

2024 Election Plans

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Overview

What's new since 2022?

- Additional Ballot Drop Box Locations
- Permanent Mail Ballot List
- Ballot Tracking
- Early Voting!
- Election Day Updates
- New Election Center!



Ballot Drop Boxes – what's new?

- 1 drop box is required for every 15,000 registered voters.
- Equitable distribution throughout the community.
- Drop boxes must be accessible 24/7 during the 40-days prior to each election.
- Additional boxes, including indoor boxes, may be used in addition to the required boxes, but cannot be counted towards the required formula.



Drop Box Locations in Ann Arbor

Existing Outdoor Drop Boxes (24/7)

- ✓ City Hall on Ann Street
- ✓ Fire Stations 5
- ✓ Fire Station 6
- ✓ Cobblestone Farm
- ✓ Veteran's Memorial Park

New for 2024!

- ✓ Arrowwood Hills Community Ctr
- ✓ Huron Hills Golf Course
- ✓ Huron Street side of City Hall

Additional indoor boxes

- ✓ City Hall vestibule
- ✓ U-M Campus – UMMA*
- ✓ U-M Campus – Duderstadt*
- ✓ Clerk's Office front counter

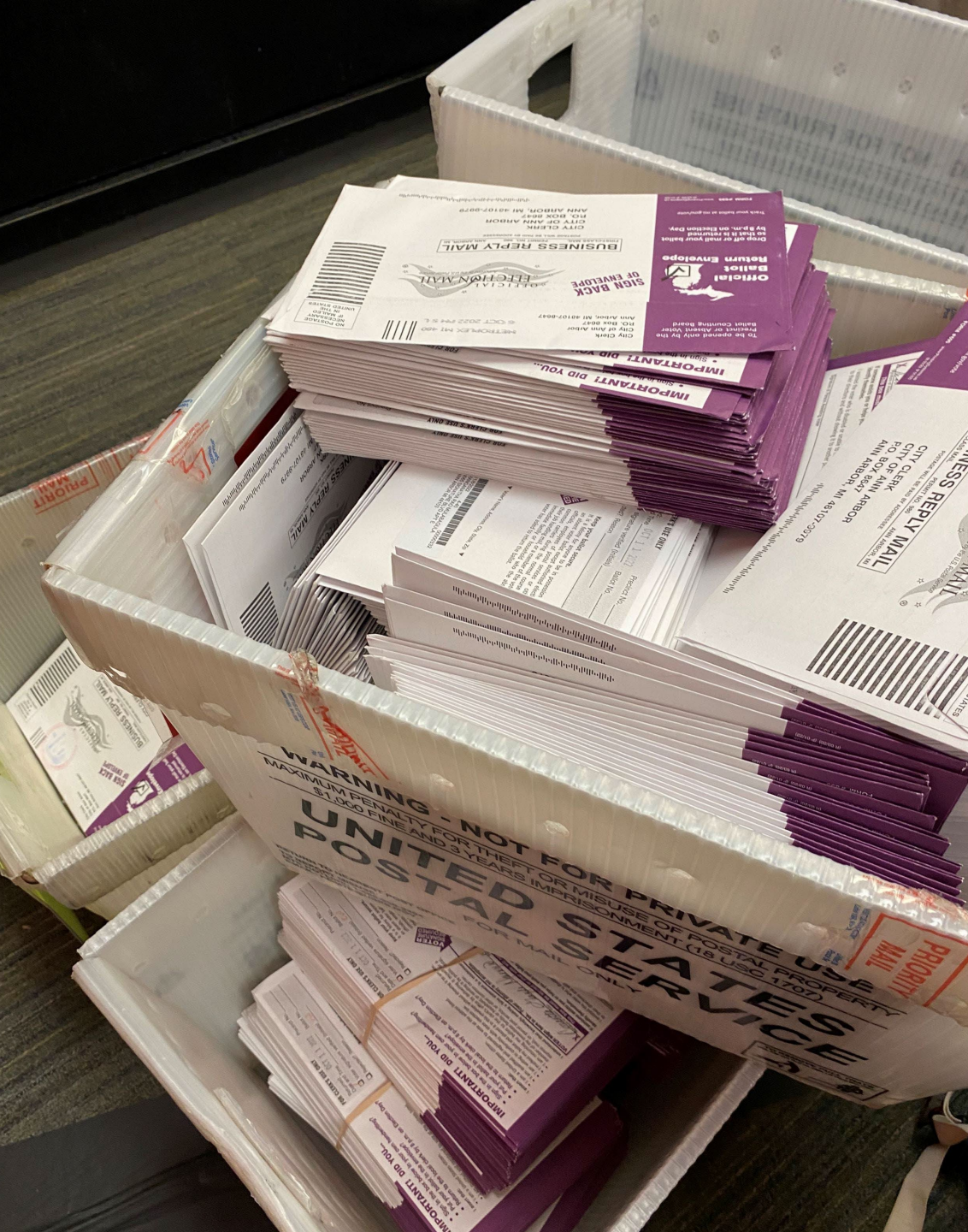
*available only during satellite office operations.



