

## **FAQ's-Early Voting by Mail for the Annual Town Election**

**(postponed to June 16, 2020)**

**WHEN IS OUR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION?-** The Milford Board of Selectmen voted on Monday, March 30, 2020 to postpone the April 7, 2020 Annual Town Election to Tuesday, June 16, 2020 per Gov. Baker's bill #S2608 and Declaration of State of Emergency in the Commonwealth.

A copy of the Board's vote and the Governor's bill is here:

<https://www.milfordma.gov/sites/milfordma/files/uploads/20200403120304.pdf>

[https://www.milfordma.gov/sites/milfordma/files/uploads/bill\\_s2608\\_signed\\_by\\_governor\\_baker.pdf](https://www.milfordma.gov/sites/milfordma/files/uploads/bill_s2608_signed_by_governor_baker.pdf)

**HOW and WHEN CAN WE VOTE?-** All registered voters can now VOTE EARLY by MAIL for our Annual Town Election. The link to the Early Voting Application is here:

[https://www.milfordma.gov/sites/milfordma/files/uploads/2020-municipal\\_early\\_ballot\\_application.pdf](https://www.milfordma.gov/sites/milfordma/files/uploads/2020-municipal_early_ballot_application.pdf)

While we all adhere to social distancing and safety precautions related to COVID-19, we strongly encourage all registered voters to take advantage of the opportunity of Early Voting by Mail.

Please know that any registered voter can still choose to vote in person on Election Day (June 16<sup>th</sup>) if they wish to do so.

**Sample ballots (the April 7, 2020 ballots will still be used on June 16, 2020)** are on the Town website. <https://www.milfordma.gov/town-clerk/pages/sample-ballots>. Please view them before voting.

**HOW DO I APPLY?-** Because Town Hall is closed to the public, please use the link above to download an application or call our office for us to send one to you.

You can return your application by:

1. Mailing it to the Town Clerk's Office 52 Main St. Room 12, Milford, MA 01757
2. By Fax 508-634-2324
3. By Email [dnaff@townofmilford.com](mailto:dnaff@townofmilford.com) or [aneves@townofmilford.com](mailto:aneves@townofmilford.com) or
4. By using the outside drop box at Town Hall (located on the North Bow St. side of building a the top of the stairs)

**CAN I VOTE EARLY IN PERSON?-** Early voting in person is not available at this time.

**DO YOU AUTOMATICALLY SEND A BALLOT TO EVERY REGISTERED VOTER ?-** A ballot will be mailed to a voter as soon as we received their signed application. The deadline to apply to vote Early by Mail is noon on June 15<sup>th</sup>, but if you need an application and /or Early Voting ballot mailed to you, we ask you to request or complete an application as soon as possible to expedite the mailing process.

**HOW and WHEN is MY BALLOT COUNTED ?-** All returned ballots will be timestamped at the Town Clerk's Office and locked in the vault until Election Day (June 16<sup>th</sup>). On June 16<sup>th</sup>, all ballots will be delivered to their specific Precincts and polling locations to be counted. Please note all ballots need to be returned to the Town Clerk's Office before the close of polls (8:00 pm) on Election Day to be time stamped and then delivered to the polls. Any ballots received after 8:00 pm on June 16<sup>th</sup> will not be counted.

**HOW DO I COMPLETE MY BALLOT?-** Please use a dark colored pen or marker to fill in the oval next to the name of the person you wish to vote for. Do not make "check marks", or "X" marks on your ballot, simply fill the oval in completely for your vote to be counted.

Please read the instructions for each race to ensure you are voting for the correct number of people.

If you vote for too many people this will be considered an "Over Vote" and that particular race will no longer be counted on your ballot.

If you make a mistake, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-634-2307.

**HOW DO I RETURN MY BALLOT?-** Please return your ballot by mail (.65) or by using the outside drop off box at Town Hall (located on the North Bow St. side of building a the top of the stairs)

Please contact our office if you have any additional questions.