# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

СО	UNCI	BILL NO. <u>0-20-29</u> ENACTMENT NO
SPONSORED BY: Pat Davis, by request		
	1	ORDINANCE
	י 2	AMENDING ARTICLE XVI SECTION 3 AND SECTION 6 OF THE CITY
	2 3	CHARTER; CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 4, SECTION 13, ROA 1994 TO: CHANGE THE
	3 4	DATES OF THE EXPLORATORY PERIOD FOR MAYORAL CANDIDATES;
	4 5	CHANGE THE DATES OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR MAYORAL AND
	6	COUNCIL APPLICANT CANDIDATES; CHANGE THE TIMEFRAME FOR
	7	GATHERING SEEDMONEY; AND CHANGE THE TIME FRAME FOR ALL
	, 8	CANDIDATES TO FILE THEIR PETITIONS.
	9	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
	10	ALBUQUERQUE:
c	11	SECTION 1. Article XVI, Sections 3 and 6 are amended as follows:
- New Deletion	12	CITY CHARTER, ART. XVI, OPEN AND ETHICAL ELECTIONS CODE
	13	Section 3. DEFINITIONS.
erial ial] -		(G)EXPLORATORY PERIOD
<u>Mat</u> e	15	(1) For Mayoral Applicant Candidates, the exploratory period begins [ <del>285</del> ]
[Bracketed/Underscored Material] [Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] -	16	[246] days before the election, and ends [239] [200] days before the election;
	17	and
	18	(2) For Council Applicant Candidates, the exploratory period begins
		[169] [191] days before the election, and ends [135] [156] days before the
	20	election.
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	22	(Q)QUALIFYING PERIOD.
	23	(1) For Mayoral Applicant Candidates the Qualifying Period begins [238]
	24	[199] days before the election, and ends [161] [136] days before the election;
	25	and

1 (2) For Council Applicant Candidates, the Qualifying Period begins [134]

2 [155] days before the election, and ends [105] [120] days before the election.

3 Section 6. SEED MONEY-IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.

4 (H) Mayoral Applicant Candidates may accept Seed Money from [285] [246]

5 days before the election through [141] [136] days before the election. Council

6 Candidates may accept Seed Money from [<del>169</del>] [<u>155</u>] days before the election

7 through [85] [120] days before the election.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 13 is amended as follows:

9 § 2-4-13 FILING OF PETITIONS.

(B) Persons submitting petitions in accordance with Section 4, Article II of the
City Charter shall collect all signatures on such petitions during the following
periods in the year of the election:

13 (1) For Mayoral candidates who are seeking public financing, starting
14 [238] [199] days before the election, and ending [161] [136] days before the
15 election;

16 (2) For Mayoral candidates who are seeking private financing, starting 17 [161] [147] days before the election, and ending 84 days before the election;

(3) For Council candidates who are seeking public financing, starting [169] [155] days before the election, and ending [105] [120] days before the election; and

(4) For Council candidates who are seeking private financing, starting [148] [119] days before the election, and ending 84 days before the election;

SECTION 3. COMPILATION. Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance shall amend, be incorporated in, and made part of the City Charter and Section 2 shall amend, be incorporated in, and made part of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication by title and general summary.

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## CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE Albuquerque, New Mexico Office of the Mayor

7/23/20

Mayor Timothy M. Keller

#### INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Pat Davis, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

**SUBJECT:** Election Ordinance

This Election Ordinance will correct an error in the timing of seed money. Existing law allows seed money to be collected after the City distributes public financing to participating candidates. This bill aligns the seed money timeframe so that seed money collection ends at the end of the qualifying period. Additionally, the bill aligns the petition period and qualifying contribution periods for council candidates. Finally, the bill moves the start of the election timeframe for participating mayoral candidates by one month and correspondingly adjusts the election timeframes for all candidates.

#### **ELECTION 2121 UPDATE**

Approved:

7/27/20

Sarita Nair Date Chief Administrative Officer Approved as to Legal Form:

Esteban A. Aquilar Jr. 7/24/2020 | 6:00 PM MDT \_\_\_\_\_\_7001D99D046F4DB...

Esteban A. Aguilar, Jr. City Attorney Date

Recommended:

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7/24/2020 | 4:59 PM PDT

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#### **Cover Analysis**

#### 1. What is it?

An ordinance to amend Article XVI: Open and Ethical Elections Code and Article 4: Municipal Elections: Petitions.

#### 2. What will this piece of legislation do?

This legislation shortens the seed money period for qualifying candidates so it aligns with the exploratory period and qualifying period, as it has in previous cycles. It also sets the exploratory period for mayoral applicant candidates to between two hundred and forty-six (246) days to two hundred (200) days before the election; sets the qualifying period for mayoral applicant candidates to between one hundred and ninety-nine (199) days and one hundred and thirty-six (136) days before the election; sets the qualifying period for council applicant candidates to between one hundred and sixty-nine (169) days before the election and one hundred and twenty (120) days before the election.

This legislation also modifies the petition period as follows: for Mayoral candidates who are seeking public financing, it sets the period to between one hundred and ninety-nine (199) days and one hundred and thirty-six (136) days before the election; for mayoral candidates who are not seeking public financing, it sets the period to between one hundred and forty-seven (147) and eighty-four (84) days before the election; for council candidates who are seeking public financing, it sets the period to between one hundred and sixty-nine (169) days before the election and one hundred and twenty (120) days before the election; and for council candidates who are seeking private financing, it sets the period between one hundred and thirty-three (133) days before the election and eighty four (84) days before the election.

#### 3. Why is this project needed?

The seed money period needed to be fixed as that was an error in prior legislation. The City Clerk's office is also proposing to move the timeframe of the election later in the calendar year, in part to accommodate the public health emergency.

#### 4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

There is no cost associated with this ordinance.

### 5. Is there a revenue source associated with this Plan? If so, what level of income is projected?

There is no revenue source associate with this ordinance.