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**Absentee voters have new rules for April 5<sup>th</sup> Spring Election**

**OSHKOSH, Wis., March 15, 2022** – Voters in Oshkosh can no longer use the drop box at City Hall to return their absentee ballots. Absentee ballots must be returned by other methods in order to be counted for the April 5<sup>th</sup> Spring Election.

Absentee ballots must be submitted directly by the voter and not by another individual, except as explicitly allowed by law. The voter may return their ballot to the City Clerk’s office on the first floor of City Hall, 215 Church Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; to their polling place on Election Day; or send through the United States Mail. If mailing, voters are advised to allow sufficient time for the delivery of the ballots to the City Clerk’s office by Election Day. A list of frequently asked questions & answers about absentee ballots is available on the [city’s website](#).

In-person absentee voting begins on Tuesday, March 22 at the City Clerk’s office in City Hall and continues until Friday, April 1 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For in-person voting on Election Day, Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, voters are advised to visit <https://myvote.wi.gov> to verify their polling place as voting districts and wards have recently changed. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

The use of election drop boxes under current statutes in Wisconsin was challenged earlier this year. A court in Waukesha County issued a decision that significantly restricts the ability of local governments to use drop boxes for return of ballots. Based on that decision and advice from the Wisconsin Counties Association, the city of Oshkosh will not accept ballots submitted through the City Hall drop box. For more information about the Spring Election, please contact the Oshkosh City Clerk’s office at (920) 236-5011.

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