



ELECTION Q&A

What is an absentee ballot?

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot, which allows citizens to vote ahead of time or when they are unable to physically attend a polling location. Absentee ballots are available no later than 15 days prior to the City of Brookings annual Municipal Election. Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot until 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the municipal / school board election to be held June 23, 2020 (postponed from April 14th).

How do you get an absentee ballot?

In person:

Visit the City and County Government Center (520 3rd Street, Brookings, SD 57006) anytime between March 30-June 22nd.

(Visit <http://www.cityofbrookings.org/384/In-person> for more information).

By mail:

Download the SD Absentee Ballot Application Form, then send it to

The Brookings City Clerk's Office

Brookings City and County Government Center

520 3rd Street, Suite 230

Brookings, SD 57006

(Visit <http://www.cityofbrookings.org/385/By-mail> to download form and for more information).

By messenger:

In the event of confinement because of sickness or disability, a qualified voter may apply in writing to obtain an absentee ballot by authorized messenger. Any application for a ballot by authorized messenger must be received before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

(Visit <http://www.cityofbrookings.org/386/By-messenger> for more information).

If I mailed in my ballot before the election was postponed to June, is it still valid?

Yes, those ballots are indeed valid. The only change was the date (April 14th postponed to June 23rd) allowing the public more time to cast their ballot.

What is the difference between City and County Elections?

Municipal elections capture votes for things such as City Council and Brookings School District School Board representatives. County elections capture votes for positions like the County Commission, District Representatives and Senators, and National Representatives and Senators, and are called Primary and General Elections.

How do I find out who's running for what?

You can find out who the candidates are and what they are running for by going to the City of Brookings website:

<http://www.cityofbrookings.org/156/Elections>

or the county website:

<https://www.brookingscountysd.gov/286/Elections>

Where can I go to vote?

Primary (June 2nd)

- 1-1 Brookings Activity Center—320 5th Ave., Brookings
- 1-2 Bethel Baptist Church—714 17th Ave. S., Brookings
- 1-4 Aurora Little Hall—101 Nicolett St., Aurora
- 1-5 Elkton Community Center—109 Elk St., Elkton
- 1-6 McKnight Hall in White—228 W. Main St., White
- 1-7 Bruce Community Room—507 Jay St., Bruce
- 1-10 Volga Community Center—109 Samara Ave., Volga

Municipal/School Board (June 23rd)

- Vote Center 1: Brookings Activity Center, 320 5th Avenue, Brookings
- Vote Center 2: Bethel Baptist Church, 714 17th Avenue South, Brookings
- Vote Center 3: Holy Life Tabernacle Church, 241 Mustang Pass, Brookings
- Vote Center 4: Aurora Little Hall, 101 Nicolett St., Aurora

Tips

- Keep the form with the right envelope (city form with city envelope, county with county envelope)
- Don't forget to sign the back of the envelope!

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for more information!