be placed on the ballots.
Oklahoma City		<b>X</b>		Section 5. General Election Laws Applicable. Except as in this Article X provided, in said primary election for the nomination of the Mayor and the Councilmen and in the general election and canvass of returns and all other proceedings whatever relating to said elections, either primary or general, the general laws of this State applicable to municipal elections and primaries are hereby adopted and put into full force and effect with the further exception and proviso that on the primary and general election ballots no party emblem or party designation shall appear and the names of all nominees who are required to be on the ballot shall appear in one column.
Owasso		<b>X</b>		Section 6-1 Nomination and Election; Terms; Nonpartisan Elections; Etc. (f) Both the primary and the general election shall be nonpartisan; and no party designation or emblem shall be placed on the ballots.
Muskogee		<b>X</b>		Sec. 8:04. Ballots for candidates. The full names of all candidates for each office to be filled in the City Council shall be printed in alphabetical order on the official ballots without party designation or symbol. If two or more candidates have the same surname or surnames so similar as to be likely to cause confusion, their residence addresses shall be printed with their names on the ballot. The candidates for members of the Council shall be separated by Wards.

Norman		X		<u>Section 11.</u> - Partisan designation forbidden. No nominating notice nor acceptance thereof shall have upon it any party emblem, sign or designation, and there shall be nothing thereon to indicate the affiliation of the nominee or of any signer with any political party or any organization.
Sand Springs		X		Section 6-1 Nomination and election; terms; nonpartisan elections. (4) Both the primary and the general election shall be nonpartisan; and no party designation or emblem shall be placed on the ballots.
Tulsa	X			SECTION 2. PRIMARY ELECTIONS. In September in the year 2009, and in September every year thereafter in which an elected officer's term expires, a primary election shall be held on the day specified by the laws of Oklahoma, at which time the several political parties shall nominate candidates for the office of those whose terms expire. Only qualified electors residing in an election district may vote in the primary election of their political party for candidates for the office of Councilor for such election district. All qualified electors residing in the city may vote in the primary election of their political party for candidates for the office of Mayor and City Auditor. The candidate for each office receiving the greatest number of votes at such primary election shall be deemed nominated.

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