

## FAQ – November 4, 2025 Special Election City of Gainesville GRU Referendum

- **Voter Registration Deadline for the GRU Election:** Monday, October 6.
  - Voters can register to vote up to the Monday, October 6 deadline. Voters can also update their voter registration to an eligible City of Gainesville residence address all the way until Election Day (already registered to vote in the State of Florida).
- **Election Day:** Tuesday, November 4. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If a voter is in line by 7 p.m., they will get to vote.
  - All voters whose polling place has changed will receive a new voter information card in the mail with their Election Day polling place prior to Election Day.
- **Vote By Mail Deadline:** Thursday, October 23, 5 p.m.
  - Requests must be made through the Supervisor of Elections Office, not at Gainesville City Hall.
- **Early Voting:** Early Voting is on Friday, October 31, Saturday, November 1, and Sunday, November 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at the Supervisor of Elections Office and at the Millhopper Branch Library.
  - There will be a **Secure Ballot Intake Station** (SBIS) available at each location during those hours. In addition, the SBIS will also be available on Monday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 4, Election Day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office **only**.
- **Who Can Vote:** **Only voters** with legal residence addresses that are **within** the City of Gainesville city limits can vote in this election. **If a voter pays for GRU but lives outside of the city limits, they are not eligible to vote in this election.**
- **Here's the Ballot Text:** "SHALL THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO DELETE ARTICLE VII, ELIMINATING THE GOVERNOR-APPOINTED GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND ITS AUTHORITY-APPOINTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER THAT MANAGE, OPERATE, AND CONTROL THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE'S LOCAL PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO THAT THE ELECTED CITY COMMISSION AND ITS CITY COMMISSION APPOINTED CHARTER OFFICER HAVE THAT RESPONSIBILITY; AND ELIMINATING LIMITATIONS ON THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES CONTRIBUTION AND UTILITY DIRECTIVES, AS PROPOSED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-416"