

Dear Citizen,

Greetings from the City of Big Rapids! This upcoming election is critically important. As a resident of the City of Big Rapids we want to give you all of the information you need to request a ballot and exercise your right to vote!

Please note! If you are going to mail your absentee voter ballot, mail as early as possible.

For your convenience, the city has installed a large black ballot box outside of City Hall. If you are a resident of the City, please consider dropping off your ballot in the black box.

Support for Printing Forms: If you do not have a printer, <https://www.vote.org/> will print and send forms to you.

Mail your Forms (and later your ballot if you don't hand-deliver it)

- Find a mailbox: <https://www.mailboxmap.com/>
- Find a post office: <https://tools.usps.com/find-location.htm>
- Buy stamps online: https://store.usps.com/store/results/stamps/_/N-9y93lv

Registration

- Verify your Registration: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>
- Register to Vote: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter>

Requesting a Ballot

- There is “no excuse” absentee ballot voting.
- Forms: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AVApp_535884_7.pdf or fillable: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf
- Find your clerk to mail the form: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Clerk>

Voting

- Ballot must be **RECEIVED** by 8:00 pm on election day. City residents can drop off their ballot by hand at City Hall, 226 N. Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Research your candidates: <https://www.vote411.org/> from the League of Women Voters is a high-quality, non-partisan resource for learning about every candidate on your ticket, including local races, which often have the most immediate impact on your community. The LWV gives all candidates the same questions to answer, allowing for comparisons.

Important Notes:

- If you do not receive your ballot in a reasonable time, contact your local clerk. You may still need to go to the polls in person. The sooner you get your application in, the less likely it is that this will happen.
- Pay close attention to the instructions about how to put together your ballot. Pay attention to where to sign or if you need a witness to sign.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, contact your local clerk for instructions on how to spoil the ballot.
- If you are local, consider hand-delivery.

Thank you for being an engaged citizen.

Tamyra Gillis, City Clerk