

ote April 5

**T.I.M.E.** for *Stillwater*®

Whether you  
were raised in  
Stillwater, or  
moved here later  
– **our community**  
is a **family**.  
Together, we can  
continue  
improving our  
hometown by  
increasing **safety**  
**efforts** and  
**quality of life** for  
**everyone**.







## TOGETHER INVESTING IN MUNICIPAL EXCELLENCE

- City of Stillwater administration organized community meetings to identify pressing needs that should be addressed for the health, safety, and quality of life for all residents.
- Possible funding sources for the identified needs were discussed.
- Identified needs and possible funding sources were brought to the Mayor and City Council for direction on how to proceed and determine if items should be on a ballot for a vote of the people.

# Funding Challenges



- Oklahoma is the only state that does not allow Ad Valorem (property taxes) for General Fund
- Price of consumables has gone up
- Unfunded State and Federal mandates
- Aging infrastructure and growing community

<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET ANALYSIS</b>	<b>FY22</b>
Total FY22 General Fund Revenue Sources	\$24 million
<b>General Fund Revenue Uses</b>	
Departments mandated by State Law	\$22.2 million
Departments mandated by City Charter	\$5.7 million
Departments mandated by City Ordinance	\$5.5 million
Supporting Departments	\$3.7 million
Elective Services	\$3.7 million
<b>Total FY22 General Fund Revenue Uses</b>	<b>\$41 million</b>
FY22 Transfer from SUA	(\$17 million)

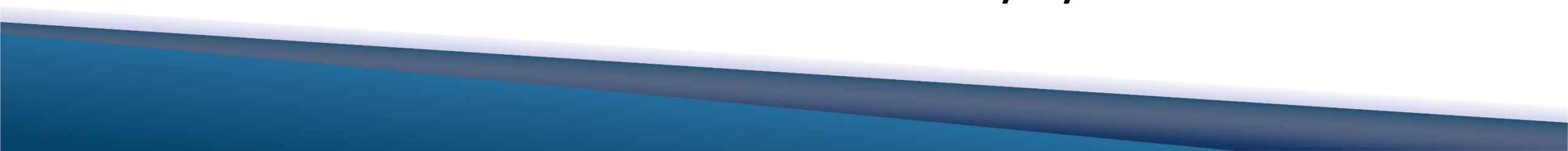


# Fire Station #2

— Bond Proposition —

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# Current Fire Station #2

- Built in 1938, used for 83+ years
  - Campus Fire Station is on the National Register of Historic Places and is an iconic piece of our history and Fire protection, including OSU Fire Training.  
*It is protected and would be used by OSU.*
  - The station does not meet National Standards for Fire Stations.
  - Lacks modern fire alarm and security systems
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# Current Fire Station #2

- No exhaust capture system – when trucks return to station the diesel fumes remain and are in “living area”
- Four bay doors are heavy, slow to raise, which reduces response times to emergencies
- Foundation issues
- Lead paint and asbestos in facility
- New Ladder Truck does not fit inside facility



