MUNICATION NEW SLETTER

A Letter from the Clerk

As Election Day approaches, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your commitment to our democratic process. Voting is not just a civic duty; it is a powerful way to have your voice heard and to shape the future of our community.

Our team has been working diligently to ensure that this election is conducted in a safe, secure, and transparent manner. It is not lost on us the importance of trust in the electoral process, and we are committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and accuracy. Every vote matters, and it is the mission of the Clerk's office to protect the security of your ballots and the confidentiality of your choices.



Elections are the cornerstone of our democracy and a celebration of our rights and freedoms. Whether you vote absentee, early or on Election Day we all have the opportunity to choose leaders who reflect our values and priorities. Each and every vote contributes to shaping policies that impact our daily lives and future generations.

In recent years, the political climate has been difficult to navigate and that's why I encourage all of you to remember that elections are an exciting opportunity to be a part of the process. Embrace it!

Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate toreach out to me at 734-384-9137. We are here to assist you and to ensure that your voting experience is as smooth and positive as possible.

Thank you for your dedication to our community and our democratic process.

Together, we can make a difference.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTIONS?

CLERK'S OFFICE 734-384-9140

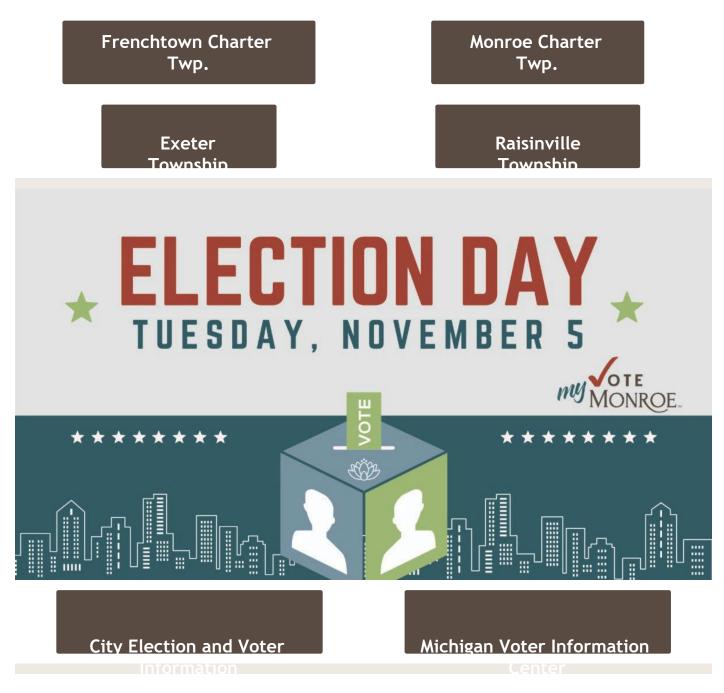


CLERK MICHELLE LAVOY 734-384-9137

- To report suspicious behavior, call the Michigan Secretary of State at 517-335-3237.
- If you think an election crime as occurred, call the FBI Election Crime Coordinators at 1-800-CALL-FBI.
- If there is an immediate threat to life, call 9-1-1

NOT A CITY OF MONROE RESIDENT?

Click the links below for more information on Elections near you.



EARLY VOTING: <u>3 DAYS LEFT!</u>

NOW-NOVEMBER 3 - YES! THIS INCLUDES THE WEEKEND 8AM-4PM; *Clerk's Office Open Until 5PM Friday, November 1* Council Chambers in City Hall; 120 E. 1st Street, Monroe, MI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY OCTOBER>>	26
	28	29	30		NOV. 01 8AM- 4PM	02 8AM- 4PM
8AM- 4PM	04		06	07	08	09
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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

DROP BOXES

IMPORTANT: Ballots must be inserted into a drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

Located at City fire stations and City Hall, Absentee Ballot drop boxes are a convenient alternative to mailing absentee ballots or returning them to the Clerk's office. They also expand voter access and participation in the voting process.

All three ballot drop boxes are:

- Monitored by camera 24/7
- For City of Monroe absentee ballots only.* If you are a township resident you should reach out to your Clerk for ballot drop information.

*The drop box located at City Hall is also for payments and Building Department correspondence.





911 E. 3rd Street

120 E. 1st Street

1755 N. Custer

MORE WAYS TO RETURN YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

- Early Voting Center. Voters can bring their completed absentee ballot during Early Voting Hours NOW-November 3 and personally place it in the tabulator
- Election Day. Voters can bring their complete absentee ballot to their polling place on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, and personally place it in the tabulator
- At the Clerk's Office. Visit City Hall by 8PM on Election Day to return your absentee ballot

REMINDER:

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN YOUR BALLOT.

The Clerk's Office will verify your signature on your absentee ballot using the signature that matches your ID on file with the Secretary of State and count your vote.



SAVE THE DATES! November 5: General Election

November 1 - Last day Clerk's Office may mail AV ballots. Clerk's Office open until 5:00 PM **November 3** - Last day of early voting

November 4 - Up to 4:00 PM - Last day to obtain an AV ballot and vote in the Clerk's Office in person only

November 5 - Up to 8:00 PM - Election Day registrants may register, obtain and vote an AV Ballot at Clerk's Office

November 5 - General Election

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: ELECTION DAY 2024

- HOURS

Voting precincts are open from 7AM-8PM on Election Day

- MICHIGAN LAW VOTER ID REQUIREMENT

You will be asked to show an **acceptable form of photo ID** OR sign an affidavit attesting that you are not in possession of a photo ID before you will be permitted to vote.

- STRAIGHT TICKET VOTING

- FIND MY PRECINCT



Straight ticket voting, also known as straight party voting is a method that allows voters to select all candidates from a single political party with one mark on the ballot.

Remember to be aware of non-partisan races and proposals that are also on the ballot. For each of these races, voters will need to make a selection separately. In Michigan general elections, voters can choose the straight ticket option, but also then select a candidate from a different party for whatever race or races they choose. This is called voting split ticket.



Planning to vote on Election Day? Not sure where to cast your ballot?

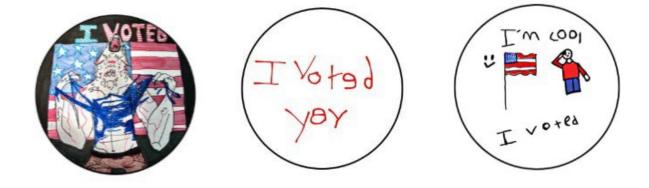
The City is divided into 7 precincts. Registered City voters can find their precinct by checking their voter ID card, visiting the **Michigan Voter Information Center** or by clicking on the map.

PRECINCT LOCATIONS

NEW 'I VOTED' STICKERS

Decisions made at the ballot box shape the future of our communities and our countries, but that doesn't mean elections can't, or shouldn't be fun!

This year the Michigan Secretary of State launched an 'I Voted' sticker design contest and the winning designs will be available at City of Monroe polling places (including during Early Voting). Once you've done your civic duty, find the sticker that speaks to you and wear it proudly. You have made a difference!





City of Monroe Calendar of Events & Important Dates

November 1-3 Early Voting Council Chambers I 8AM-4PM

November 4 City Council Meeting Council Chambers I 6PM

November 5 Election Day Precincts Open from 7AM-8PM

November 11 Veterans Day City Hall is CLOSED November 18 City Council Meeting Council Chambers I 7:30PM

November 22 Hometown Holiday Tree Lighting Loranger Square 15:30-8:30PM

November 28 Thanksgiving City Hall is CLOSED

November 29 Mayor's Day City Hall is CLOSED

> View City Events

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