

VOTING BY MAIL

Voting by mail in Texas has been available to elderly voters and voters with physical disabilities for decades. Also, residents who are going to be out of the county during early voting and election day may request a ballot by mail, but we must mail the ballot to an address outside of Jasper County. Remember, however, that many of the legal safeguards designed to protect voters and their ballot are impossible to enforce in the privacy of the voter's home. Here are a few tips that may prove helpful:

- Call County Clerk's office and request that an application to vote be sent to you or you can download the application form on our website, www.co.jasper.tx.us.
- If you need help filling out the form or mailing it, ask someone you trust to help you. Your helper must fill out the assistant part of the form.
- Applications for ballot by mail should be submitted by mail or common carrier to:

Early Voting Clerk
P O Box 2070
Jasper Texas 75951

- Applications for ballot by mail can be faxed or emailed, but you must mail in the original application to the Clerk within 4 business days.
Fax # 409/384-7198
Or
chrysti.billingsley@co.jasper.tx.us
- Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of the business day on October 23, 2020.
- Once our office receives your application for a ballot by mail, we will mail your ballot as soon as possible, if you need help reading, marking, or mailing the actual ballot ask a trusted relative or friend for help. It is not uncommon for someone from a political organization to offer to help for several reasons. If you allow your ballot to be mailed by someone you do not know, it might not get mailed at all.
- Place your marked ballot inside the Ballot Envelope (white), place the Ballot Envelope in the Carrier Envelope (yellow) and seal it. Seal your Carrier Envelope **BEFORE signing your name across the flap of the sealed envelope**. Sign your name next to the large "X" on the Carrier Envelope. If you cannot sign your name, you must have a person witness your mark. If you cannot make a mark, the witness must indicate this in the witness section of the Carrier Envelope.
- If a person assists helping you mark your ballot or mails your ballot for you, that person must sign your Carrier Envelope.
- You may return your marked ballot by mail through the United States Postal Service, by Common Carrier, such as UPS or FedEx, or hand deliver in-person by the Voter to the County Clerk's office. For the November 3, 2020 election, you may deliver your own personal ballot during regular business hours anytime after you receive it or from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Election Day. **YOU MAY ONLY DELIVER YOUR OWN BALLOT** and not for another individual. You will be asked to provide an acceptable form of photo ID.
- You may receive ballots from more than one political subdivision, If so, please be very sure to check the name of the election on the top of the ballot before you seal it in the ballot envelope, and make sure you are returning each ballot in the correct carrier envelope for the ballot. This will ensure that each ballot is delivered to the proper early voting clerk.
- Early voting in person begins October 13, 2020 and continues through October 30, 2020. Election Day is November 3, 2020. If you change your mind about voting by mail and would prefer to vote in person, you must take your mail ballot with you and cancel it at the polling place. You may then vote in person, either during the early voting period or on Election Day.
- **Do not** wait until the last minute: It takes time for the Post Office to deliver your ballot, a ballot postmarked by Election Day, must be received by the clerk no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 for it to be counted.

If you are military, The State of Texas has special provisions for voting by mail, please contact your commanding officer or call our office and we will make sure you get to exercise your right to vote. It is one way we can thank you for your service and all that you do for us.

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