

Vote By Mail – Frequently Asked Questions

WHY DOES THE CITY DO VOTE BY MAIL?

Some Cache Valley communities that have switched to vote by mail have seen their voter turnout more than double. VBM is an effort to get more residents involved in making important community decisions. You will now be able to take your time and vote in the comfort of your own home with candidate information easily accessible so that you can make informed decisions when casting your ballot.

When will I get my Ballot?

Ballots are mailed approximately 3 weeks before an election. Ballots cannot be forwarded by the post office, so make sure the county has your correct address by visiting www.vote.utah.gov.

How do I submit my Ballot?

After filling out your ballot, just put it in the provided envelope, sign in the appropriate space, affix a stamp and mail it back. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election.

You may also personally deliver your ballot to the Hyde Park City Office at 113 East Center anytime during business hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm and on election day until 8:00 pm

What about voter fraud?

While there is a chance of voter fraud in every election regardless of the casting method, studies show that vote by mail is safe and secure. A team of trained poll workers make sure your signature matches your official voter registration signature on record with the County.

What about voter privacy?

Your ballot remains sealed while your signature is verified by a trained election official. The signature stub is then removed. A second election official opens the envelope, removes the ballot, and prepares it for counting.

What if I want to vote in person?

The Hyde Park City Civic Center, 113 East Center, will be open until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Please bring your mailed ballot with you if you choose to vote at the Civic Center. If you do not bring your ballot, you will be required to vote provisionally so that election officials can verify that your mailed ballot was not already submitted.

What if I have moved?

To update your records, you may:

- 1) Log on to www.vote.utah.gov or
- 2) Contact the Cache County Clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Please be aware that in order to vote in Hyde Park City, you must establish residency **at least 30 days before Election Day.**

Can I pick up a ballot for my neighbor, child or parent?

Ballots must be mailed to a registered voter's registered mailing address. The City will not give ballots to anyone other than the registered voter.

What if I lose or never receive my ballot?

If you have not received your ballot within two weeks after they were mailed, contact the Cache County Clerk's office to make sure that your information is correct. If the address is correct, the City can send you a new ballot. If your information has changed, your registration will need to be updated and a provisional ballot can be filled out at the Hyde Park City offices.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

Bring your ballot to the Hyde Park City offices and you will be able to vote with a provisional ballot. You will need to bring government issued ID and proof of residency or two forms of ID and proof of residency.

Can two ballots be returned in the same envelope?

NO. There should only be one ballot in each envelope. We must have an affidavit for each ballot. If there is more than one ballot in the envelope, neither ballot will be counted.

What if I forgot to sign the affidavit on the envelope before I sealed it?

If you are not sure whether you signed your affidavit, sign the outside of the envelope.

What if I signed another voter's affidavit?

Cross off the wrong signature and sign the correct affidavit. If the envelope has already been sealed, you may sign the outside of the envelope.