

ABSENTEE VOTING

Greenville Office Absentee number is 467-7264

or e-mail absentee@greenvillecounty.org.

*****When making a request, YOUR information that is needed: Full name, local address, absentee address, voter registration number (or date of birth), and daytime phone number for any clarification. *****

For the November 4th, 2008 General Election the following schedule will apply:

The Greenville County Voter Registration and Election Office will allow voters to cast absentee ballots in the office beginning October 6th, through Monday, November 3rd. Mail applications are being accepted now. Normal office hours for Absentee voting are 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday. Additional hours are set for 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. on Saturday, October 25th, and Saturday, November 1st, additional hours will be provided on Friday afternoons, October 24th and 31st, until 7 P.M. at County Square, Suite 1900, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC, 29601. Voters must bring their Voter Notification Card (blue or green), OR their S.C. Drivers License, OR the ID card issued by the Department of Revenue and Taxation (Highway Dept.) in order to vote absentee in the office. As always, applications may be handled through the mail if necessary. This takes two mailings, therefore time is critical to complete this for the general election. Call the voter registration office in your county of residence for details.

Absentee voting is available to **registered** voters who will be out of the county on Election Day. Also, if a registered voter is unable to go to the polls due to physical disability or illness, they may request an absentee ballot. If a registered voter will be **on the job site** at their place of employment for the entire time the polls are open (7 AM to 7 PM), they may request to vote by absentee. **Applications for absentee voting can be requested by the voter in person, by phone, or written request.** An

immediate family member may request an application to be sent to a voter. Once the application is returned by the voter, the ballot will be mailed to the voter to cast their vote. The ballot must be returned to the voting office no later than close of polls on Election Day (7 PM), **the returning envelope must be properly signed by the voter and witnessed (signature) in order to be counted.** Persons who are 65 years of age and older may vote by the absentee method if they wish to do so and properly apply. For persons admitted to a hospital **in an emergency situation within four days of an election**, some special provisions exist, call for details.

ABSENTEE VOTING NOTES:

To absentee vote through the mail, it takes TWO mailings, one for the application and one for the ballot (which must be returned before close of polls on Election day). START EARLY!!!!

Immediate family may request an application be mailed or delivered to a voter. Only in the case of physically handicapped individuals (home-bound voters, or confined voters) can someone other than the voter or immediate family request an application, then only after providing the proper information on the appropriate form provided by the voting office.

Ballots can only be handled by **the voter, the U.S. Postal Service(or other certified carrier)**, or the person **designated in writing (on the form provided with the absentee ballot)** which must be returned with the sealed envelopes.

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