

## Town Clerk's Office Town Hall Room 12

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# What's Happening Now at the Town Clerk's Office:

The ANNUAL TOWN CENSUS has been mailed to all households (this census is different from the Federal Census that takes place every 10 years) and needs to be completed each and every year. It's important to answer and return your Annual Census every year even if there are no changes to the form, because years from now, you may need to prove that you or your children lived in Milford or resided in Massachusetts during a certain time period and the street list for that year is the proof of residency. You can return the Annual Street Listing to our office by using the enclosed envelope, by faxing your form to 508-634-2324 or by email to MilfordAnnualCensus@townofmilford.com or by using one of the secure drop boxes on either side of Town Hall after office hours.

## What happens if I don't return the form?:

Registered voters who do not return the Annual Street List Form and do not respond to a follow up mailing will be designated an "Inactivate" voter on the street/voter list. Such persons will only be eligible to vote after they fill out an "Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence" the next time they come to vote. Every household that fails to complete the form has to be contacted a second time, which takes additional time, paper and postage.

### **Town Election:**

To be able to vote in this election you would need to be registered to vote by March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Town Clerk's Office will be open for registrations until 5:00 pm on that date.

Our Annual Town Election is April 4<sup>th</sup>. There will not be any Early Voting *in Person* for this election but you can apply to Early *Vote by Mail* on or before March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please complete an application if you wish to vote by mail. <a href="https://www.milfordma.gov/town-clerk/files/2023-vote-mail-application">https://www.milfordma.gov/town-clerk/files/2023-vote-mail-application</a>

Sample ballots are available on the Town Website. Sample Ballots | Milford MA

Citizens for Milford will conduct Candidate Forums, please see their website.

<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CitizensforMilford">https://www.facebook.com/CitizensforMilford</a>

Milford TV will also hold their own Candidate forums, please see their website.

Milford TV

## **Dog Licenses:**

Dog licenses are issued at the Town Clerk's Office. Our licensing period runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. If you return the insert portion in the Annual Street Listing to register your dog, we will hold the form until April 1<sup>st</sup> to do so. Please make sure to send a valid rabies certificate to our office either by mail or email to MLaughlin@townofmilford.com.

If you have a new puppy/dog, please register the puppy/dog after it receives its rabies vaccination (you will need to provide our office a copy of the rabies certificate). Copies of spay/neutering certificates will also be required for all new puppies/dogs if applicable. Those pet owners who are renewing their dog licenses from the previous year will only need to present us a spay/neutering certificate if the surgery for spay/neutering was done after you have registered your dog in 2023. We will also need a new/valid rabies certificate if it has expired. If you are unsure, you can always call our office to verify what documentation may be needed.

Forms to renew your license have also gone out in the Census mailing. Please know you can return the form with payment and any applicable evidence documents ahead of time but tags won't be mailed until April 1st when the new license year starts.