Voter Registration FAQ

- Who can register to vote in Michigan?
  - You must be a citizen of the United States (natural-born or naturalized)
  - You must be a resident of the State of Michigan at the time of your registration
  - You must have been a resident of the city/township for at least 30 days by the time of voting (Election Day or earlier if choosing to vote early)
  - You must be at least 18 years of age (at the time of voting)
    - You may register at age 17, if you will be turning 18 before the Election Day
  - Those not currently serving a jail/prison sentence
    - Once you are released, you may register/vote - voting rights are automatically restored upon release

- How do I register?
  - Fill out an application and return it:
    - In Person - to the City Clerk’s office
      - If you are registering with 14 days of Election Day, you must register in person & bring Proof of Residency
      - More than 15 days before the election, you can also register in person at the Health Department, Secretary of State office, or registration drives, without Proof of Residency (or by Mail or Online)
    - By Mail
      - Receive application from City Clerk’s Office or print application from website:
      - Complete application and mail to City Clerk’s Office with appropriate postage
        - Include completed application - include driver’s license or state ID number on application
          - If you don’t have a license or ID, you can also include a photocopy of other document that includes your name and address - Proof of Residency
    - Online
      - Fill out application online, if you have license or ID @ https://mivic.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter/Index

- When is the deadline?
  - Each method has their own deadline
    - Online - up to 15 days before you vote (Oct 19, 2020 - before Nov. 3rd Election Day)
- **Mail** - up to 15 days before you vote (Oct 19, 2020 - before Nov. 3rd Election Day)
- **In Person** - up to Election Day
  - Day of the Election - must show Proof of Eligibility and Residency
- What documents count as Proof of Residency:
  - These are any official documents that list both your name and your current address:
    - Michigan driver's license or state ID
    - Current utility bill
    - Bank statement
    - Paycheck or government check
    - Other government document
- Where is my polling location?
  - Find your Polling Location here: [https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index](https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index)
    - You can also view a sample ballot and track your Absentee Ballot from this link
  - Mount Clemens Polling Locations:
- Voting in Person at Polling Location:
  - To vote in person at your polling location, you will be asked to show ID to prove that you are a registered voter. These are acceptable forms of ID:
    - Michigan driver's license or state ID (can be obtained from Secretary of State with Proof of Eligibility and Residency for a $10 fee)
    - Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
    - Federal or state government-issued photo identification
    - U.S. passport
    - Military ID with photo
    - Student identification with photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher learning
    - Tribal identification card with photo
  - If you do not have ID when you arrive at the polling place, but are registered to vote, you can still cast your ballot by signing a form declaring that you had no ID.
  - When you arrive at your polling location (check your registration card for Precinct Number and Polling Location address to make sure you are in the right place:
    - Turn your phone on silent (do not take pictures in the polling location)
    - Do not wear political clothing or accessories
    - You will check in and fill out a paper with your name, address, DOB, and sign it
    - You then check in with the poll worker, giving them the paper and your ID, and receive your ballot
Take your ballot to a voting station and complete the ballot (fill in the bubbles completely like a scantron test)
  ● Be sure you check both sides of the ballot to make sure you don’t miss anything.

Put the ballot back in the sleeve (for privacy) with just the top bar showing and take it to the ballot counter machine
  ● A poll worker will remove the top strip and you will feed the ballot into the machine, handing the sleeve to the worker when you are done

If you have a disability and need assistance in voting, your polling place will have accessibility machines for ease of voting. As the poll workers if you have questions (https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/AccessibleVoting).

Voting by Mail/Absentee:
  ○ In 2018, Michigan residents voted to remove barriers to Absentee Voting, allowing any Michigan Registered Voter to apply for an Absentee Ballot without providing a reason (before it was restricted to the disabled, elderly, and those out-of-town/state on Election Day).
  ○ To Request an Absentee/Mail-In Ballot, call the clerk’s office to request a absentee form be mailed to you (City Clerk’s Office at 586-469-6818 ext. 3)
    ■ Print the application (https://www.cityofmountclemens.com/vertical/sites/%7BD2219A68-6FCA-467C-B14C-0C646CD06447%7D/uploads/2020_Absent_Voter_Application.pdf) and turn into the Clerk’s office
    ■ Or fill out the online application: https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index
      ○ Deadline: requests for an Absentee Ballot must be made before October 30th
        ■ Remember that these ballots are mailed to you, and we are currently experiencing mail delays - apply as soon as possible to ensure you receive your ballot in enough time to complete the ballot and return it to be counted by 8pm on Nov. 3rd (Election Day)

Track your ballot:
  ○ Your Absentee Ballot can be tracked by searching your voter information on the Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC): https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index
    ○ This will tell you when your Absentee Ballot has been sent to you, when it has been delivered, and when it arrives at the Clerk’s office.

Mail Delays:
  ○ If mailing your registration application or absentee ballot, make sure you are sending them out well before the deadline.
  ○ Mail services of all types have been delayed for a while and will likely continue. If your ballot is not received by 8pm on Election Day (Nov 3rd), it will not be counted. Recommendations are to mail the application/ballot at least 2-3 weeks before you need it to be received.
○ If you don’t want to risk mail delays, applications can be dropped off at the City Clerk’s Office, and absentee ballots can be dropped off at the Clerk’s Office or in a ballot drop box inside and outside of the City Hall.

● Local Contacts - Mount Clemens:
  ○ Mount Clemens City Clerk Office:
    ■ Located at: One Crocker Boulevard Mount Clemens, MI 48043
  ○ City Clerk: Lisa Borgacz
  ○ Deputy City Clerk: Cathleen Martin
  ○ Phone: (586) 469-6818 (extension 3)
  ○ Fax: (586)469-7603
  ○ Resources:
    ■ City Clerk Page: https://www.cityofmountclemens.com/clerk
    ■ Election Information (very informative):
      https://www.cityofmountclemens.com/elections