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Mailing of Absent Voter Ballots Underway in Farmington Hills ahead of February Presidential Primary Election

Voters who have not yet applied for an absent voter ballot or have not returned their ballot selection form still have time to make their selection through the City Clerk's Office

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich., (Jan. 24, 2024) - Absent voter ballot mailing for the Feb. 27, 2024 presidential primary election is underway in the City of Farmington Hills. Absent voter ballots were mailed Thursday, Jan. 18 to all voters who previously submitted an absent voter ballot application and to those currently on the City's permanent ballot list who have already submitted a ballot selection form.

"2024 is a big year for elections and we're working to make sure everyone who wants or needs an absent voter ballot receives one for the presidential primary," said City Clerk Carly Lindahl. "The Clerk's Office is also working diligently to reach voters on the City's permanent ballot list who have not yet submitted a ballot selection form to make sure they have access to an absent voter ballot."

Under a new Election Law, if a permanent mail ballot voter did not return a presidential primary ballot selection form by Jan. 18, forty days before the presidential primary election, the city clerk is **required** to notify them by telephone, email and text message, if available, of the requirement to make a political party ballot selection in order to receive a presidential primary election ballot. If the city clerk does not have the telephone number or email address of the permanent mail ballot voter, the city clerk must notify the permanent mail ballot voter by mail.

Typically, voters who are on the permanent ballot list would automatically receive an absent voter ballot before every election, however, Michigan Election Law requires voters to indicate in writing which political party ballot they wish to vote in a presidential primary.

Permanent absent voters **must** complete and return a ballot selection form in order to receive an absent voter ballot. The voter will then receive an absent voter ballot for the party they selected. This requirement only applies to presidential primaries and voters will **not** be required to select a political party ballot for any other type of election. Voters who choose to vote in person early or on Election Day will also be required to make a ballot selection. There is no political party registration requirement in Michigan Election Law.

Voters who have not yet applied for an absent voter ballot or have not returned their ballot selection form can return their forms by mail, drop box, email FHClerk@fhgov.com or in person at the City Clerk's Office. Voters who request a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office will receive their ballot that same day. For those who wish to pick your ballot up in

person, please bring photo ID. Those without photo ID will be required to complete an *Affidavit of Person Not in Possession of Photo ID* in order to receive a ballot.

Options for returning your ballot:

- By mail in the purple return envelope. **Postage is pre-paid.**
- City drop boxes at the following locations:
 - City Hall Campus (in front of the Police Department): 31655 W. Eleven Mile Road
 - Costick Activities Center: 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road
 - Department of Public Works: 27245 Halsted Road
 - Fire Station #1: 35725 W. Nine Mile Road
 - Fire Station #3: 29260 Grand River Ave.
- In-person to the City Clerk's Office located inside City Hall at 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road

To track your ballot, visit <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index> and fill in the required fields on the "Search for your voter information" form.

For more information, visit www.fhgov.com or contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest and most diverse communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is known for its extensive amenities, including its 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, 245,000-square-foot recreational facility, which houses the largest municipal performance venue in the State of Michigan, The Hawk Theatre. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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