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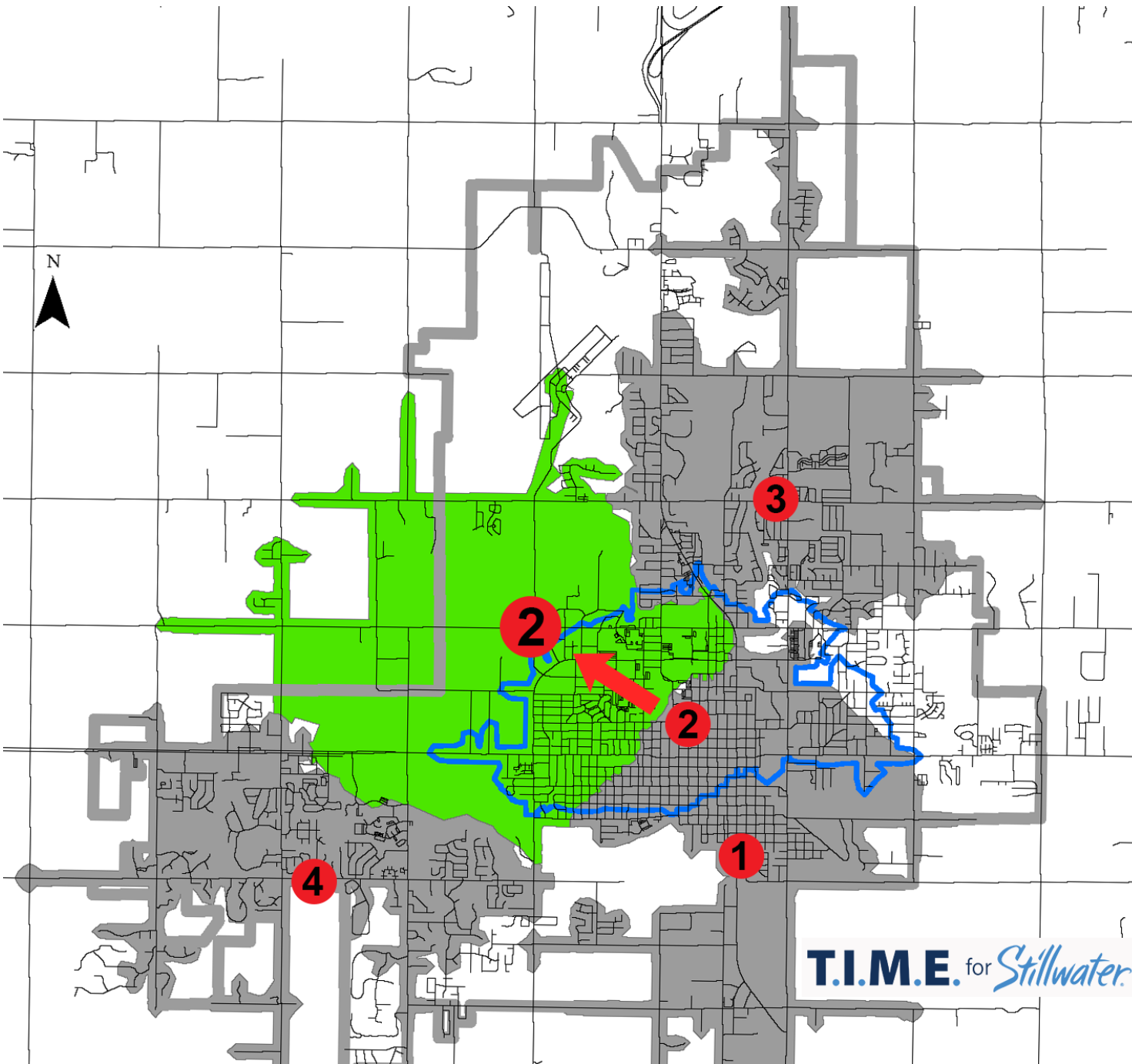
- It is not energy efficient – poor insulation and gaps around doors.
- Difficult to heat and cool
- Some areas are unusable due to contamination, including training tower
- Lack of adequate dining, sleeping, shower or office space facilities
- No co-ed facilities

# New Location Fire Station #2

Western  
(north of McElroy)

Cost: \$9 million

*The blue outline on the map shows the  
response area based on the current  
location of Fire Station #2.*







WESTERN RD.



