



Election Newsletter



Greetings From The City of Harbor Beach Clerks Office:

In November 2022 voters passed Proposal 2 which amended the State Constitution to include additional voting rights and protections and created additional options for Michigan voters to vote. Michigan voters now have three ways to vote: Early Voting, Absentee Ballot, and Election Day.

Below you will find more information about all three of these voting options as well as information about the elections occurring in 2024.



2024 Election Dates

There currently are three elections scheduled for 2024 for Harbor Beach residents – Presidential Primary on February 27, State Primary on August 6 and the General Election on November 5.

Absentee Voting



Michigan still has no reason absentee voting; any registered voter can request an absentee ballot to vote prior to Election Day.

The biggest change with Absentee Voting is the addition of the Permanent Absentee Ballot List. **Voters who are on our Permanent Absentee Ballot List will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot before every election.**

The one exception to this is the Presidential Primary. This is the one election every four years, where a voter has to select a party specific ballot. Voters who checked the box to be added to our permanent absentee ballot list during the November 2023 election will receive a postcard in the mail in late December or early January where they will be required to select a ballot type and return it to the Clerk's office.

With the implementation of the Permanent Absentee Ballot option, the State will be phasing out the Automatic Absentee Ballot Application option. In the past voters who were on this list would be automatically mailed an absentee ballot application before every election. **Once this option is phased out, voters who are not on the Permanent Absentee Ballot list will have to request an application in order to receive one and apply for an absentee ballot.**

If you are not on the Permanent Absentee Ballot List and would like to be added, simply check the box on any absentee ballot application to be added.

If you are a snowbird, college student or regularly use a temporary alternative address, the Permanent Absentee Ballot List may not be the best option for you as

the ballot will be mailed to your home address and the USPS cannot forward ballots. The best option for these voters is to apply for an absentee ballot before each election.

Early Voting



Michigan voters now have the right to vote early and in person at an early voting site for 9 consecutive days prior to an election. The Early Voting process is very similar to voting on Election Day - show up, complete a voter application, mark your ballot, and place it into the tabulator.

Early voting will be available beginning with the Presidential Primary in February 2024 and every statewide and federal election thereafter.

The City of Harbor Beach's Early Voting Site is located at City Hall, located at 766 State Street, Harbor Beach and will be available for every statewide and federal election from 8:30am-4:30pm for nine consecutive days, beginning the second Saturday before and ending the first Sunday before Election Day.

For the 2024 Presidential Primary; Early Voting will be available daily from February 17-February 25 from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Voting on Election Day

There currently are not any changes to how we vote on Election Day. If you are registered to vote in the City of Harbor Beach, you will vote at City Hall.

Harbor Beach City Hall
766 State Street
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Polls are open on Election Day from 7:00am-8:00pm.



Registering to Vote



Individuals are encouraged to register to vote as early as possible before an election. Methods and requirements for voter registration depend on the following deadlines:

If there are 15+ days before an election, individuals can register at the Michigan SOS office, online, by mail, or in person.

Within 14 days of an election, and on Election Day, individuals may only register by visiting their local clerk's office to register in person with proof of residency documentation.

Voters can check their voter registration status at Michigan.gov/Vote.

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