Enhanced Options for Returning Absentee Ballots

In addition to returning an absentee ballot to a designated drop box, voters can:

- Personally cast their absentee ballot at their designated Early Voting site or Election Day voting precinct (2024)
- Return their ballot/application by mail using *postage prepaid* return envelope provided by Clerk (now)



Permanent Mail Ballot List

What is the Permanent Mail Ballot List? How is this different from the current Absent Voter (AV) List?


Previously, Michigan voters could sign up to receive an absentee ballot application before each election. The recent change allows voters to sign up to receive a ballot before every election, eliminating the need to submit a new application each election.

Permanent Mail Ballot List Continued


City of Ann Arbor

- 35,000 voters on the “permanent Absent Voter (AV)” application list following 2020 and 2022 elections.
- November 2023 – Direct mail explaining “Permanent Ballot” information to current list of AV voters.
- Option to stay on Permanent AV Application list or switch to Permanent Ballot list.
- Vote by mail/absentee ballots currently account for approximately 57% of all ballots cast in the City.
 - Peak absentee ballot numbers in November 2020 at 87%.


Permanent Ballot Communications

 CITY CLERK
LARCOM CITY HALL
301 E. HURON ST.
ANN ARBOR, MI 48104

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OFFICIAL ELECTION MATERIAL
BALLOT SELECTION FORM
FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY


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DO NOT DETACH - RETURN ENTIRE FORM

BALLOT SELECTION FORM
FOR AUTOMATIC BALLOT VOTERS

FEBRUARY 27, 2024 - PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Dear Voter,
Although you are on the list to automatically receive your ballot for every election, you need to select a ballot type for the upcoming 2024 Presidential Primary Election. Please chose **ONLY ONE** of the following ballot options:

REQUIRED - SELECT ONLY ONE

☐ **DEMOCRATIC PARTY** Presidential Primary Ballot

☐ **REPUBLICAN PARTY** Presidential Primary Ballot

IF YOU DO NOT SELECT A BALLOT TYPE, A BALLOT CANNOT BE SENT TO YOU.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED - DON'T FORGET TO SIGN!

I certify that I am a United States citizen and a qualified and registered elector in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan.

PRINT FULL NAME: _____


SIGN: _____ Date: _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED (Power of attorney is not acceptable)

WARNING: A person who makes a false statement in this declaration is guilty of a misdemeanor.


OPTIONAL - voter contact information:
Phone: () _____ Email: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
BALLOT # _____ CLERK _____


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PERMIT NO. 107

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**IMPORTANT:
NEW ABSENTEE
VOTING OPTIONS!**


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9000+ Perm Ballot!

▲ FOLD HERE ▲

DO NOT DETACH! - return entire form

PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER RESPONSE CARD
Changes to Absentee Voting Options

Read the information on the front and back of this notice. Then, check **ONLY ONE** option below:
Please note - selecting both of the two options below will void your request. You may change your preference at any time by contacting the City Clerk's office. **Response is not required** and a non-response will not affect your voter registration. Please disregard this response card if you do not want to update your absentee voting preferences.

☐ Automatically send me an **application** for an absentee voter ballot for all future elections. I am **not** ready to request an automatic ballot.

☐ Sign me up for the automatic ballot! Automatically send me an **absentee/mail ballot** for all future elections at the following address (check **only one**):

☐ The address on file with the Clerk's office (current address on file is printed above on this response card). I am aware that the USPS will not hold or forward ballots.

☐ The following alternate mailing address: _____
Print Mailing Address (if applicable).

COMPLETE

Print Full Name

Date of Birth

Print Registered/Home Address

SIGN: _____ Date: _____
SIGNATURE REQUIRED (Power of attorney is not acceptable)

Ballot Tracking

Doesn't Michigan already have a ballot tracking system?

Yes. Michigan voters can currently track their ballots online at [Michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote), but the constitutional amendment requires the State to upgrade the system so that voters don't have to proactively login to check status.

What enhancements to the existing system are now required?

The enhanced system must give voters the option to receive texts or emails regarding the status of their submitted absentee ballot application and absentee ballot. The enhanced system must also inform voters of any issues with their absentee ballot or absentee ballot application and explain to voters how they can fix such issues.

When will the enhanced system be available to voters?

The Secretary of State is in the process of upgrading the system.

Ballot Tracking

City of Ann Arbor

- Currently emailing all voters with valid email addresses.
 - Ballot Sent
 - Ballot Received
- Will continue local notice until State system is implemented and provides sufficient notice.



Register.
Request a ballot.
VOTE early!



Early Voting!

What is early voting?

Early voting is the opportunity for a voter to cast a ballot in person before Election Day. Early voting allows the voter to insert their completed ballot into a vote tabulator.

Early Voting

Where will early voting take place?

