

Polling Locations

Ward 1-1

Andrews Middle School
3000 Mystic Vly. Pky (near Hormel Stadium)
(Cafeteria)

Ward 1-2

Fire Fighter's Club
340 Salem Street

Ward 2-1

St. Francis Parish Center
441 Fellsway West (St. Clare Rd and Fulton St. entrance)

Ward 2-2

Roberts Elementary School
35 Court Street (Park Street entrance)

Ward 3-1

Lawrence Memorial Hospital
170 Governors Avenue

Ward 3-2

Temple Shalom
475 Winthrop Street

Ward 4-1

Tufts University
Gantcher Center Rear, 161 College Avenue

Ward 4-2

Walkling Court, Fondacaro Center, 22 Walkling Court, off Auburn and North Streets

Ward 5-1

Columbus Elementary School
37 Hicks Avenue (off Main Street) – Cafeteria

Ward 5-2

Columbus Elementary School
37 Hicks Avenue (off Main Street) – Cafeteria

Ward 6-1

West Medford Fire Station, 26 Harvard Avenue, (parking limited)

Brooks Elementary School, 388 High Street (Allston Street entrance by playground)

Ward 7-1

Mystic Valley Towers, Mystic Place, 3600 Mystic Valley Parkway, North Building (by Hormel Stadium)

North Building Entrance

Ward 7-2

McGlynn K-8 Public School

3004 Mystic Valley Parkway (by Hormel Stadium) – Cafeteria

Ward 8-1

Senior Center

101 Riverside Avenue

Ward 8-2

VFW

114 Mystic Avenue

Voter Registration

Registering to Vote

In order to register to vote you must meet all of the following requirements:

- A United States Citizen
- A resident of Massachusetts
- 18-years-old on or before the next election.

You may register to vote in person at any of the following places and state agencies:

- any registration event
- any local election office
- Registry of Motor Vehicles
- AFDC
- WIC
- Medical Assistance Program
- Commission for the Blind
- Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Mental Retardation
- Secretary of the Commonwealth

Register by Mail

If you prefer to register by mail, you can call the Registrar's Office at (781) 393-2491, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Wednesdays between 8:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., and Fridays between 8:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. and request a voter registration affidavit be sent to you. Complete and sign, place a first class stamp in the upper right hand corner and drop the form into any US Postal box. Within a few weeks you will receive an acknowledgement notice stating that your registration has been entered into the system and telling you where to vote. As long as you answer your annual census, which is sent in January, you will remain registered. You must notify the Office when you move within the City of Medford.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

If you will be absent from the city during the hours the polls are open, or physical disability prevents you from going to the polls you may choose to vote by absentee ballot.

You must first apply to vote absentee. Simply call (781) 393-2491, or drop us a request and an application will be mailed to you. Complete and mail it back answering all the questions so that it

The last time a person can make applications is noontime the day before the election.

**CITY OF MEDFORD
2015
MUNICIPAL
ELECTION CALENDAR**

Tuesday	May 26	Nomination papers available from the Registrar of Voters Office, Room 102, City Hall
Tuesday	July 7	5:00 P.M. Last Day and Hour to obtain nomination papers from the Registrar of Voters Office, Room 102, City Hall (53:9A)
Tuesday	July 14	5:00 P.M. Last Day and Hour to submit nomination Papers to the Registrar of Voter's Office for Certification. (53:7)
Tuesday	July 28	5:00 P.M. Last Day and Hour to file certified Nomination papers with the City Clerk's Office. (53:10)
Thursday	July 30	5:00 P.M. Last Day and Hour for filing objections to or Withdraw from nomination. (53:13, 55B:7)
Wednesday	August 12	8:00 P.M. Close of Registration for the Preliminary. (51:26)
Tuesday	August 25	5:00 P.M. First Campaign Finance Statement due (55:18)
Tuesday	September 1	Preliminary 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Tuesday	September 8	5:00 P.M. Last Day and Hour to withdraw from nomination or petition for a recount of votes at the Preliminary. (54:135)
Wednesday	October 14	8:00 P.M. Close of Registration for Elections (51:26)
Monday	October 26	5:00 P.M. Second Campaign Finance Statement due (55:18)
Tuesday	November 3	Election 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M
Friday	November 13	5:00 P.M. Last Day and Hour to petition for a recount of votes at Election. (54:135)
Friday	January 22,	Final Campaign Finances due 2016 (55:18)

Absentee Ballot Information

Massachusetts allows voters to vote by absentee ballot if they:

- will be absent from your city or town on election day, and/or
- have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or
- cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs.

