

# ANNUAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2024

**Regular Meetings.** The Council will hold three regular sessions each month, usually on the first, second, and third Wednesdays, unless otherwise listed below. Upon the introduction of an ordinance (typically through a "first reading" at a regular session), the Council may refer it to a committee, may schedule it for deliberation (typically through a "second reading" at the next regular session), or may consider it for adoption (a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the elected members, after unanimous consent of the members present to consider the ordinance, is required to pass an ordinance on the same day or at the same meeting at which it is introduced). Resolutions may be considered for action by the Council at one meeting.

**Referral to Committee.** Legislation may be referred to one of the Council's committees. Under local code, when a committee is to consider legislation referred by the Council, it does so on the second and/or fourth Wednesdays unless a majority of the Council decides to meet at an alternative date and time.

A standing committee must return a referred item of legislation to the full Council by the second Regular Session following its referral, but may choose to return the item after a single regular session.

**Location and Time of Meetings:** Unless otherwise indicated, the Council meets in the Council Chambers, Suite 115 of City Hall, at 6:30 p.m. When considering referred legislation, standing committee meetings start between 5:30 and 9:45 pm (BMC 2.04.255). Council and committee meetings are also accessible electronically via links shared on the Council's web calendar, at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/council>.

**Deadlines for Legislation:** Ordinances and resolutions should be submitted to the Council Office at least ten days before the meeting at which the legislation is to be introduced. All accompanying materials, including a summary memo and fiscal impact statement, must be submitted to the Council Office via email by noon on the date listed below. For the manner for submitting these materials, please inquire with the Council Office.

Deadline for Submission of Legislation and Supporting Materials	Council Meeting Dates	Deadline for Submission of Legislation and Supporting Materials	Council Meeting Dates
N/A	01/10/2024 Organizational Meeting <sup>1</sup>	07/22/2024	07/31/2024 Regular Session <sup>7</sup>
01/08/2024	01/17/2024 Regular Session	07/24/2024	08/07/2024 Regular Session
01/15/2024	01/24/2024 Regular Session	08/05/2024	08/14/2024 Regular Session
01/29/2024	02/07/2024 Regular Session	08/12/2024	08/21/2024 Regular Session
02/05/2024	02/14/2024 Regular Session	08/19/2024	08/26/2024-08/29/2024 – Departmental Budget Hearings on 2025 Budget <sup>8</sup>
02/12/2024	02/21/2024 Regular Session	08/26/2024	09/04/2024 Regular Session
02/19/2024	02/28/2024 Regular Session <sup>2</sup>	09/02/2024	09/11/2024 Regular Session
02/26/2024	03/06/2024 Regular Session	09/09/2024	09/18/2024 Regular Session
03/11/2024	03/27/2024 Regular Session <sup>3</sup>	09/16/2024	09/25/2024 Special Session – Introduction of 2024 Budget Legislation followed by a Committee of the Whole (including the public hearing on the 2024 Budget) <sup>9</sup>
03/25/2024	04/03/2024 Regular Session		
04/01/2024	04/10/2024 Regular Session		
04/08/2024	04/17/2024 Regular Session		
N/A	04/25/2024 Budget Advance <sup>4</sup>	09/23/2024	10/01/2024 Regular Session <sup>10</sup>
04/22/2024	05/01/2024 Regular Session	09/30/2024	10/09/2024 Special Session – Adoption Meeting for 2024 Budget Legislation <sup>9</sup>
04/29/2024	05/08/2024 Regular Session	10/07/2024	10/16/2024 Regular Session
05/06/2024	05/15/2024 Regular Session	10/28/2024	11/06/2024 Regular Session
05/27/2024	06/05/2024 Regular Session	11/04/2024	11/13/2024 Regular Session
N/A	06/11/2024 Budget Advance <sup>4</sup>	11/11/2024	11/20/2024 Regular Session
06/03/2024	06/12/2024 Regular Session	11/25/2024	12/04/2024 Regular Session
06/10/2024	06/18/2024 Regular Session <sup>5 &amp; 6</sup>	12/02/2024	12/11/2024 Regular Session <sup>9</sup>
<i>Summer Recess - Ending With Regular Session on July 31, 2024<sup>7</sup></i>		<i>Year-End Recess – followed by Organization Day on January 8, 2025<sup>11</sup></i>	

