

ANNOUNCEMENT: MAY 5, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

With the increase in preventative measures being taken to reduce exposure to COVID-19, we urge eligible voters in the Town of Wise to vote absentee by mail for the upcoming May 5, 2020 Town Council Election.

The Office of the General Registrar will continue to be staffed during regular business hours 8:30am to 5:00pm with NO public access. Absentee Voting (In-Person) and Voter Registration will be handled curbside at our Wise County Justice Center location at 5607 Patriot Drive in Wise.

ALL voters are encouraged to request and vote an absentee ballot by mail. Any qualified voter may request an absentee ballot using **Reason Code 2A (disability or illness)** even if they suffer neither.

To request an absentee ballot be sent by mail:

1. APPLY ONLINE using the Virginia Department of Elections secure Citizen Portal: **vote.elections.virginia.gov** (In some instances you may not be able to submit your request online and will need the ability to print out an application).
2. CALL or EMAIL the Office of the General Registrar (Telephone: 276-328-8331 or Email: registrar@wisecounty.org). A Virginia Absentee Ballot Application form will be mailed to you, which you can submit via:
 - **Email** to registrar@wisecounty.org
 - **Mail** to Office of Elections & Voter Registration, P.O. Box 309, Wise, VA 24293

ALL individuals needing to Register to Vote or update their voter registration record are encouraged to do so online or by mail.

To Register to Vote or update your current registration:

1. APPLY ONLINE using the Virginia Department of Elections secure Citizen Portal: **vote.elections.virginia.gov** (In some instances you may not be able to submit your request online and will need the ability to print out an application).
2. CALL or EMAIL the Office of the General Registrar (Telephone: 276-328-8331 or Email: registrar@wisecounty.org). A Virginia Voter Registration Application form will be mailed to you, which you can submit by mail at the address below.
 - **Mail:** Office of the General Registrar, P.O. Box 309, Wise, VA 24293.

INDIVIDUALS THAT WISH TO VOTE ABSENTEE (IN PERSON) OR REGISTER TO VOTE (IN PERSON) WILL NEED TO CALL OUR OFFICE AT 276-328-8331 UPON ARRIVAL TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE THERE.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES:

March 20, 2020: Absentee Voting begins for the May 5, 2020 Municipal Election.

April 13, 2020: Last day for citizens to register to vote or update their address in order to vote in the May 5, 2020, Municipal Election.

April 28, 2020 by 5pm: Last day to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

May 2, 2020 by 5pm: Last day to vote Absentee (In Person).

If you have any questions, please contact the office by calling **(276) 328-8331** or by emailing registrar@wisecounty.org. For the latest information, follow us on **Facebook** (Wise County Votes).

NOTE: Entrances to the Town of Wise Administrative Offices and Police Department at the Wise Municipal Building will closed to the public on election day. At this time, we expect that the lobby at the Wise Municipal Building will be open for voting. However, voters who visit the polls to cast a vote will not be allowed to access Town offices. Stay tuned for any further updates.