

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND

Ordinance No. **Ordinance O-12-04 Amended**
Introduced By **Councilwoman Gatling**
Date Introduced **August 1, 2011**
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Second Reading **September 12, 2011**
Date Adopted **September 12, 2011**
Date Effective **October 13, 2011**

AN ORDINANCE concerning

ABSENTEE VOTING

FOR the purpose of revising certain regulations relating to the casting of absentee ballots in municipal elections in the City of Seat Pleasant.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments
 Chapter 43, Voting
 Article I, Absentee Voting
 Section 43-1 .A and B.
 Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL that Section 43-1.A and B. of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended), Chapter 43, Voting, Article I, Absentee Voting, is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Chapter 43 - VOTING

ARTICLE I

Absentee Voting

§ 43-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

A. ~~((ANY QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY, WHO BY REASON OF HIS/HER PHYSICAL CONDITION OR NECESSARY ABSENCE FROM THE CITY, IS ABSENT FROM THE CITY ON A DAY ON WHICH A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION IS TO BE HELD MAY MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE VOTING BALLOT. APPLICATIONS FOR VOTIN IN ABSENTIA SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUPERVISORS, STATING THE REASON OR REASONS WHY SUCH A BALLOT IS DESIRED. THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS SHALL PRESCRIBED THE FORM OF APPLICATION WHICH AN APPLICANT SHALL USE.))~~ A QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY DESIRING TO VOTE AT ANY CITY ELECTION AS AN ABSENTEE VOTER SHALL MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUPERVISORS, IN WRITING UPON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD, FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN AN AFFIDAVIT, WHICH NEED NOT BE UNDER OATH BUT WHICH SHALL SET FORTH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY:

1. THE VOTER'S NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS, INCLUDING THE STREET NUMBER.
2. THAT THE PERSON IS A QUALIFIED VOTER AT THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS GIVEN.
3. IF THE PERSON VOTED AT THE PRECEDING ELECTION, THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS FROM WHICH THE PERSON VOTED.
4. THE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE BALLOT IS TO BE MAILED, IF DIFFERENT FROM THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS.


B. ~~((ALL APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR NO LATER THAN 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTIONS.))~~ ALL APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUPERVISORS NO LATER THAN THE TUESDAY PRECEDING DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION. The Board of Elections Supervisors shall thereafter determine whether an applicant has met the requirements for absentee voting. Whenever an applicant has met the requirements for voting in absentia, the Board of Elections Supervisors shall deliver to the applicant an absentee voting ballot which the Board has designated to be the official absentee voting for the city.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY


COUNCIL that the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and cause the same to be published as required by law, and that this Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the council after veto by the Mayor.

ATTEST:

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SEAT PLEASANT**



Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk




LaTasha C. Gatling
Council President

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law.

APPROVED:

This Ordinance was presented to the Mayor for his approval of disapproval pursuant to Section C-313 of the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant this 20th day of September, 2011.



Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk

In accordance with Section C-313 of the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant, I hereby **APPROVE/DISAPPROVE** this Ordinance this 20th day of September, 2011.



Eugene W. Grant, Mayor