

EXPLANATION**A By-law to amend the Election By-law
regarding Vancouver Charter alignment,
special voting and other miscellaneous matters**

On June 9, 2026, Council resolved to amend the Election By-law. Enactment of the attached by-law is in accordance with that resolution.

Director of Legal Services
June 9, 2026

BY-LAW NO. XXXX

A By-law to amend Election By-law No. 9070

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in a public meeting, enacts as follows:

1. This By-law amends or adds the indicated provisions of the Election By-law.
2. Council amends section 1.2,
 - (a) by adding the following definition in correct alphabetical order:

““authorized drop-off location” means a location specified by the chief election officer;” and
 - (b) by striking the definition of “secrecy sleeve” and replacing with the following:

““secrecy enclosure” means a secrecy envelope, secrecy sleeve or other means of keeping a ballot secret;”.
3. Council amends subsection 3.5 (b) by striking “, or” and replacing it with “; or”.
4. Council amends subsection 3.5 (c) by striking the “.” and replacing it with “; or”.
5. Council inserts new subsections 3.5 (d) and (e) as follows:

“(d) have a disability, illness or injury that significantly affects their ability to mark their ballot independently and require the assistance of a ballot marking device, or

(e) have had their personal information obscured or omitted from the voters list in accordance with subsection 35 (10) of the Vancouver Charter.”.
6. Council strikes section 4.3A and substitutes the following:

“4.3A If the chief election officer authorizes applications for mail ballots to be submitted prior to the 8th day before general voting day in accordance with section 4.2, all applications received prior to the 18th day may be processed, but no mail ballot is to be issued until the form of ballot has been finally determined in accordance with this By-law and the Vancouver Charter.”.
7. Council amends subsection 4.5 (d) by inserting the words “or an authorized drop-off location” after the words “address specified”.
8. Council strikes section 7.1 and substitutes the following:

“Availability of nomination documents

7.1 From the time of the delivery of any nomination documents to the chief election officer until 30 days after the declaration of the election results, the City Clerk is to:

(a) make all or part of the nomination documents available for public inspection at City Hall during regular office hours on request by any person;

(b) post all or part of the nomination documents on the public website, except that the place of residence, e-mail address and other personal information on the nomination documents may be redacted; and

(c) ensure that before inspecting nomination documents available under subsection 7.1(a), a person other than a city officer or employee acting in the course of duties must sign a statement that the person will not use the information included in them except as permitted under the *Vancouver Charter*.”.

9. Council amends subsection 7.2 (b) by inserting the words “post documents on the public website or” before the words “ensure a link”.
10. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of this By-law.
11. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2026

Mayor

City Clerk