



ABSENTEE VOTING – BY MAIL

What to expect:

- Please call the Gulfport City Clerk's office at 228-868-5705 and ask to speak to a Deputy City Clerk about absentee voting.
- You will be asked to provide the following information to assist us in mailing the voting materials to the voter:
 - Voter's full name
 - Caller's name (may be the voter)
 - Relationship of caller to voter (only certain people may request a ballot for another – parent, spouse, sibling, child, legal guardian, person empowered by a power of attorney, agent designated in writing to request an absentee ballot application)
 - Where voter is registered to vote in Gulfport
 - Ward and Precinct of voter (if caller knows)
 - Address where to send the absentee application and ballot (must be out of Gulfport if the absentee application and ballot are being requested due to temporarily residing outside the city)
 - In the Primary election, whether you want to vote in the Democratic or Republican Primary?
 - Why the voter desires to vote by mail?
 - Phone number of the caller (in case we have questions or need to follow up on the request)
- After the call has concluded, we will check the Statewide Election Management System (SEMS) to confirm the voter's ward and precinct and to confirm that the voter is a registered voter. If the voter is not located in SEMS, we will contact the caller for additional information.
- The voter will be sent an absentee ballot application, appropriate ballot, two envelopes and instructions as to how to complete and return those items to the City.

To be eligible to absentee vote by mail, you must fall in one of the following categories:

- Temporarily residing outside the city, meaning the absentee ballot application AND absentee ballot must be mailed by the City to an address OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT
- Persons temporarily or permanently physically disabled
- Persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older
- Parents, spouses, or dependents of persons having a temporary or permanent physical disability who are hospitalized outside their counties of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from their residences if the parents, spouses, and/or dependents will be with such persons on Election Day.