

Dear Registered Voter,

On November 21, 2007, the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections issued a directive with reference to the distribution of Absent Voter Ballot Application forms sent to voters. It was determined, based on a recent Michigan Appeals Court ruling, that Absent Voter Ballot Applications cannot be mailed out from the City Clerk's Office without first having received a request from the voter. As a result of this new ruling, a new permanent Absent Voter List is being created in the City of Southfield. If you are interested in receiving an application for all future elections, please fill in, sign, and return this form. Once your signature is received, your name will be recorded on a permanent absent voter list to receive absent voter ballot applications for all future elections.

In order to request an absent voter ballot you must meet one of the following:

- 60 years of age or older
- Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another
- Appointed a precinct worker in a precinct other than the precinct where you reside
- Expect to be absent from the community which you are registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day
- Cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion
- Cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 248-796-5150.

Thank You, **SHERIKIA L. HAWKINS, CMC**, City Clerk

MAIL TO:

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VOTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Please complete the information below

Print Full Name	
Address	
Home Phone:	
Mobile Phone:	
E-Mail	

Yes, Please add my name to your Permanent Absent Voter list. I understand that I will automatically receive an Absent Voter Ballot Application prior to each upcoming election. I further understand that if I choose to be on the permanent list, and I automatically receive an application for an absentee ballot, that I could still vote in person at the polls simply by not returning my absentee application for processing.

Signature of Absent Voter

Date