

Understanding Absent Voter Ballot Applications

This week the Huntington Woods City Clerk's office mailed out absentee ballot applications to anyone on the City maintained Permanent Absentee Voter List. The State of Michigan recently announced they will be sending out absent voter ballot applications to help those who want to vote by mail in the COVID environment. Please see below for an FAQ regarding absent voter ballot applications.

What is an Absent Voter Ballot Application?

An absentee ballot application is not a ballot. By submitting it, voters are requesting to obtain an absentee ballot by mail and vote using that method. Adding your name to the Permanent Absent Voter List means you will receive an absent ballot application in the mail for every election.

Why are voters encouraged to vote by mail in the upcoming elections?

You have the right to vote by mail in every election. Voting by mail is easy, convenient, and secure. During the outbreak of COVID-19, it also enables you to stay home and stay safe while still making your voice heard in our elections. Absent voting has many benefits including avoiding long lines, the ability to maintain social distancing, and time to study the ballot.

Why is it called a "Permanent" Absent Voter List? Does that mean I may no longer vote in person?

No, it does not. Voters should know and understand all of their options, and not feel confused or worried about the word "permanent". If a voter requests and receives an absentee ballot, **they can surrender it and vote in person if they wish.** Voters always have the choice to vote absentee or in person.

Is it possible I may receive an Absent Voter Ballot Application from the City and the State?

Yes. The State is mailing absent voter ballot applications to everyone who is **NOT** on the City's permanent absent voter list. The City mailed absent voter ballot applications to everyone who is **ON** the permanent absent voter list the first week of June. If you just signed up for the permanent absent voter list, it is possible you may receive a ballot application from the City and the State. It is not necessary to complete both applications; submitting the City's application is sufficient.

What should I do if I plan to move prior to the elections?

Notify hbarckholtz@hwmi.org or visit www.Michigan.gov/Vote to learn how to receive an absentee ballot in your new community.

Where can I find more information?

Follow these links for a [general voting FAQ](#) and [absentee voting information](#) from the State.

I received several Absent Voter Ballot Applications in the mail. How do I know which ones are legitimate?

Look for the logo below to ensure the application is from your City Clerk's office.



For more information, contact the Clerk's office at 248-581-2638 or email hbarckholtz@hwmi.org