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## MEMORANDUM

**August 18, 2021**

**TO: CANDIDATES**  
2021 City of Annapolis Municipal Primary Election

**Re: Mail-in Voting - 2021 Municipal Elections - Frequently Asked Questions**

What is Mail-in Voting?

Every eligible voter in the City of Annapolis will automatically receive a ballot via the United States Postal Service to their address on file with the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections. This is specific for the 2021 City of Annapolis Municipal Elections. It is another way to vote if you are unable or choose not to go to your polling place to vote in-person.

Why is Annapolis using Mail-in Voting?

The goal is to make voting more accessible, convenient, and to increase voter turnout. Maryland voters used mail-in voting in the 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

Who can vote by mail-in ballot?

All eligible, registered voters in the City of Annapolis can vote by mail-in ballot.

You do not need a reason to vote by mail-in ballot.

To be eligible to vote in a City of Annapolis election, a person must be:

A citizen of the United States;

At least 18 years old on the day of the General Election (November 2, 2021);

Registered to vote in Maryland; and

A resident of the City of Annapolis.

Do I need to do anything to make sure I receive a mail-in ballot?

Make sure you are registered to vote, and your address is current by going to

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> or call (410) 222-0492.

Make sure your residential address is within the corporate limits of the City of Annapolis by going to <https://www.annapolis.gov/620/Street-Listing>, email [elections@annapolis.gov](mailto:elections@annapolis.gov) or call (410) 263-7929.

How do I register to vote? Online at: [https://elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/application.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html)

In-person at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 160 Duke of Gloucester St, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

How do I vote my mail-in ballot?

Every eligible voter in the City of Annapolis will automatically receive a ballot via the United States Postal Service to their address on file with the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections.

To make sure you receive your mail-in ballot in a timely manner, go to <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> to check or change your address so that it is current. When you receive your ballot, read the instructions. If you have questions, email [elections@annapolis.gov](mailto:elections@annapolis.gov) or call (410) 263-7929.

Make sure to SIGN THE OATH on the outside of the return envelope before returning your ballot. **If you do not sign the oath, your ballot will not be counted.**

Secure the privacy flap on the return envelope. The flap on the envelope will hide your signature and provide privacy.

You must return your ballot in the return envelope that came with the ballot.

How do I return my completed mail-in ballot? There are three EASY ways – just pick ONE!

Drop your ballot in one of the drop boxes at the following polling locations by 8pm on Election Day (Primary – September 21, 2021, General – November 2, 2021):

- Ward 1 – City Council Chambers (160 Duke of Gloucester St)
- Ward 2 – Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library (1410 West St)
- Ward 3 – Mount Olive Community Life Center (2 Hicks Ave)
- Ward 4 – American Legion Post #141 (1707 Forest Dr)
- Ward 5 – Roger “Pip” Moyer Recreation Center (273 Hilltop Ln)
- Ward 6 – Eastport Community Center (1014 President St)
- Ward 7 – Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library (269 Hillsmere Dr)
- Ward 8 – Eastport Volunteer Fire Hall (914 Bay Ridge Ave)

OR

Mail your completed ballot using the United States Postal Service (USPS).

The return envelope is pre-paid, first-class mail.

You do not need to add stamps.

The envelope must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

OR

Take your mail-in ballot to the City of Annapolis Board of Supervisors of Elections Office, located at 160 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, Maryland 21401. You must deliver it by 8pm on September 21, 2021 for the Primary Election and on November 2, 2021 for the General Election.

What if I will not be at my address to receive my mail-in ballot by Election Day?

Fill out a Regular Mail-in Ballot Application: <https://www.annapolis.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19616/Regular-Mail-In-Ballot-Instructions-and-Application>, or call 410-263-7929 or email [elections@annapolis.gov](mailto:elections@annapolis.gov) to request a Regular Mail-in Ballot Application.

Return the Regular Mail-in Ballot Application as soon as you know you will not be at your residential address. Your request must be received (not just mailed) by September 17, 2021 for the Primary Election and October 29, 2021 for the General Election.

What if I do not want to vote by mail?

If you choose to vote in-person, go to the polling place assigned to your ward:

- Ward 1 – City Council Chambers (160 Duke of Gloucester St)
- Ward 2 – Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library (1410 West St)
- Ward 3 – Mount Olive Community Life Center (2 Hicks Ave)
- Ward 4 – American Legion Post #141 (1707 Forest Dr)
- Ward 5 – Roger “Pip” Moyer Recreation Center (273 Hilltop Ln)
- Ward 6 – Eastport Community Center (1014 President St)
- Ward 7 – Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library (269 Hillsmere Dr)
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NOTE: If you choose to vote in-person, you do not need to return your mail-in ballot to the Board of Elections.

To find out what ward you live in, check the Municipal Polling Place listed on your Voter Notification Card, go to <https://www.annapolis.gov/430/Ward-Maps>, email [elections@annapolis.gov](mailto:elections@annapolis.gov) or call (410) 263-7929.

What are the important dates I should know?

June 19, 2021 a new Voter Notification Card was mailed to all eligible voters residing in the City of Annapolis. If you did not receive one, check that your address and voter registration is up to date at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

- August 16, 2021 Voter Registration deadline for the Primary Election is 9pm. This is also the deadline to change or update your address.
- August 20, 2021 Drop boxes will be at each polling location to collect ballots.
- August 30, 2021 Ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed to eligible, registered voters.
- September 21, 2021 Your completed mail-in ballot must be postmarked by midnight or deposited in a drop box by 8pm to be counted.
- October 4, 2021 Voter Registration deadline for the General Election is 9pm.
- October 8, 2021 Ballots for the General Election will be mailed to eligible, registered voters.
- November 2, 2021 Your completed mail-in ballot must be postmarked by midnight or deposited in a drop box by 8pm to be counted.