



# 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.
- The State of Michigan *required* us to send out applications to every registered voter in Hudsonville last summer and on those applications there was a box people could check to be added to our Permanent Absentee Voter list? (All absentee applications, and even the voter registration application, have this box.)

**1 Check One**

**BOTH ELECTION DATES** ☐ **PRIMARY ELECTION** ☐ **DATE: AUG. 4, 2020** **GENERAL ELECTION** ☐ **DATE: NOV. 3, 2020**

I am a United States citizen and a qualified and registered elector in the CITY OF HUDSONVILLE County of OTTAWA, State of Michigan, and I apply for an official ballot, to be voted by me at the above indicated election(s).

**WARNING: A PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IN THIS DECLARATION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.**

I certify that I am a United States citizen and that the statements in this Mail-In Ballot application are true.

**Complete to join permanent absent voter application list**

☐ I want to vote absentee in all future elections. Automatically send me an application for every election.

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PRIMARY GENERAL

- You will only ever get **ONE** absentee application per election 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 the new absentee application.
- If you are signed up for the Perm AV list, you get an absentee ballot **application** every election, NOT a ballot? We want to prevent voter fraud, so ballots can be mailed only to those voters who submit a *signed* absentee ballot 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 issued ballots to anyone but the registered voter requesting one; even if they are a household family member.
- The US Post Office can forward your absentee application but NOT your actual ballot? 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.

**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
/ /			

- We received a number of calls from voters in March & April wondering why they were receiving an absentee application when they didn't ask for one? Our only guess can be that they checked that small box on a 2020 application (mentioned above) and forgot, or didn't realize, they signed up for the Perm AV list.
- You can sign up to be on our Perm AV list or asked to be removed from it at any time? Just send a signed request to the City Clerk's office and we will add you to or 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 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.
- If you have more election related questions, the Ottawa County Clerk's office has a very informative website? It can be found at [Election Security - Ottawa County, Michigan \(miottawa.org\)](http://miottawa.org).