

2018 Elections

Voting will take place at the Stewartville Civic Center – 120 City Center.

Primary Election: August 14th 7am-8pm

General Election: November 6th 7am-8pm

City Council Seats Available:

Councilmember (2) – 4 year term

Filings start on: July 31st

Filings end on: August 14th

File at Stewartville City Hall - Monday-Friday 8am-5-pm

FAQ's Page

Who is eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote in Minnesota if you are:

- At least 18 years or older;
- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the Election Day.

How do I register to vote?

To register to vote, you can do any of the following:

Stop by our office Monday through Friday 8am - 5pm and complete a voter registration application.

Download, print and complete a voter registration application from the Minnesota Secretary of State's website: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/> bring it in or mail to: Secretary of State, 60 Empire Dr. Suite 100 – St. Paul MN 55103

What if I have changed my name or address since I last registered?

Any previously registered voter who changes his or her name or address must re-register to vote. A change of name or address requires a new registration and a new signature from the applicant.

To register, please see the "*How Do I Register To Vote?*" section of these FAQs.

If you have moved since last registering to vote, it is important to update your voter registration information so you are voting for the candidates who will represent you.

Why should I pre-register?

Pre-registration ensures convenience and quicker service when you arrive at the polls on Election Day.

You can register on Election Day, however you will need to bring proof of residency with you.

Please note there is a registration cut-off prior to every primary and every general election of 20 days before Primary Election and General Election Day. For registration after the cut-off, the best thing to do is register at the polls.]Please check with our office for accurate dates.

How do I register on Election Day?

You will complete a voter registration application at your polling place.

Be sure to bring one of the required following forms of identification showing your current address:

- Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, identification card, or receipt for one, with your current address
- Tribal ID**
- If the Minnesota license, Tribal ID or MN State ID has a former address, you may bring a recent utility bill* to use with your license
- "Notice of Late Registration" postcard
- U.S. passport with utility bill*
- U.S. military photo ID card with utility bill*
- Prior registration listed on roster at former address in precinct
- Oath of a registered voter in precinct ("vouching", see below)
- If you are a student, you can use...
 - Student ID, registration, or fee statement with your current address
 - Post Secondary Student photo ID with utility bill*

- Post Secondary Student ID if you are on a student housing list on file at the polling place
- For those who live in a residential facility, including nursing homes, battered women's shelters, homeless shelters and other licensed facilities, an employee who will vouch that you live there (if the facility has provided the county with a certified list of employees)
- **Vouching:** A voter may register and vote by having someone who is registered in the same precinct "vouch" for their residence. The voucher may be pre-registered in the precinct or have registered on Election Day (but not by being vouched for). The registered voter signs an oath attesting (or vouching) to the new registrant's residence in the precinct. Vouchers within the polling place on Election Day can vouch for up to 15 voters, as long as they personally know the voters live in the precinct.

*Note: The utility bill must have your name, current address, and be due within 30 days of the election. Utility bills may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cell phone or cable TV

What if I am not registered but still want to cast an absentee ballot?

If you are not a registered voter, you can still register and vote by absentee ballot. A voter registration application will be included with your absentee ballot materials. **The completed application is returned with your voted ballot. The voter registration application cannot be returned separately.**

Absentee Voting?

Absentee Voting Dates for 2016:

Primary Election: June 24- Aug. 8

General Election: Sept. 23 - Nov. 7

Saturday Hours: Aug. 6 and Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In-Person Absentee Voting is available at:

1421 3rd Ave SE, 2nd floor
Rochester, MN

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Landmarks: Building located on east side of the Olmsted County Fairgrounds off of 3rd Avenue. Wright's Small Engine is across the street from us.

[You may also apply for your absentee ballot online by accessing this link](#). Note: By applying this way, you will receive your ballot by mail.


Availability of Absentee Ballot Applications

Absentee ballots are available 46 days prior to the state primary and the state general election.

An eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot in person at the local absentee office in Rochester during the following times for the primary and general elections.

- During normal office hours (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday -Friday, excluding holidays) beginning 46 days before the election;
- On the Saturday before the election from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; or
- On the Monday before the election until 5:00 p.m.

To get an application to request an absentee ballot:

- Visit the Olmsted County Government Center
- Call 507 328-7650
- You may also print an  [absentee ballot application](#) (434KB) and mail to us

You may fax the application to our office at 507 328-7964 or mail the application to:

Olmsted County Elections
151 4th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904

- When returning your completed voted ballot *in person*, to the county or municipal office, the ballot must be received by 5 p.m. on the day before the election.
- When returning your completed voted ballot *by mail*, the ballot must be received (not postmarked) at the polling place on Election Day.
- You may track your ballot at: [Absentee Ballot Lookup](#)