



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF FAUQUIER
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL REGISTRAR

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To insure the safety and wellbeing of voters because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Registrar's Office is strongly encouraging individuals to vote absentee in the upcoming Town Election instead of going to the polls on Election Day, May 5. Currently, when one votes absentee, the voter must list a reason for why he cannot vote in person on Election Day. Governor Northam has relaxed this requirement. Voters may use Reason Code 2A or "Illness or Disability."

There are several options for voting absentee. The first is to go online to <http://elections.virginia.gov> to request an Absentee Ballot Application; choose "Casting a Ballot;" then "Apply Online for Absentee Ballot." You will need to use your Virginia Driver's License Number as well as your Social Security Number. Complete all the required information that is requested on the screen. The correctly completed application request goes to the Fauquier Office of the General Registrar. They will mail your ballot to you, based on the information you provide in the application. When you get to the end of the online process, if a statement appears that you will have to download the application and mail it to the Registrar's office, something is missing. If you believe you did everything correctly, do the process again. Maybe there was a hiccup in the system! If you get the same message again, download the application, sign it and send it to the **Office of the General Registrar, 528 Waterloo Road, Suite 200, Warrenton, VA 20186-3011. OR** you may Fax it to **540-422-8291**.

Option 2 would be to call the Registrar's Office (540-422-8290 or 8293) and request that an Absentee Ballot Application be sent to you. You would then complete the application and return the document to the Registrar's Office. Their office would then mail you a ballot package. You should make this request by April 24.

The third option would be to go to the Registrar's Office, complete a ballot there and feed it into the voting machine. This is actually the quickest and easiest of the processes. According to the General Registrar, there have not been many voters in the office, and they have been diligent in keeping everything sanitized.

The voted ballot is due by Election Day, May 5. If not received by then, it will not be counted.

If you wish to use the by mail absentee process, it would be best to request the ballot **no later than April 24** because of the postal transit time required for turnaround of the voted ballot by May 5.

For questions or additional information, you may contact the General Registrar's Office by calling 540-422-8290. You may also email diana.dutton@fauquiercounty.gov.