

## **City of Fallon - Clerk's Office 2026 Ward 1 Primary Election Background Information**

In 2019, Assembly Bill 50 passed that required, starting with the 2022 election cycle, The City of Fallon (City) to hold both primary and general elections on even-numbered years during the statewide election cycle. The City historically held its elections during odd numbered years.

In 2021, Assembly Bill 422 was passed mandating that the State of Nevada implement a centralized Voter Registration and Election Management Solution (VERMS) designed to replace the current “bottom-up” county-by-county voter registration process.

Prior to the election cycle in 2022, the City amended its ward boundaries for City Council representation in compliance with Nevada Revised Statute 266.095. As the 2022 election was the first election with City races that would be fully administered by County, the City provided updated ward information to the County. A review of the updated ward information was conducted by City and County staff in advance of the 2022 election. No known issues were identified during the 2022 election relating to voter registrations and their City ward assignment.

Beginning with the 2024 election, the County transitioned to the State of Nevada's VERMS system. No known issues relating to voter registration and ward assignment were noted after the implementation of Total Vote.

In March 2026 during the filing period for the 2026 elections, City staff noted that a candidate, who was filing for City Council Ward 1 candidacy, was incorrectly listed as residing in Ward 3. The City contacted the County Clerk's office regarding this error. After discussion with County staff, it was noted that during an update to Total Vote an incorrect ward/precinct map was loaded to the sub-system that maintains location data called Total Address. County staff manually updated the candidate in question's ward and contacted staff at the Secretary of State (SOS). The SOS and County worked together to correct the erroneous map issue in Total Address.

On June 8, 2026, a City resident residing in Ward 1 contacted staff with the County Clerk's office and informed them that their official ballot did not include the race for Ward 1. Thereafter, the individual contacted the City Clerk's office to inform them of the issue. City staff contacted the County and confirmed that the individual's voter registration incorrectly showed Ward 3. After additional discussion between the City and County it was noted that the ward map per Total Address was correct, however, a sampling of voter registrations in Total Vote showed incorrect ward information. A virtual meeting was held with SOS, County and City representatives during the afternoon of June 8 to discuss the ramifications of the erroneous ward information. During the meeting it was discovered that a manual process within Total Vote that completes a “force” update of the information, including ward/precinct, in Total Address was not initiated.