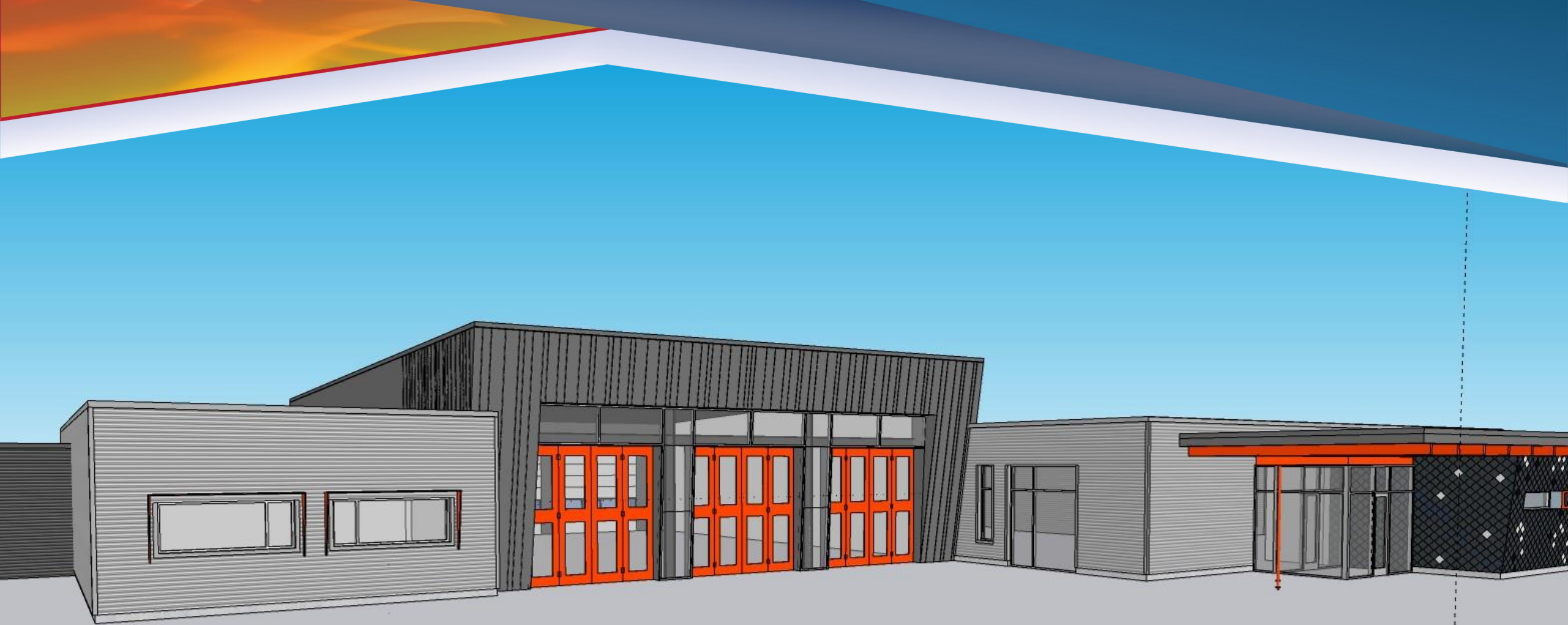
# Benefits of New Location

- Reduce response times to fires and emergencies that occur on the west side of town.
- *Response time to emergencies should be 4 minutes or less.*
- Easier access to roadway corridors that lead around the City and to the airport.
- *Current location is in the middle of constant heavy traffic zone and there is no traffic light.*
- Improve Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, which may reduce property insurance rates.





Rendering of *new* Fire Station #2



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# General Obligation (GO) Bond

- Funded by Ad Valorem taxes (property taxes)
- Requires a majority vote by citizens.
- Most common way cities pay for large public projects.
  - Traditionally, Stillwater has paid for fire stations with City bonds.
- Last City municipal bond passed in Stillwater was in 1999.
- Previous bond of \$14.7 million, paid in full June 2021.
  - Currently, we are not paying for an outstanding City bond.

# Property Tax

\$100,000 House	\$12.62/year
\$150,000 House	\$24.30/year
\$200,000 House	\$32.90/year
\$250,000 House	\$41.50/year
\$300,000 House	\$50.10/year
\$350,000 House	\$58.71/year
\$400,000 House	\$67.31/year
\$450,000 House	\$75.91/year
\$200,000 Rental	\$34.41/year
\$1,000,000 Commercial	\$172.04/year

Approximate annual property tax increase for a 20 year bond of \$9 million.

Per the U.S. Census, the median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019, in Stillwater is \$184,900.

