



PORT ST. LUCIE
HEART OF THE TREASURE COAST

2026 Solid

Waste

Twice a Week Garbage Service
Referendum

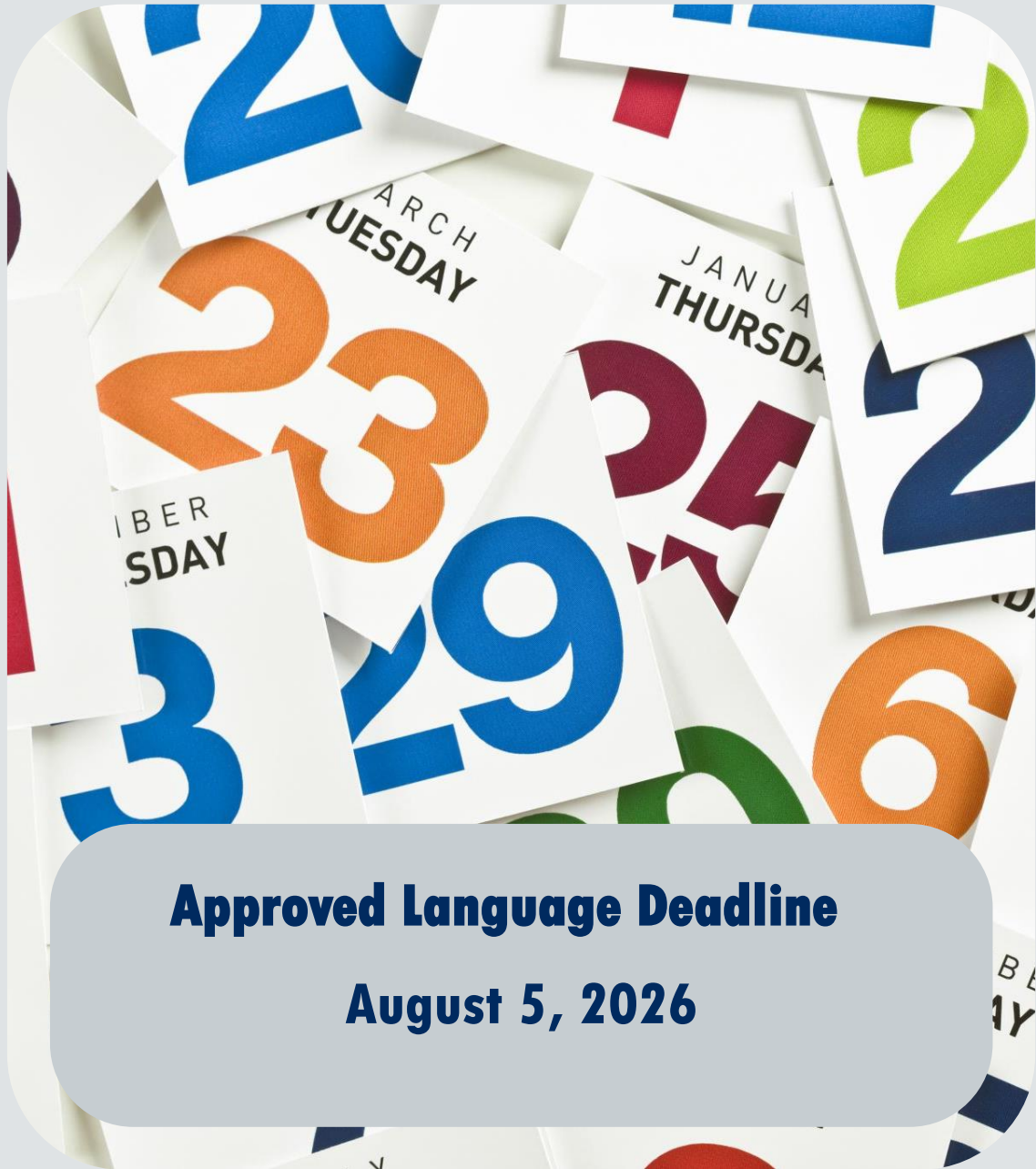
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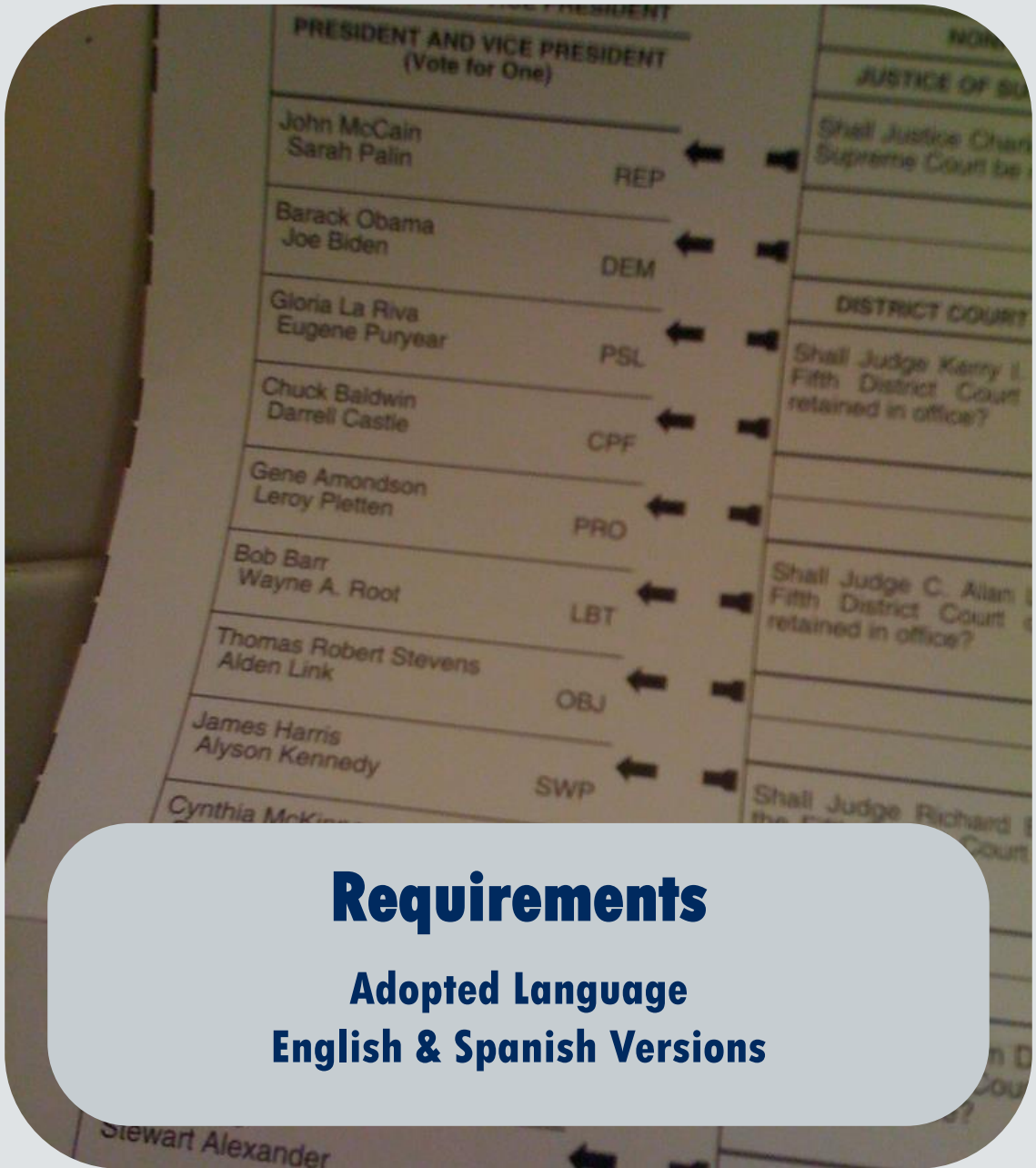
Background