You may have an absentee ballot mailed to you or you may vote at your city or town hall by making arrangements with your local election official.

To be counted, a completed ballot must be received by the time the polls close on Election Day to be counted.

If you are voting from outside the United States, your completed absentee ballot for a final state or city election can be received up until 10 days after the election, but must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

[Follow this link for more information on military and overseas absentee voting.](#)

Requesting an absentee ballot

To have a form mailed to you, you must apply in writing to your city or town clerk or election commission. Submit your application early to allow sufficient time for the ballot to be mailed to you and be returned by the close of polls on election day.

Although the deadline to apply for absentee ballots is **noon the day before the election**, we highly recommend submitting the application as soon as practicable.

An application form is available at your local election office or you may download one of the applications to the right.

You may also make application by letter or note which must include your:

- name,
- address as registered,
- ward and precinct (if you know them),
- address where you wish the absentee ballot sent,
- in a primary, the party ballot you want, and
- your signature.

If you wish to vote absentee at your city or town hall contact [your local election official](#). Plan to visit the office two or three weeks before the election. You can make your application and cast your vote in one visit.

Returning your absentee ballot

The ballot will come with instructions and a set of return envelopes. After making your choices on the ballot, you must enclose it in the inner (smaller) brown envelope and read and complete the information on the front of that envelope and sign it. Then insert the smaller envelope in the bigger envelope, place proper postage on it and mail it back to your city or town hall.

Alternatively, you or a family member may hand-deliver it to the local election official. Your completed ballot cannot be delivered directly to your polling place on Election Day.

To be counted, a completed ballot must be received by the time the polls close on Election Day.

If you are voting from outside the United States, your completed absentee ballot for a final state or city election can be received up until 10 days after the election, but must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

Track my Ballot

You can track your absentee ballot [here](#)

Absentee Ballot FAQs

When should I submit my application for an absentee ballot?

If you wish to vote by absentee ballot for more than one election in a year you may make one application and request that ballots for all elections during that calendar year be sent to you.

If you vote by mail, make certain the application arrives at your local election office early. Remember, the ballot will be mailed to you. You may mail or hand-deliver it back to the election office but must arrive before the close of the polls on election day (8:00 p.m. for state elections).

If you cast your ballot at the clerk's office before election day, plan to visit the office two or three weeks before the election. You can make your application and cast your vote in one visit. Call the clerk's office to make certain that the absentee ballots are available. Absentee ballots should be available three weeks before an election.

Must I be a registered voter in order to vote by absentee ballot?

Yes, unless you are a "specially qualified voter". A specially qualified voter is a person:

- who is otherwise eligible to register as a voter and
- whose present domicile is outside the United States and whose last domicile in the United States was Massachusetts or whose present domicile is Massachusetts and who is:
 1. absent from the city or town or residence and in the active service of the armed forces or in the merchant marine of the United States or a spouse or dependent of such person;
 2. absent from the commonwealth; or
 3. confined in a correctional facility or a jail, except if by reason of felony conviction.

Must my ballot be witnessed?

No.

What if I'm not able to mark my absentee ballot?

You may ask any person to help you. The helper must print his or her name and your name on the brown envelope, write the reason you needed help and then sign his or her name as the assisting person.

Are polling places accessible to elderly and disabled voters?

Yes. Federal law required polling places be accessible by 1986.

I'm permanently disabled. May I vote from home?

Yes. You must apply to your local election office to do so. File a letter from your doctor with the town or city clerk or election commission. The doctor must state that you are permanently unable to cast your ballot at the polling place due to a physical disability.

The local election official will automatically mail you an application for an absentee ballot for all elections in a calendar year. You must sign the application and send it back to your local election official.

Call your local election official for information about how to register to vote at home or to request that a mail-in registration form be sent to you.

My mother is in a nursing home. Can she vote by absentee ballot?

Yes, as long as she is not under a court ordered guardianship which specifically prohibits voting.

Any patient in a nursing home must be a registered voter in order to vote by absentee ballot and must fill out an absentee ballot application.

If the clerk designates a health care facility in writing 28 days before the election, the ballot must be hand-delivered to such facility by a Registrar. If the patient states that he/she has entered a hospital after noon of the fifth day before the election, the ballot may be hand-delivered to the voter; otherwise, the ballot should be mailed to the voter at the facility.

Consult the administration of the nursing home for further instructions.

You cannot deliver an absentee ballot directly to the polling place on Election Day.