

## Notice to Active Voters

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters can cast a ballot prior to Election Day on November 3, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters, and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, online, or in person.

### **Step 1: Complete an Application for a Vote by Mail Ballot**

Pursuant to Public Act 101-642 (SB1863), an application for vote by mail is enclosed for your convenience, or you can submit an application on line to [clerk@fordcounty.illinois.gov](mailto:clerk@fordcounty.illinois.gov). Your ballot can be mailed to the address where you are registered, or any address that you specify on your application.

### **Step 2: Submit Your Application for Ballot to Your Election Authority**

Your application must be submitted by one of the following methods:

1. Mail delivery or in-person delivery to the **Ford County Clerk & Recorder, 200 W. State Street, Rm. 101, Paxton, IL. 60957**
2. Send a scanned copy or photo of the application to [clerk@fordcounty.illinois.gov](mailto:clerk@fordcounty.illinois.gov).

Applications for Vote by Mail Ballots must be received by October 29, 2020, if sent through the mail, or by November 2, 2020, if delivered in person.

### **Step 3: Receive Your Ballot in the Mail**

For voters who return their applications early, ballots will be mailed out starting on September 24, 2020, and the voter should receive them no later than October 5, 2020. For applications received after voting by mail has started on September 24, 2020, the ballots will be mailed within two business days after our office receives the application. If you do not receive your ballot or have questions, you may contact our office at (217) 379-9400 or by email at [clerk@fordcounty.illinois.gov](mailto:clerk@fordcounty.illinois.gov).

### **Step 4: Vote and Return Your Ballot**

Your ballot may be returned to the election authority by mail, or delivered in person. In person delivery can be by either the voter or by any person authorized by the voter, or by a company licensed as a motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law, which is engaged in the business of making deliveries. If delivered, the ballot must be received by the election authority prior to the polls closing (at 7:00 PM) on Election Day: November 3, 2020. If mailed, you must affix proper postage, and the ballot must be postmarked by Election Day (please note that special rules apply to a voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center within 14 days of the election; you may contact your election authority for further information if this is your situation).

Our office hours for the ballot to be dropped off is Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

You may confirm receipt of your ballot by the Clerk & Recorder by calling our office at (217) 379-9400.

Sincerely,

Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder