

Chapter 43

VOTING

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Seat Pleasant as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I

Absentee Voting

[Adopted 7-12-1976 as Ord. No. 76-01]

§ 43-1. General provisions.

- A. 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: [Amended 2-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-01; 9-12-2011 by Ord. No. O-12-04]
- (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 Supervisors no later than the 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. [Amended 9-12-2011 by Ord. No. O-12-04]
- C. Whenever any application to vote in absentia has been denied or rejected by the Board of Elections Supervisors, the Board shall immediately notify the applicant, in writing, stating the reason or reasons for such rejection. Any person whose application has been rejected may appeal the decision of the Board as provided for in § C-608 of the Charter. [Amended 2-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-01]
- D. Persons receiving absentee ballots shall also be furnished an official self-addressed return envelope for use in returning the marked ballots. Only those ballots returned in an official return envelope shall be counted and considered properly cast.
- E. All absentee voting ballots must be received before the day of election, as set forth in § C-614 of the Charter. The ballots are to remain in the unopened official return

envelopes in which they are received and be placed in any ballot box which is designated for the purpose of storing absentee ballots until they are to be counted. Ballots returned in any envelope other than the official return envelope shall be destroyed and not counted. [Amended 2-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-01]

- F. The Board of Elections Supervisors shall open all absentee ballots only after all of the polling places have been closed. Absentee ballots are thereafter to be opened, approved as to form and totaled. The grand total of the ballots cast at the polling places and the ballots cast in absentia shall thereafter be added together and included in any official election result as determined by the Board of Elections Supervisors.
- G. Absentee ballots are to be preserved in the manner as prescribed for any other election ballots in § C-617 of the Charter. [Amended 2-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-01]

ARTICLE II

Write-In Candidates

[Adopted 2-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-01]

§ 43-2. General provisions.

- A. A write-in candidate is required to file a certificate of candidacy for election. The certificate shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections as if the write-in candidate were filing for office under § 610 of the Charter. The certificate may be filed without payment of a filing fee.
- B. The certificate shall not be filed later than 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the day of the election for which the certificate is filed.