




Did You Know

- With the passage of Proposal 3 in 2018, registered Michigan voters no longer need a reason to obtain an absentee ballot. To receive an absentee ballot, you still need to fill out an application - if you are not on the Permanent Ballot List.
- With the passage of Proposal 2 in 2022, voters can now join the Permanent Ballot List and receive an absentee ballot prior to each election. A final absentee ballot application will need to be filled out to join the list.
 - In the Presidential Primary years, a ballot selection form will be mailed to those on the Permanent Ballot list as we will need to know which ballot style to send you. This is not considered an absentee ballot application.
- Also, with the passing of Proposal 22-2, voters are now able to bring their absentee ballot into the polling location and tabulate it in person. Voters wishing to utilize this option will need to fill out an Election Day voter application as the State considers them as moving from an absentee voter to an Election Day (or early) voter.
- A third item that came from Proposal 22-2 is early voting. Voters now can vote at an early voting location during one of the 9 days prior to each State or Federal election.
- If you request an absentee ballot application, you will only ever get **ONE** absentee application from the City of Hudsonville. Political parties and other outside interest groups are also able to send applications though. While it's frustrating (and annoying) to get multiple applications, the only time you would get a second absentee application from us is if there was something missing or illegible on your original application; that application would be accompanied by a letter from the City Clerk's office explaining what is specifically needed on the new absentee application.
- If you would prefer to avoid a mailed ballot, you will need to personally stop by City Hall to receive it. We cannot hand issue ballots to anyone but the registered voter requesting one; even if they are a household family member.
- The US Post Office will NOT forward your absentee ballot, even with temporary mail forwarding turned on. If you would like your ballot sent to an address different from your registered one, you need to fill out the forwarding box on the application (see picture below).

Want your ballot mailed to different address than you wrote above? [USPS won't forward it]	
Date leaving for this address: / /	Street Address
Date of return: / /	City State Zip



- If you are on the Permanent Ballot list and are out of town in the 3 months prior to an election (i.e. snowbirds, college students), please contact the City Clerk's office to make sure your ballot gets to you in a timely manner.
- If you are not planning on voting in each election, joining the Permanent Ballot list might not be the best option for you. Sample ballots are always available online prior to each election and absentee ballot applications will still be available for those who only wish to vote absentee occasionally.

- You can ask to be removed from the Permanent Ballot list at any time. Just send a signed request to the City Clerk's office and we will remove you from the list.
- If you have a mailing address that's different from your registered address, it also moves with you when you move to a new jurisdiction (or even within the same one). If you had one in the past, a good idea would be to provide your local clerk with updated voter registration information.
- The Secretary of State will now automatically register you to vote when you go in to renew your state ID (also part of the passed Prop 3 in 2018). If you don't want to be automatically registered the next time you need to renew, there should be a box on the renewal form you can check stating so.
- You don't necessarily need to make an appointment with the Secretary of State to update your address on your ID. If you re-register with your (new) local clerk, that prompts the SOS to send you a sticker for the back of your ID. You can also update your address/voter registration online by going to www.michigan.gov/vote.
- If you have more election related questions, the Ottawa County Clerk's office has a very informative website. It can be found at [Elections Division | Ottawa County, MI \(miottawa.org/clerk/elections\)](http://Elections%20Division%20|%20Ottawa%20County,%20MI).