

FAQ's on Absentee Ballots

I will be absent on Election Day, can I still vote?

Yes, you can vote by absentee ballot by calling your local clerk's office 810-794-9361 ext. 6 or ext. 0 or come into the City Clerk's office, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, Michigan 48001 to obtain an application form to receive an absentee ballot.

What is an absentee ballot?

An absentee ballot is for people who are registered to vote but are unable to attend the polls on Election Day.

I registered to vote using the mail-in form, can I vote absentee?

Under election law you cannot vote by absentee ballot if you used the mail-in form to register to vote for the first time. You must vote in person the first time you vote. After voting in person you may receive an absentee ballot for future elections. However, if you are over 60 years of age or handicapped and registered to vote using the mail-in form you are allowed to vote by absentee ballot.

Who is eligible to receive an absentee ballot?

To receive an absentee ballot one of the following must be true:

- You must be 60 years of age or older.
- Expect to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
- Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another.
- You cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion.
- You are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.
- You have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where you reside.

How can I apply for an absentee ballot?

Call your local clerk's office and request an application for an absentee ballot. You can also write to your local clerk requesting an absentee ballot or stop into the office to apply.

How soon do I need to request an absentee ballot?

You can request an absentee ballot up to 75 days before the election. Absentee

ballot applications can be requested to be sent to you up to the Saturday before the election. As this date is close to the election it may be best to come to our office and vote your absentee ballot. Our office is open from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. the Saturday before each election.

Is there some way that I can automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election?

The City of Algonac maintains a permanent absentee list. To qualify to be put on our permanent absentee list you must be over 60 years of age or physically unable to attend the polls. After being placed on this list you will receive an application for an absentee ballot. You will receive an absentee ballot application for every Election, that you will need to fill out and sign, to receive your absentee ballot. The City of Algonac currently has a document that you can print off of our website at www.algonac-mi.gov and send into the Clerk's office to be placed on that list. You may also just call and request to be on that list.

I'm in the military service or overseas, how can I vote?

You can contact your commanding officer and receive a Federal Post Card Registration and Absentee Ballot (FPCA), if you are a citizen overseas you can contact your Consulate Office.

Can I come to your office and cast my absentee ballot?

Yes, you can come into the City Clerk's office at 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI to cast your absentee ballot prior to election day.

Can an absentee ballot be sent to me if I 'm out of City, State or Country?

Yes, an absentee ballot can be sent out of the City, State or Country. **This address needs to be stated clearly on your absentee ballot application.**

Can an absentee ballot be sent to a Post Office Box?

We can mail your absentee ballot to your Post Office Box, however to send it, you must also include your full Algonac address.

Can anyone drop off my absentee ballot?

Only an immediate family member, a person residing in the same household

or an assistant of the clerk may deliver your absentee ballot to the clerk's office.

What are the hours that I can cast my absentee ballot in your office?

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and the Saturday before the election, 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. We do not close for lunch. There is always someone in the office.

I made a mistake on my absentee ballot, can I receive another absentee ballot?

If you spoil your ballot in any way, you can receive another absentee ballot by first calling our office at (810) 794-9361 ext. 6 or 0. We will void your old absentee ballot and then issue you a new one.

When is the last day an absentee ballot can be mailed from your office?

The latest an absentee ballots can be mailed is the Saturday before any election. As this date is close to the election date you may wish to come to our office at 805 St. Clair River Drive to vote your absentee ballot. Our office will be open that Saturday before the election until 2:00 P.M..

When is the last day and time an absentee ballot can be dropped off?

Absentee ballots can be dropped off in the City Clerk's Office on election day. Keep in mind that this will have to reach the absentee counting board by 8:00 P.M. or it will not be counted.

When is the last day that I can vote an absentee ballot in your office?

The last day you can cast an absentee ballot in our office is the day before an election by 4:00 P.M.

FAQ'S For Absentee Voting on Election Day

Can you cast an absentee ballot on Election Day?

Normally you cannot vote an absentee ballot on Election Day. However, if an emergency has occurred, such as you have been hospitalized on Election Day, or sickness or death has occurred in your family which will not allow you to go to the polls, you can receive an emergency absentee ballot. You will need to contact our office if this has occurred.

Can I drop off my absentee ballot at my voting precinct?

No, you cannot drop off your absentee ballot at your voting precinct, you must bring your absentee ballot to the City Clerk's Office.

Can I vote at my voting precinct after I have voted an absentee ballot?

Yes, in order to do so, you must take your absentee ballot to your voting precinct. The poll worker will then void your ballot, and then you may vote in a normal manner.