Cancellation of a Nonpartisan Municipal Primary *
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	Number of Candidates for Each Office on the Ballot:							Municipality Must Hold A Primary?*
	First Office	Second Office	Third Office	Fourth Office	Fifth Office	Sixth Office	Seventh Office	
One Office on the Ballot	0 to 3							No
	4 or more							Yes
Two Offices on the Ballot	0 to 3	0 to 3						No
	4	0 to 3						No
	4	4						Yes
	5 or more for any office							Yes
Three Offices on the Ballot	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3					No
	4	0 to 3	0 to 3					No
	4	4	Any number					Yes
	5 or more for any office							Yes
Four Offices on the Ballot	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3				No
	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3				No
	4	4	0 to 3	0 to 3				No
	4	4	4	Any number				Yes
	5 or more for any office							Yes
Five Offices on the Ballot	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3			No
	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3			No
	4	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3			No
	4	4	4	Any number	Any number			Yes
	5 or more for any office							Yes
Six Offices on the Ballot	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3		No
	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3		No
	4	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3		No
	4	4	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3		No
	4	4	4	4	Any number	Any number		Yes
	5 or more for any office							Yes
Seven Offices on the Ballot	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	No
	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	No
	4	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	No
	4	4	4	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 3	No
	4	4	4	4	Any number	Any number	Any number	Yes
	5 or more for any office							Yes

See also 13-14-115, MCA. For circumstances not covered above, feel free to contact the Secretary of State's office. If an election administrator determines that a nonpartisan primary election need not be held, the election administrator must notify the governing body, which may require that a primary election be held if it passes a resolution not more than 10 days after the close of candidate filing.