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In-Person Absentee Voting Changes

In keeping with the spirit of Governor Evers Safer at Home order, effective Tuesday, March 24 at noon, the City of Waukesha will offer in-person absentee voting **by appointment only**. This is to protect the public, poll workers, and City employees from further exposure to COVID-19.

Appointments should only be scheduled when necessary by calling 262-524-3550. All City of Waukesha residents are asked to vote absentee by mail for the April 7 election. You can request an absentee ballot online at myvote.wi.gov. The current deadline to request a ballot by mail is 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 2nd. However, please request one as soon as possible to ensure timely delivery.

Online voter registration, which had been previously suspended in Wisconsin, will resume online on March 24 through March 30 on myvote.wi.gov. If you are unable to register to vote or change your address using the online option, please contact the Clerk's Office at the 262-524-3550.

Given the City's longstanding dedication to fair and equitable elections, the decision to end absentee voting at City Hall has been exceptionally difficult for all involved. However, given daily increases in COVID-19 cases on the local level, a critical balance must be achieved between access to voting and the health of election workers and the public.

Even during these extraordinarily difficult times, the City of Waukesha encourages residents to exercise their constitutional right to vote in the upcoming election. By-mail absentee voting is accessible to the public and safe. Absentee ballots are being mailed as requests are processed. You can track the status of your ballot from when it's mailed to when it's returned to the City Clerk at www.myvote.wi.gov.

Currently, Election Day, Tuesday, April 7, will also serve as an opportunity to cast a vote in person at the polls from 7:00 a m – 8:00 p.m.

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