In response to public comments received at the Regular City Council Meeting on August 25, 2025, Council reached consensus to place a straw poll on the 2026 General Election ballot to gauge public support for twice-a-week garbage collection.

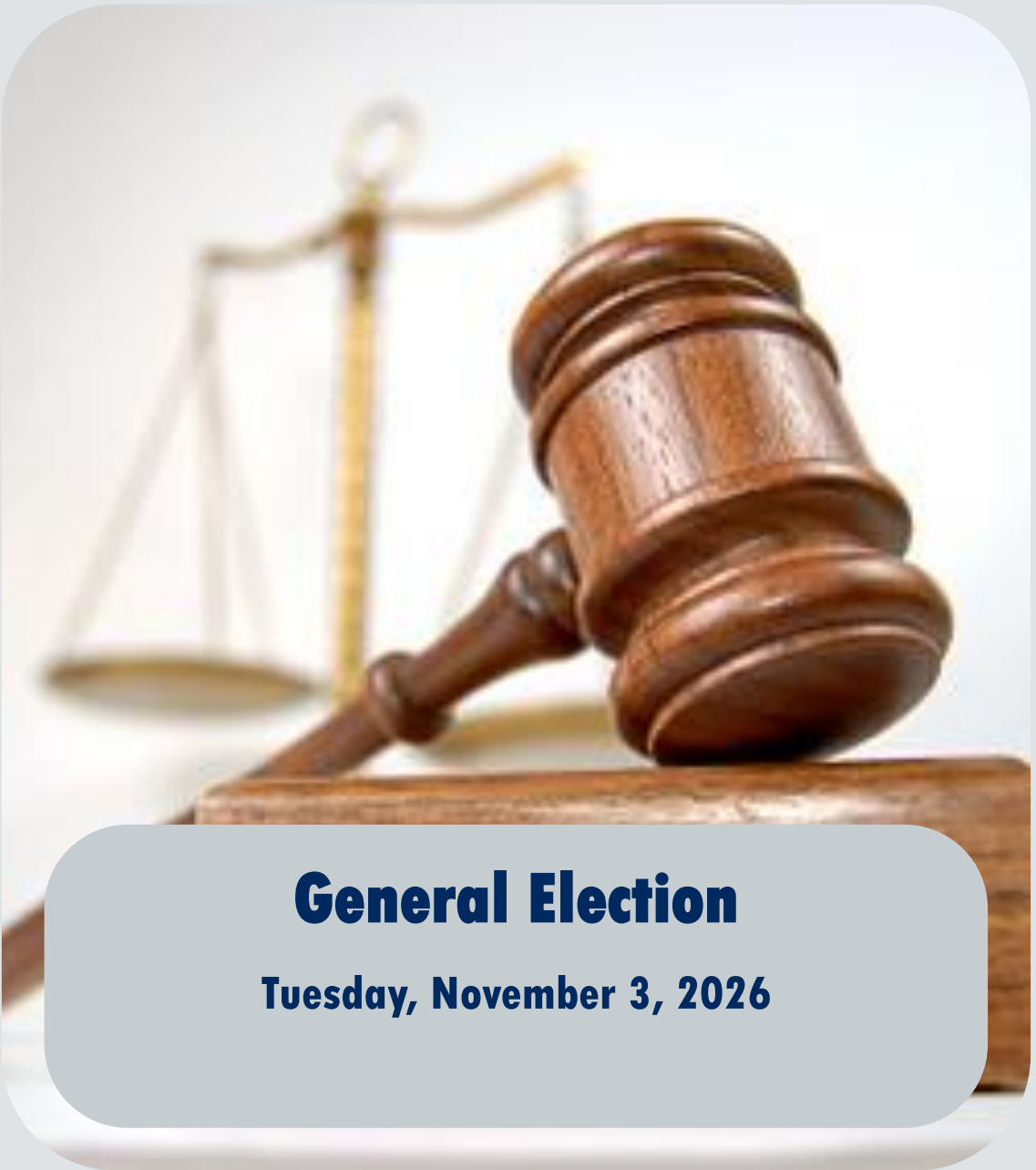
Straw Ballot



Approved Language Deadline
August 5, 2026



Requirements
Adopted Language
English & Spanish Versions



General Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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Straw Ballot Question

City of Port St. Lucie Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question

Proposed Increase to Your Tax Bill for an Extra Trash Pickup Day.

Would you support the City of Port St. Lucie increasing your solid waste assessment by at least \$131 in 2028 - with additional increases expected in later years - in order to amend its solid waste contract to provide twice-weekly residential trash pickup citywide starting in 2028 (excluding bulk, recycling, and yard waste)?

Ballot Choices

YES – *I would support amending the City’s solid waste contract to change citywide trash pickup service to twice-weekly for the estimated \$131 increase as set forth above.*

NO – *Keep once-per-week trash pickup per City’s current solid waste contract.*

TWICE A WEEK GARBAGE SERVICE IMPACTS

Implementation: 9 – 15 months after vote (late 2027 or early 2028)

Changes in service scheduled to add Saturday (potentially 3 days per week)

No Make up days for holidays: 4th of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas

FCC: Additional 17 Trucks and drivers

FCC: Additional 5 Indirect Employees

FCC: Additional property

Introduction of 6-day work schedule

OSW: Additional 4 FTES, and 2 pick-up trucks

Review contract Administrative Charges to reflect additional service

Allow 6AM collection due to Saturday landfill hours (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Lower recycling participation – Increased disposal

Higher impact on roads, leading to more maintenance



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