



**LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM
COUNTY CLERK / REGISTER OF DEEDS**

200 North Main Street, Suite 120 P.O. Box 8645 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-8645
Phone (734) 222-6730 • Fax (734) 222-6528
www.washtenaw.org



**LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM CLERK/REGISTER
ELECTIONS MEMORANDUM**

Press Release

Contact: Ed Golembiewski, Director of Elections or Trish Reilly, Program Manager - Elections
200 N. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 222-6730 elections@washtenaw.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 5, 2020

FACTS ABOUT VOTING AND REGISTRATION IN MICHIGAN

Make Sure You're Registered to Vote:

Visit www.mi.gov/vote to register to vote or check to make sure your registration is correct and up-to-date. October 19th is the deadline to register to vote online, by mail or in any way *other than in-person at your City/Township Clerk's office*.

Voters may register to vote in-person at their City/Township Clerk's office now through Election Day, November 3, 2020 at 8:00 pm. If you are registering to vote in-person at your City/Township Clerk's office after October 19, 2020 you must show a [credential to verify residency](#).

Make a Plan to Vote:

- ***Vote 'Early' by Mail***

If you're registered to vote in Michigan, you can request that an Absent Voter Ballot be mailed to you before Election Day. The deadline to request a ballot be mailed to you is October 30th, but it is highly recommended that you request it as soon as possible to allow for mailing time.

After you receive your Absent Voter Ballot, vote and return it to your City/Township Clerk as soon as possible. Ballots can be delivered in-person to the City/Township Clerk's office, to an Absent Voter Ballot drop box in your city/township, or by mail to the address printed on the return envelope.

It's important to deliver your ballot to the correct location: find official delivery locations by looking up your voter information at www.mi.gov/vote.

Do not wait to return your ballot. If you'll return it by mail, the United States Postal Service recommends that you send it at least one week prior to the election.

- ***Vote 'Early' In-Person***

Voters can appear in-person at their City/Township Clerk's office to obtain and vote an Absent Voter Ballot between now and November 2, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

City/Township hours of operation vary so it's best to check the hours and location by looking up your voter information at www.mi.gov/vote, or call before you go.

Every City/Township Clerk's office is open to voters during the weekend prior to Election Day.

- ***Vote In-Person on Election Day***

All polling locations will be open on Election Day, November 3, 2020 from 7:00 am to 8:00 p.m. Find your polling location at www.mi.gov/vote.

Find Out What's Required:

Voters in Michigan need to confirm their identity when they vote in-person. If you don't have a valid photo ID, you can sign an affidavit attesting to your identity, instead.

To be eligible to vote in Michigan you must be:

- A Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of the city/township for at least 30 days
- A United States Citizens
- At least 18 years of age (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or person. An individual convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in Michigan can vote if they are not currently sentenced/incarcerated. The right to vote is automatically restored when an individual is released from incarceration. A resident can also vote while on probation or parole. An individual may vote while in jail awaiting trial or arraignment and are not serving a sentence.

In order to register to vote between October 20th through November 3rd, you'll need to go to your local City/Township Clerk's office and show proof of residency, which can be any of the following:

- Michigan driver's license or State ID
- Current utility bill
- Bank Statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document

NOTE: Individuals who do not reside in traditional housing may indicate a landmark or cross-streets on their application where they primarily reside.

Need Additional Assistance or a Quick Overview?

Voters should visit [Michigan Voter Learning Center \(www.mi.gov/vote\)](http://www.mi.gov/vote) to register to vote, check their registration status, preview their ballot, find the location and hours of their local city/township clerk, request an Absentee Ballot and/or track the progress of their Absentee Ballot request.

To view the County's "How to Vote in Michigan" video series go to www.washtenaw.org/elections.

For further information please visit www.washtenaw.org/elections or contact the Washtenaw County Clerk/Register Elections Division at elections@washtenaw.org or 734-222-6730.

###