



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **OFFICE OF THE LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK**

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### **General Election absentee and early voting starts Sept. 18; record number of voters request absentee ballots**

Voters across the nation will head to the polls in November, but Laramie County voters have the option of casting their General Election ballots starting Friday, Sept. 18, when the Laramie County Clerk opens the early voting polling place in the atrium of the county building at 309 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Cheyenne.

County Clerk Debra Lee said her office is also mailing nearly 13,000 absentee ballots to voters who have requested them.

“More than one-third of our registered voters have already requested an absentee ballot for the General Election. This is the largest number of ballots we’ve ever sent for a single election and voters are still requesting them,” said Lee. She noted that in a typical general election, the clerk’s office sends out less than 2800 absentee ballots.

Voters who wish to cast their General Election ballots early and in person may do so Sept. 18 through Nov. 2 in the Laramie County Governmental Complex, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays. Voters will enter the atrium through the Carey Avenue door to vote or register. Signage will be posted to direct voters.

Lee said protocols put in place during the Primary Election to prevent the spread of COVID-19 will be continued for the General Election. Measures include social distancing markers and signage, personal protective equipment worn by poll workers, hand sanitizer available for registrants and voters, sanitized pens, disposable straws to mark the touchscreen ballot, and regular sanitization of voting machines. Masks will be available to voters who request them.

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For persons who just want to register, update their registration, or request an absentee ballot, the county's Voter Service Center opens Sept. 18 and will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Oct 19. The Voter Service Center is located in Room 1200 of the county building, north of the atrium. New registrants are asked to bring their Wyoming driving license if they have one. Other accepted documents are any valid government-issued ID including Wyoming ID, tribal ID, military ID, U.S. passport, student ID or driving license from other state.

Requirements for voter registration include U.S. citizenship, Laramie County residency, age 18 by the date of the election, not adjudicated mentally incompetent, and if convicted of a felony, voting rights must have been restored. Restoration of voting rights is automatic for first-time nonviolent felons who completed their supervision or were discharged from an institution on or after Jan. 1, 2010.

Lee said voters who want to vote at home by mail ballot may request a ballot by calling the election office (307) 633-4242 or emailing [election@laramiecountyclerk.com](mailto:election@laramiecountyclerk.com). Voters must include ABSENTEE BALLOT in the subject line, provide their name as it appears on the voter registration list, date of birth, residential address in the county, mailing address, party affiliation, and contact telephone number.

Voters can view and download a copy of their sample ballot by entering their address on the interactive site: <https://maps.laramiecounty.com/myrep/>.

For more information on elections or voter registration, visit <https://elections.laramiecountyclerk.com/> or call the election office of the county clerk at (307) 633-4242.

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### Other Voter Resources:

Felon Restoration of Voting Rights: <http://corrections.wyo.gov/home/restoration-of-voting-rights> or call (307) 777-5983

Wyoming Secretary of State: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Default.aspx>