At “early voting sites.” An early voting site will operate similarly to an Election Day polling location, but each site will be open to all City of Ann Arbor voters.

When will early voting take place?

Michigan’s Constitution requires cities and townships to offer early voting in each statewide and federal election for at least nine consecutive days, beginning on the second Saturday before the election and ending on the Sunday before the election, for at least eight hours each day starting with the 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

Can communities offer early voting even when it's not required?

Yes. Cities and townships can offer early voting in additional elections and add additional days and hours beyond the minimum requirement.

Early Voting in the City of Ann Arbor

2024 Citywide options for all Ann Arbor Voters:

- City Hall
- Traverwood Library Branch
- Malletts Creek Library Branch
- Westgate Library Branch

Campus locations for February and November Only:

- UMMA (February and November)
- Duderstadt Center (November)
- Pierpont Commons (February)

Early Voting in the City of Ann Arbor

Early Voting will be offered in all City elections:

- Campus locations in major even-year General Elections (and Presidential Primary).
- City Hall will be open all elections, including special elections.
- Hours of operation will include evenings and weekends.
- Extended dates and hours expected in Presidential Election (November General).
- Voters will be notified by mail of exact locations and dates and times each even-year cycle.

Other States experienced around 20% of total votes as early votes in the first year of implementation. Variables for long-term EV, include the availability of other options like No-Reason AV Ballots.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

With the passage of Proposal 2 in 2022, voters now have the right to vote in-person at an early voting (EV) site prior to Election Day for all statewide and federal elections. Voters who have received a mail ballot and want to cast their ballot in person can do so at an EV site.

2024 EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE:

Early Voting is open nine (9) consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday prior to the election and ending the Sunday just before the election. Exact dates and hours for each election will be available at [A2GOV.ORG/EARLYVOTING](https://a2gov.org/earlyvoting).

2024 STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS:

Presidential Primary Election - February 27, 2024

State Primary Election - August 6, 2024

General Election - November 5, 2024

QUESTIONS? Call the Clerk's Office at 734.794.6140

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						EV Sites Open
EV Sites Open	EV Sites Open	EV Sites Open	EV Sites Open	EV Sites Open	EV Sites Open	EV Sites Open
EV Sites Open		Election Day				

EARLY VOTING (EV) SITES:

1 CITY HALL
301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Hours: 8am - 5pm

3 DUDERSTADT CENTER*
2281 Bonisteel Blvd
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
Hours: 11am - 7pm
*February & November ONLY

5 MALLETS CREEK LIBRARY
3090 E. Eisenhower Pkwy
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Hours: 11am - 7pm

2 UMMA*
525 S. State St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
Hours: 11am - 7pm
*February & November ONLY

4 TRAVERWOOD LIBRARY
3333 Traverwood Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Hours: 11am - 7pm

6 WESTGATE LIBRARY
2503 Jackson Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Hours: 11am - 7pm



More information at:
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Voters registered in the City of Ann Arbor can choose to early vote at any one of these 6 locations.

Early Voting
Communication

Election Day Changes

- Relocation of Mary Street Polling Place and First United Methodist Church polling location.
 - New Voter ID cards sent late November/early December 2023 to all affected voters.
- Anticipated lower Election Day turnout with no-reason Mail Ballots and Early Voting.
 - Maximum Precinct size increased.
 - Opportunity to consolidate equipment and personnel to focus on Early Voting and Mail Ballots.
 - Focus U-M Campus efforts to satellite office/same-day registration needs.
 - Election Commission approval on Friday, December 8, 2023 to consolidate six precincts:
 - 1-1 and 1-12 Michigan Union
 - 1-2 and 1-3 Community High School
 - 1-9 and 1-11 Logan Elementary School
 - 2-14 and 2-15 Palmer Commons/Angell Elementary
 - 4-39 and 4-40 Lawton Elementary School
 - 5-52 and 5-53 Forsythe Middle School



Election Day Changes on U-M Campus

- Early Vote Centers at Satellite Offices
 - Absentee ballots
 - Early Voting options
- Election law change to remove challenge ballot process for 14-day registrations!
- Satellite Offices – same-day registration
 - Focus efforts on final week and increase staffing for last two days.
 - Partnership with UMich Votes on early turnout efforts.
 - Election Day tabulation of ballots at satellite offices!



Election Center Plans

- Warehouse operations have moved to new facility.
- February 2024:
 - Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB)
 - Receiving Board
 - Secure Ballot Storage
 - Receiving and Balancing Mail Ballots
 - Election Night Tabulation of Early Vote Tabulators
- August/November 2024:
 - Election Inspector Training
 - Outgoing Mail Ballot process
- Future:
 - Early Vote Center
 - AV ballot Pick-up/Drop-off





Thank you! Questions?

Keep in touch with City Elections:

- cityclerk@a2gov.org
- Recruiters@a2gov.org
- a2gov.org/elections
- a2gov.org/earlyvoting
- instagram.com/a2cityclerk

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