

Election of the Municipal Council, the District Councils and the Migrants' Council of Graz 2021

Official announcement

- (1) The election for the Municipal Council of Graz will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021. The registration cut-off date for the election is on July 16, 2021.

48 members of the Municipal Council are to be elected.

Those entitled to vote are all men and women who are 16 years of age or older on the election day, are citizens of a member country of the European Union on the registration cut-off date, have not been disqualified from voting and have their principal residence in Graz.

Those eligible for election to the Municipal Council are all men and women who are entitled to vote and who are 18 years of age or older on the election day. Citizens of EU countries who are not Austrian citizens are only eligible for election if they have submitted a certificate issued by the competent administrative authority of their country of origin confirming that they have not forfeited their right to be elected in their respective member country as a consequence of a prior criminal conviction.

- (2) The elections for the District Councils of Graz will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021. The registration cut-off date for the election is July 16, 2021.

7 District Councillors are to be elected for the 1st District, Innere Stadt.

10 District Councillors are to be elected for the 2nd District, St. Leonhard.

15 District Councillors are to be elected for the 3rd District, Geidorf.

19 District Councillors are to be elected for the 4th District, Lend.

17 District Councillors are to be elected for the 5th District, Gries.

19 District Councillors are to be elected for the 6th District, Jakomini.

9 District Councillors are to be elected for the 7th District, Liebenau.

10 District Councillors are to be elected for the 8th District, St. Peter.

8 District Councillors are to be elected for the 9th District, Waltendorf.

7 District Councillors are to be elected for the 10th District, Ries.

7 District Councillors are to be elected for the 11th District, Mariatrost.

12 District Councillors are to be elected for the 12th District, Andritz.

7 District Councillors are to be elected for the 13th District, Gösting.

12 District Councillors are to be elected for the 14th District, Eggenberg.

9 District Councillors are to be elected for the 15th District, Wetzelsdorf.

9 District Councillors are to be elected for the 16th District, Straßgang.

7 District Councillors are to be elected for the 17th District, Puntigam.

Inhabitants of the municipality who are entitled to vote in the Municipal Council elections may only vote in the District Council elections for the district in which they have their principal residence, and where they are registered in the election register for the election of the Municipal Council.

In order to be eligible for election as a member of a District Council, it is necessary, in addition to the preconditions for election to the Municipal Council (see (1) above), for the candidate's principal residence or place of professional occupation to be located in the respective district.

- (3) The election for the Migrants' Council of Graz will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021. The registration cut-off date for the election is July 16, 2021.

9 members of the Migrants' Council are to be elected.

Groups canvassing for votes must submit their nominations for the election of the Migrants' Council to the Election Office of the City of Graz ("Stadtwahlbehörde") no later than 5 p.m. on the 37th day before the date of the election. The date and time of receipt must be indicated on the nomination.

Each nomination must be supported by one member of the Migrants' Council or at least 10 persons entitled to vote according to § 100 of the electoral regulations Graz 2012, Provincial Law Gazette (LGBI) 86/2012. The declaration of support must indicate the first name and surname, the date of birth and the address of the person entitled to vote. Declarations of support must be personally signed by the persons entitled to vote and must be enclosed with the nomination. After the submission of a proposal to the Election Office, individual declarations of support may only be withdrawn if the issuer can prove or establish prima facie evidence that the declaration of support was signed as a consequence of a significant error, fraudulent misrepresentation or under threat.

The proposal must contain the following:

1. The full designation of the canvassing group as well as an abbreviation thereof, if any, consisting of a maximum of five letters which may constitute a word.
2. The list of the names of people of the canvassing group, i.e. a list indicating a maximum of 18 candidates as the number of mandates to be allocated, indicating the order of the candidates in Arabic figures as well as the first name and surname, the year of birth, the citizenship, the type of residence permit, the occupation and the address of the principal residence of each candidate.
3. Details of the person authorised to accept service (first name and surname, occupation, address).

4. The signature or declarations of support issued according to paragraph 2 above.

5. Written declarations of acceptance of candidature signed by the candidates.

If no valid nomination is submitted within the period stipulated, or if all proposals submitted are found to be invalid, no election will take place.

Those entitled to vote are all migrants who are 16 years of age or older on the election day, have not been disqualified from voting on the registration cut-off date, have their principal residence in Graz and are not citizens of a member country of the European Union.

Those eligible for election to the Migrants' Council are all persons entitled to vote according to § 100 of the electoral regulations Graz 2012, Provincial Law Gazette (LGBl) 86/2012 who are 18 years of age or older on the election day, have a valid residence permit on the registration cut-off date and have had their principal residence in Graz for at least 6 months.

Votes for the Migrants' Council may be submitted by postal vote.

The Mayor:
Mag. Siegfried Nagl