



CITY OF OVIEDO FLORIDA
400 ALEXANDRIA BLVD, OVIEDO, FL 32765
COUNCIL AGENDA REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025
CITY HALL 6:30 PM

13. Discussion of Election Costs

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Agenda Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Prepared By: Elianne Rivera, City Clerk
From: Bryan Cobb, City Manager
Date: May 19, 2025
Subject: Discussion of Election Costs

Procedure: Discussion

Introduction: This is a request for City Council to provide direction regarding early voting and polling location alternatives and costs relating to the November 4, 2025 General Election for the positions of Mayor and Council Member Group I.

Discussion: The estimated election costs for opening all polling locations at \$1,830 per location, and early voting at \$1,825 per day per location, is approximately \$45,769. Combining polling locations will require postcard notification to be mailed to voters. Using the Supervisor of Elections formula for household notification by postcard, the estimated cost for postcard notification is \$7,784 (based on a cost of \$0.56 per post card). This amount will change based on the number of polling locations that are combined. This cost would be offset by reductions in rental fees and poll worker costs for polling locations that are not utilized. Details of three (3) polling location scenarios are provided in Attachment 1.

Budget Impact: There is no budget impact with a discussion of election costs and polling location alternatives. Costs associated with the November 2025 election will be included in the FY 25/26 Budget.

Strategic Impact: Undertake an efficient budgeting process to review all expenditures, identify cross-over, redundancy and opportunities for efficiency and coordination on fiscal expenditures.

Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council provide direction regarding the 2025 Election.

Attachment(s):
1. Estimated 2025 Election Costs
2. 2021 & 2023 Election Actuals

ATTACHMENT 1

2025 Election Costs Estimates All Polling Locations							
Election Cost	Precinct	Number of Registered Voters ¹	Rental Fee ²	Poll Worker Cost ³	Other Costs	Total Costs with early voting - one day, one location	Total Costs without early voting
Early Voting - one location per day ⁴				\$1,830			
CrossLife Church	70	4,767	\$500	\$1,830			
Oviedo East Branch Library	71	3,224	\$500	\$1,830			
Oviedo Gym & Aquatic Facility	72	4,593	\$0	\$1,830			
Covenant Presbyterian Church	73	2,502	\$500	\$1,830			
Lutheran Haven Fellowship Hall	74	599	\$500	\$1,830			
Center Lake Park	76	4,328	\$0	\$1,830			
Canterbury Conference Center	77	1,023	\$500	\$1,830			
Reformed Theological Seminary	79	3,250	\$500	\$1,830			
Oviedo Presbyterian Church	80	1,161	\$500	\$1,830			
Live Oak Community Center	81	4,228	\$500	\$1,830			
Ballot Printing ⁵					\$3,610		
Absentee Ballots ⁶					\$7,000		
Post Card Notification ⁷					\$7,784		
Poll Worker Miscellaneous Cost ⁸					\$500		
Election Ad Translation to Spanish					\$200		
Advertising Cost					\$1,500		
Election Equipment Transport ⁹					\$1,050		
Total		29,675	\$4,000	\$20,130	\$21,644	\$45,774	\$43,944

Notes:

1. As of March 14, 2023
2. Per Supervisor of Elections, \$500 per location.
3. Per Supervisor of Elections, \$1,830 per location. *This will increase with wage increase pending new cost
4. City is not required to offer early voting. Early voting locations are the SOE Office and City Hall. The cost is for poll workers to staff City Hall.
5. Ballot Printing cost based on 25% of registered voters, 7,220 voters, at \$0.50 per ballot. *This will increase due to cost of paper increase
6. Absentee Ballot cost based on 3,500 absentee ballots at \$1.75 per ballot. *This will increase due to cost of paper increase
7. Post Card cost based on 13,888 households at \$0.56 per household. *This will be dependent upon the polling locations selected.
8. Includes Poll Worker training, cell phone usage, and jetpack usage.

2025 Election Costs Estimates 3 Polling Location							
Election Cost	Precinct	Number of Registered Voters ¹	Rental Fee ²	Poll Worker Cost ³	Other Costs	Total Costs with early voting - one day, one location	Total Costs without early voting
Early Voting - one location per day ⁴				\$1,830			
City Hall				\$1,830			
CrossLife Church	70	4,767					
Oviedo East Branch Library	71	3,224					
Oviedo Gym & Aquatic Facility	72	4,593		\$1,830			
Covenant Presbyterian Church	73	2,502					
Lutheran Haven Fellowship Hall	74	599					
Center Lake Park	76	4,328		\$1,830			
Canterbury Conference Center	77	1,023					
Reformed Theological Seminary	79	3,250					
Oviedo Presbyterian Church	80	1,161					
Live Oak Community Center	81	4,228		\$1,830			
Ballot Printing ⁵					\$3,610		
Absentee Ballots ⁶					\$7,000		
Post Card Notification ⁷					\$7,784		
Poll Worker Miscellaneous Cost ⁸					\$500		
Election Ad Translation to Spanish					\$200		
Advertising Cost					\$1,500		
Election Equipment Transport ⁹					\$350		
Total		29,675	\$0	\$9,150	\$20,944	\$30,094	\$28,264

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2025 Election Costs Estimates 1 Polling Location							
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City Hall				\$1,830			
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Ballot Printing ⁵					\$3,610		
Absentee Ballots ⁶					\$7,000		
Post Card Notification ⁷					\$7,784		
Poll Worker Miscellaneous Cost ⁸					\$500		
Election Ad Translation to Spanish					\$200		
Advertising Cost					\$1,500		
Election Equipment Transport ⁹					\$150		
Total		29,675	\$0	\$3,660	\$20,744	\$24,404	\$22,574

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ATTACHMENT 2

2023 Election			
Early Voting	1 Day	Supervisor of Elections City Hall	22.05% Turnout
Election Day	1 Day	Center Lake Park Live Oak Community Center Reformed Theological Seminary	Precinct Numbers 70, 71, 72, 74, and 77 Precinct Numbers 73 and 81 Precinct Numbers 76, 79, and 80

Ad Valorem Referendum Costs not included*

Due to recent law changes, all vote by mail requests were reset on January 1, 2023**

Sample Ballots & Notice of Polling Location Change were combined***

		Quantity
Early Voting & Ballot Printing	\$3,786.51	6,521
Absentee Ballots**	\$4,017.80	2,678
Post Card Notification***		
Poll Worker Miscellaneous Cost	\$5,636.96	30
Election Ad Translation to Spanish	\$160.00	
Advertising Cost	\$907.54	
Supervisor of Elections	\$81.20	
Petition Verification	\$73.40	
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	\$14,663.41	

2021 Election			
Early Voting	1 Day	Supervisor of Elections City Hall	
Election Day	1 Day	Live Oak Reserve Community Center Oviedo Riverside Park Oviedo City Hall	Precinct Numbers 70, 72, 76 Precinct Numbers 74, 75, and 80 Precinct Numbers 68, 69, 71, and 78

Charter Referendum Costs not included *

		Quantity
Ballot Printing	\$8,334.15	
Absentee Ballots	\$9,347.67	
Post Card Notification	\$4,073.22	
Poll Worker Miscellaneous Cost	\$5,307.09	25
Election Ad Translation to Spanish	\$150.00	
Advertising Cost	\$1,219.21	
Supervisor of Elections	\$6,229.40	
Petition Verification	\$23.60	
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Total	\$34,684.34	