

Need help on Election Day?

Voters who aren't able to enter a polling place may register and vote without leaving their vehicles. To use curbside voting, send someone in to inform the election judges that you need to vote from your car. Two election judges of different political parties will come out to help you vote.

Voters who need help translating the ballot may bring someone to help or ask for help from the election judges. Please allow extra time for language support.

Voters who need help reading the ballot may bring someone to help or ask for help from the election judges.

Voters may also bring voting information with them into the voting booths, including a sample ballot.

AutoMARK machines are available for voters who require verbal descriptions of the ballot or other assistance reading or marking the ballot.

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For more information on registering to vote, polling place locations, sample ballots, absentee voting and voter assistance, download the City of Minneapolis 311 app for iPhone or Android:

Android - <http://tinyurl.com/mplsand>

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2013 Minneapolis voter information

Voting on Election Day is your chance to shape the future of our city. November 5 is Election Day in Minneapolis, and it's easy to take part. Democracy needs citizens who take their rights and responsibilities seriously.

**It's your city.
It's your vote.**

On the ballot in the City of Minneapolis 2013 municipal election:

- ★ Mayor
- ★ City Council (by ward)
- ★ Board of Estimate & Taxation (at large)
- ★ Park & Recreation commissioners (at large and by district)
- ★ Proposed charter amendments

What's on the ballot

All municipal offices are on the 2013 ballot: mayor, City Council members, Board of Estimate & Taxation members, and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board commissioners. The ballot also includes two city questions, which are proposed amendments to the City charter. The candidates we elect Nov. 5 will have important roles in leading our city and making decisions on large and small issues that affect all of us. *Here's what these officeholders do:*

Mayor

The mayor proposes the City's annual budget and helps set City policy. The mayor nominates City department heads and helps prioritize and shape the work of departments. The mayor also has the responsibility to either approve or veto all City Council and Park Board actions.

City Council members

The City Council establishes the general policies of the City to insure the health, safety and welfare of the city's residents. The City Council's actions are subject to the approval of the mayor. The council levies taxes, enacts ordinances and resolutions, licenses businesses, and exercises budgetary and policy control over City departments. City Council members for all 13 wards in the city will be on the ballot.

Board of Estimate & Taxation members

The board sets maximum tax levies for City funds each year at the recommendation of the mayor and City Council. As part of the process, the board holds public hearings to get public input on the maximum levy, and it also reviews selected City department budgets. Two at-large positions will be on the ballot.

Park & Recreation commissioners

Park & Recreation Board commissioners are responsible for overseeing the city's parks system, which includes park planning and engineering, maintenance, forestry, horticulture, park police, and recreation. Three at-large positions and six district positions will be on the ballot.

Register to vote

Who is eligible to vote?

To be an eligible voter, a person must meet the following criteria:

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Be 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
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Be a U.S. citizen, and
★
Have lived in Minnesota for at least 20 days preceding the election.

Pre-registration for voting closed Oct. 15. If you pre-registered, you can use the voter registration lookup to confirm your registration by visiting vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/pre-register.

You do not need to re-register every year. Unless you move or change your name, your registration remains in effect as long as you vote at least every four years.

You may register at your polling place on Election Day

To register at your polling place on Election Day, bring one of the proofs of residence required to register and vote.

The most common proofs are a valid Minnesota driver's license or a Minnesota state identification card with your current home address.

Or a neighbor or friend registered in your precinct may vouch for you.

See a full list of approved proofs of residence at vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/election-day-register.

If you are planning to register at your polling place on Election Day, please allow extra time.



How ranked-choice voting works

What is ranked-choice voting?

Ranked-choice voting allows you to rank up to three candidates for each municipal office. Because Minneapolis uses ranked-choice voting, there is no primary. The primary and general election are combined into a single election **Nov. 5, 2013**.

Here's how to rank your choices on your ballot:

Make your first choice in this column

Make your second choice in this column

Make your third choice in this column

MAYOR		
Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. One to be elected.		
1	2	3
1st Choice	2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice	3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices
Select One	Select One	Select One
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<small>Write-in, if any</small>	<small>Write-in, if any</small>	<small>Write-in, if any</small>

How do I vote?

Just like any other election year, you will vote by filling in ovals on a paper ballot. But in 2013, instead of marking one candidate in each race, you will be able to **rank up to three candidates**.

Each ballot will have three columns. For each office, complete your ballot from left to right, making your first choice in the first column. If you want to rank second and third choices, rank them in the second and third columns. In each race, you can only select one candidate in each column.

If you make a mistake while completing your ballot, just ask an election judge for a new ballot.

How are votes counted?

On election night, the first-choice votes for all candidates are counted. If a candidate receives enough votes to win, he or she is elected. For example, in the race for mayor, a candidate needs more than half the total votes to win.

If no candidate receives enough votes to win, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. The votes for that candidate are reallocated based on those ballots' second choices. If that step leaves one candidate with more than the required threshold of votes, that candidate is the winner.

If there's still no candidate with enough votes to win, the candidate remaining with the lowest number of votes is eliminated, and his or her votes are reallocated based on the next remaining ranking on those ballots. If a voter's second choice candidate was already eliminated, the third choice gets the vote. The process continues until one candidate reaches the threshold of required votes, and that candidate is declared the winner.

To learn more about ranked-choice voting, visit vote.minneapolismn.gov/rcv or call 311.

Find out where to vote

The upcoming municipal election will be held **Tuesday, Nov. 5**. Polls are open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Minneapolis has 117 precincts, and you must vote in your own polling place in the precinct in which you live.

To find your polling location, use the polling place finder on the Minneapolis Elections website at vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/where-to-vote.

Can't make it to the polls on Election Day? Vote absentee. If you will be away from your precinct on Election Day, you can vote absentee. Absentee voters may vote in person or by mail.

In person

To vote in person, come to Minneapolis City Hall at 350 S. Fifth Street, Room 1B on the ground floor.

VOTING HOURS

Weekdays, now through Nov. 1	Regular hours for absentee voting at City Hall: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Saturday hours for absentee voting at City Hall: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nov. 2	Saturday hours for absentee voting at City Hall: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nov. 4	Extended hours for absentee voting at City Hall: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Nov. 5	General election – Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

By mail

To vote absentee by mail, print an absentee ballot application from our website at vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/absentee or call Minneapolis 311 to request an absentee ballot application.

After you return your application, your ballot will be mailed to you and you must mail it back to election officials before Election Day. Be sure to fill out all forms carefully and completely so that your ballot is counted. If you are not already registered to vote, you can register as part of the absentee voting process.

All absentee ballots need to be received prior to Election Day. To check the status of your absentee ballot, use the absentee ballot lookup at vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters.