

# Town of Harwich, Massachusetts

## 2024 Vote by Mail Application



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### Section 1 - Voter Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Voter Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Ballot Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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### Section 2 - Ballot Information:

Which Election(s) would you like a ballot for?

**State Primary – Tuesday, September 3, 2024**  
*(if you are unenrolled in a political party, make sure to choose a ballot below)\**

**Presidential Election – Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

**All Elections this year** *(if you are unenrolled in a political party, make sure to choose a ballot below)\**

\*For Primaries, which ballot would you like? *(Note: if you are enrolled in one of the Political Parties listed below, you may **only** receive that Party's ballot per state law)*

**Democratic**

**Libertarian**

**Republican**

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### Section 3 - Assistance:

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.


Assisting person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assisting person's address: \_\_\_\_\_

This application is being made by a family member.

Relationship to Voter: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Signed (under penalty of perjury): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*This application cannot be processed unless signed!*

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### Instructions for Completing this Application

- Voter Information** – Provide your name, the address where you are registered to vote, your ballot mailing address (if different) and date of birth.
- Ballot Information** – If you are applying for a Vote by Mail ballot for a primary and are not registered in the Democratic, Libertarian or Republican parties, be sure to choose a ballot. If you are registered in the Democratic, Libertarian or Republican parties, you can only receive that Party's ballot. If you are not enrolled in one of the three named parties and you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will not be sent to you for the indicated Primary.
- Assistance** – If you are helping someone complete this application, or if you are requesting a ballot for a family member, fill out this section.
- Sign your name** – If you cannot sign your name, you may ask someone to sign your name in your presence.

### Submitting the Application

This completed application can be returned to the Harwich Town Clerk's Office by mail, in person at the counter or via secure drop box, or by email (applications returned by email must include a visible hand-written signature; typed signatures cannot be accepted)

If you have already returned a Vote by Mail application or postcard to get a Vote by Mail ballot from the Town of Harwich for all elections in 2024, you do not need to return this application again.

## Notes about Vote by Mail Applications:

- In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Vote by Mail applications are only good for the calendar year in which they are received.
- If you have already returned a Vote by Mail application or postcard to get a Vote by Mail ballot from the Town of Harwich for all elections in 2024, you do not need to return this application again.
- If you are moving from another community, applications do not travel with you to your new community – you will need to re-apply in your new community if you wish to receive a Vote by Mail ballot. Please return this paper application in order to receive your mailed ballot from the Town of Harwich.
- Vote By Mail ballots for the State Primary:
  - If you are enrolled in the Democratic, Libertarian or Republican parties, you will receive that party-specific ballot automatically. If you are registered as UNENROLLED or in a political designation, you *must* select which party's ballot you wish to receive (Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican), or a Primary ballot will not be sent to you.
- Under state law, Towns may opt out of offering Vote by Mail for local elections. This decision is made by the Select Board and must be determined on an election by election basis. The Select Board will make this decision no later than 45 days before the election. If the Town opts out of Vote by Mail for a local election, voters who meet qualifying criteria may vote Absentee (see below).

You can update or check your voter registration status at any time at:  
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

## Absentee Voting is Always an Option for All Elections

To qualify as an Absentee Voter, you **must** be either unable to vote at the polls on Election Day due to absence from Town on Election Day, have a religious belief that prevents you from voting at your polling location, or have a disability that prevents you from voting at your polling location. For more information or to fill out an Absentee Ballot application, visit the "Election Information" tab on Town Clerk's webpage at: <https://www.harwich-ma.gov/town-clerk>

### 2024 Election Schedule

**Presidential Primary – Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - Past**

**Special Town Election – Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

In Person Early Voting will not be available for this election.

Vote by Mail will not be offered for this election, per vote of the Select Board

**Annual Town Election -Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

In Person Early Voting may be available, details to come if applicable

Vote by Mail will not be offered for this election, per vote of the Select Board

**State Primary – Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

In-Person Early Voting will be available – details to come

Vote by Mail will be available, application must be **received** by August 26, 2024 @ 5 PM

**Presidential Election – Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

In-Person Early Voting will be available – details to come

Vote by Mail will be available, application must be **received** by October 29, 2024 @ 5 PM

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**For questions or additional information, don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk's Office:**  
**Phone:** 508-430-7516    **Email:** [townclerk@harwich-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@harwich-ma.gov)    **Website:** [www.harwich-ma.gov/town-clerk](http://www.harwich-ma.gov/town-clerk)