1. **Organizational Meeting.** The Council will hold its 2024 Organizational Meeting on January 10 when it elects officers and appoints members to serve on various boards and commissions. Under local code, the meeting must be held no later than the second Wednesday in January unless rescheduled by a majority of the Council. (BMC 2.04.010 and BMC 2.04.050[a, c & d]).
2. **Fourth Wednesday in February.** The Council will hold a fourth Regular Session in February rather than meet during the second week of March in order to avoid meeting during Spring Break (when many residents are out of town).
3. **Fourth Wednesday in March.** The Council will meet for a Regular Session on March 27 to avoid meeting during the third week of March, when the City Clerk and staff will be out of town attending training courses.
4. **Budget Advance Meetings.** The Council will hold a Budget Advance meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25. The Council will hold a second Budget Advance meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11.
5. **Juneteenth.** The Council will hold its third Regular Session in June on Tuesday, June 18 to avoid meeting on Juneteenth.
6. **Tax Abatement Report.** The Council will hear Annual Tax Abatement Reports no later than the Regular Session on June 18, during Reports from the Mayor and City Offices.
7. **Summer Recess.** BMC 2.04.050[e] states that the Council may schedule a summer recess, but if it does so, no legislation may be introduced for first reading at the final regular session prior to the recess. By approving this Annual Schedule, the Council will be scheduling a Summer Recess to begin after the Regular Session of June 18 and to end with a Regular Session on July 31 (the fifth Wednesday of that month).
8. **Departmental Budget Hearings.** The Council will hold Departmental Budget Hearings on the 2025 budget in the Council Chambers on Monday, August 26, Tuesday, August 27, Wednesday, August 28, and Thursday, August 29 beginning at 5:30 p.m. each night. Budget Books are scheduled to be delivered to members no later than Friday, August 23.
9. **Budget Cycle.** After holding Departmental Budget Hearings in late-August (see Note #8), the Council will formally consider the several items making up the City Budget for 2025 during a separate legislative cycle known as the "Budget Cycle," starting in late September and ending in mid-October. Please note that the statutorily required initial public hearings associated with the City Budget package will be held during the aforementioned committee hearing, and the official adoption meeting will be held at second reading during the Special Budget Session in October.
10. **Rosh Hashanah.** Because Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) begins on Wednesday, October 2, the first Regular Session in October has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 1.
11. **Year-End Recess.** BMC 2.04.050[g] calls for the Council to recess after the second Regular Session in December. At this session, legislation may not be introduced for first reading.

*Note: If additional meetings are scheduled, or if the date, time or place of a scheduled meeting changes, additional public notice will be posted. By adoption of this schedule, the Council gives staff the authority to correct typographical errors and align the footnotes and narrative to mesh with changes made in the course of Council approval of this schedule. These changes will not alter the date, time, or place of any meeting voted upon by the Council.*

## Indiana University 5-Year Religious Calendar

**2023-2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester (2023)**

Lammas/Lughnasdh	Pagan/Wiccan	Aug. 1	Tuesday
Raksha Bandhan	Hindu	Aug. 30	Wednesday
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Sept. 6	Wednesday
Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year	Jewish	Sept. 15*-17	Fri.-Sun.
Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu	Sept. 18	Monday
Autumn Equinox		Sept. 23	Saturday
Autumnal Equinox/Mabon	Pagan/Wiccan	Sept. 21-24	Thurs.-Sun.
Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement	Jewish	Sept. 24*-25	Sun.-Mon.
Mawlid-al-Nabi (Muhammed's birthday) (12 <sup>th</sup> day of Rabi-al-Awwal)	Islam	Sept. 27	Estimate
Sukkot, Festival of Booths	Jewish	Sept. 29*-Oct. 1	Fri.-Sun.
Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	Jewish	Oct. 6*-8	Fri.-Sun.
Navaratri	Hindu	Oct. 15-23	Sun.-Mon.
Durga Puja	Hindu	Oct. 19-23	Thurs.-Mon.
Birth of the Báb	Baha'i	Oct. 16	Monday
Halloween/Samhain	Pagan/Wiccan	Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Tues.-Wed.
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	Oct. 17	Tuesday
Diwali / Kali Puja	Hindu	Nov. 12	Sunday
Day of the Covenant	Baha'i	Nov. 26	Sunday
Guru Nanak's Birthday	Sikh	Nov. 27	Monday
Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá	Baha'i	Nov. 28	Tuesday
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	Dec. 8	Friday
Hanukkah (Chanukah), Festival of Lights	Jewish	Dec. 7*-15	Thurs.-Fri.
Winter Solstice		Dec. 21	Thursday
Winter Solstice/Yule (Midwinter)	Pagan/Wiccan	Dec. 20-23	Wed.-Sat.
Christmas	Christian	Dec. 25	Monday
Kwanzaa	Interfaith/African-American	Dec. 26-Jan. 1	Tues. – Mon.

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**2023-2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (2024)**

Shogatsu/Gantan-sai (New Year)	Shinto	Jan. 1	Monday
Epiphany	Christian	Jan. 6	Saturday
Feast of the Nativity	Eastern Orthodox	Jan. 7	Sunday
Candlemas/Imbolc	Pagan/Wiccan	Feb. 1 or 2	Thurs. or Friday
Spring Festival/Lunar New Year-Year of the Dragon		Feb. 10	Saturday
Ash Wednesday (first day of lent)	Christian	Feb. 14	Wednesday
Vasant Panchami / Saraswati Puja	Hindu	Feb. 14	Wednesday
Beginning of Ramadan	Islam	Mar. 11	Estimate. Observers may determine the exact date from local lunar observations shortly before the holiday.
Vernal Equinox		Mar. 19	Tuesday

Spring Equinox/Ostara	Pagan/Wiccan	Mar. 19-24	Tues.-Sun.
Naw-Rúz (Baha'i New Year)	Baha'i	Mar. 20	Wednesday
Palm Sunday	Christian	Mar. 24	Sunday
Purim, Festival of Esther	Jewish	Mar. 23*-24	Sat.-Sun.
Holi	Hindu	Mar. 25	Monday
Maundy Thursday	Christian	Mar. 28	Thursday
Good Friday	Christian	Mar. 29	Friday
Easter	Christian	Mar. 31	Sunday
Qingming Festival		Apr. 4	Thursday
Laylat al Qadr (Night of Power; 27 <sup>th</sup> day of Ramadan)	Islam	Apr. 6	Estimate. Observers may determine the exact date from local lunar observations shortly before the holiday.
Eid-al-Fitr	Islam	Apr. 8 or 9	Estimate. Observers may determine the exact date from local lunar observations shortly before the holiday.
Vaisakhi / Baisakhi	Hindu / Sikh	Apr. 14	Sunday
Ridvan Festival, 1st of 12 days	Baha'i	Apr. 20	Saturday
Pesach, Passover's Beginning	Jewish	Apr. 22*-24	Mon.-Wed.
Palm Sunday	Eastern Orthodox	Apr. 28	Sunday
9th Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Apr. 28	Sunday
Pesach, Passover's Conclusion	Jewish	Apr. 28*-30	Sun.-Tues.
May Day/Beltane	Pagan/Wiccan	May 1	Wednesday
12th Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	May 1	Wednesday
Holy Friday	Eastern Orthodox	May 3	Friday
Pasha (Easter)	Eastern Orthodox	May 5	Sunday

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## 2024 Summer Sessions

Declaration of the Báb	Baha'i	May 23	Thursday
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	May 28	Tuesday
Shavuot, Festival of Weeks	Jewish	June 11*-13	Tues.-Thurs.
Yawm al Arafa (Day of Arafa)	Islam	June 15/16	Estimate
Eid al-Adha	Islam	June 17	Estimate. Observers may determine the exact date from local lunar observations shortly before the holiday.
Summer Solstice		June 20	Thursday
Summer Solstice/Litha (Midsummer)	Pagan/Wiccan	June 19-23	Wed.-Sun.
Al-Hijra / Muharram (New Year)	Islam	July 7-8	Estimate
Martyrdom of the Báb	Baha'i	July 9	Tuesday
Ashura (10th day of Muharram)	Islam	July 16-17	Estimate

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