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/stillwatercityoklahoma,OK/HSG495219#HSG495219>



*With the median value of a owner-occupied housing unit in Stillwater at nearly \$200,000, the property tax would increase by approximately \$32.90/year.*


This is equal to almost 6 large blended coffees PER YEAR.



*Based on cost of \$5.50/each.*

# Fire Station Ballot Text

SHALL THE CITY OF STILLWATER, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS BY ISSUING ITS BOND IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN THE SUM OF NINE MILLION DOLLARS (\$9,000,000) TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION; AND LEVY AND COLLECT AN ANNUAL TAX, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES, UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS IT FALLS DUE, AND ALSO TO CONSTITUTE A SINKING FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF WHEN DUE, SAID BONDS TO BEAR INTEREST AT NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF TEN PER CENTUM (10%) PER ANNUM, PAYABLE SEMIANNUALLY AND TO BECOME DUE SERIALY WITHIN TWENTY (20) YEARS FROM THEIR DATE?



*Please  
join us!*


# Fire Station #2 Tours



Monday, March 21, 12-12:30pm  
Wednesday, March 23, 5-5:30pm  
Tuesday, March 29, 4-4:30pm  
Thursday, March 31, 7:30-8am  
Monday, April 4, 12-12:30pm

Fire Station #2 tours are approximately 30 minutes.

# When is the election and where do I vote?

 The general election is Tuesday, April 5, 2022, voting polls are open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. To verify your voting location, early voting options, absentee voting and more - go to: <https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/> or call (405) 747-8350.





# Who can vote?



All registered voters may participate. Student-citizens may need to update their voter registration. **Deadline to register is Friday, March 11, 2022.**

For more information, call (405) 747-8350 or go to: <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/voter-registration.html>

## OKLAHOMA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

OK93140-270-W

VRA/MLA office use only  
Stamp received date here

MLA use only

Enter MLA ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be 18 years of age or older on election day?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you check NO in response to either of these questions, DO NOT sign or submit this form.

1. Last name (print) First name (print) Middle name (print) Suffix (print)  
Jr. Sr. II, etc.

2. Birth date  
MM/DD/YYYY

3. Identification number (See instructions.)

a. Oklahoma driver's license  
number (required)

b. Last four digits of Social  
Security number (required if  
no driver's license)

c. ☐ I do not have a driver's  
license or a Social Security  
number.

4. Political party ☐ Democratic Party ☐ Libertarian Party ☐ Republican Party ☐ No party ☐ Other  
(See instructions.)

5. Street or 911 address or directions to your home City State ZIP code  
(Do not use a rural route or P.O. box. See instructions.)

**Stillwater address here**

Mailing address (if different from above) City State ZIP code County of residence

**Out of Stillwater address here, if applicable**

6. Please complete the sections below if:

- You were previously registered in another county or state, or
- You wish to change the name or address on your current registration.

Previous name

Previous residence address

Previous county/state

If someone helped you fill out this application,  
the helper should write his or her name and  
address here.

7. Oath (See instructions.) I swear or affirm that:

- I am a citizen of the United States and I am a resident of the State of Oklahoma.
- I am 18 years old or older, or I am at least 17½ years old and I understand that I cannot vote in any election before I am 18 years old.
- I have not been convicted of a felony, or if having been convicted, I am now eligible to register to vote as I have fully served my sentence of court-mandated calendar days, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation as ordered by any court.
- I am not now under judgement as an incapacitated person. I am not under judgement as a partially incapacitated person prohibited from voting.
- The information I have given is true. I reside at the address given. I understand that submitting false information on this form is a felony punishable by not more than five years in prison, by a fine of not more than \$50,000, or both.

**Signature Required**

Signature or mark of applicant

Date

CEB use only

Voter ID

Precinct

Activation date

Applicant: Fold this page and tape it closed to mail it.



## Important dates for this election.



**Last day to register to vote:** March 11

**Deadline, request absentee ballot:** March 21, 5 p.m.


**Early voting:** March 31 and April 1, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.


**Election Day Voting:** April 5, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.



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