



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
NOVEMBER 7, 2023
MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**VOTERS INFORMATION
PRESENTATION**



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WHAT IS A MUNICIPAL ELECTION?

BIENNIALLY, ON THE ODD NUMBER OF YEARS, THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH HOLDS AN ELECTION TO ELECT ITS GOVERNING BODIES SUCH AS:

CITY COUNCIL | SCHOOL BOARD
FIRE COMMISSION | POLICE COMMISSION
BOARD OF REGISTRARS
&
WARD OFFICIALS

THE CITY COUNCIL IS ELECTED **AT-LARGE**

WHEREAS THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES WILL BE ELECTED AS MAYOR OF PORTSMOUTH

THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES WILL BE ELECTED AS ASSISTANT MAYOR OF PORTSMOUTH FOLLOWED BY 7 COUNCILORS



VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

◇ 18 YEARS OF AGE OR WILL BE 18
PRIOR TO ELECTION DATE

◇ PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

◇ A BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR A U.S. PASSPORT,
IS REQUIRED TO PROVE CITIZENSHIP.

◇ MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN/NATURALIZED
CITIZEN
*IF NOT BORN IN U.S. WILL NEED TO SHOW U.S.
PASSPORT AND/OR NATURALIZATION
DOCUMENTATION.*

◇ PROOF OF RESIDENCY
(PORTSMOUTH PHYSICAL ADDRESS)

AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY

IF YOU ARE DOMICILED IN A NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OR CITY WARD, ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON THE DAY OF THE NEXT ELECTION, AND ARE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY AT THE POLLING LOCATION FOR YOUR TOWN OR CITY WARD.

- THERE IS NO MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE LIVED IN THE STATE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO REGISTER. YOU MAY REGISTER AS SOON AS YOU MOVE INTO YOUR NEW COMMUNITY. SIMPLY VISIT YOUR DESIGNATED POLLING LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY. COMPLETE A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM. SHOW PROOF OF IDENTITY, AGE, CITIZENSHIP AND HAVING ESTABLISHED A DOMICILE IN THAT TOWN OR CITY WARD.
- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE DOCUMENTS WITH YOU TO PROVE A QUALIFICATION, YOU MAY PROVE YOUR IDENTITY, AGE, CITIZENSHIP, OR DOMICILE BY COMPLETING AN AFFIDAVIT. YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS WILL PROVIDE THE FORMS NEEDED AND ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.



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VOTER INFORMATION

POLLING HOURS

THE POLLING HOURS WILL BE
8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

FOR THE

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE PRIOR TO
MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

12:00 PM–2:00 PM

IN THE LOBBY OF CITY HALL



POLLING LOCATIONS

IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, THERE'S 5 POLLING LOCATIONS.

WARD 1

NEW FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1 FRANKLIN DRIVE

WARD 2

PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
155 PARROTT AVENUE

WARD 3

SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
125 COTTAGE STREET

WARD 4

DONDERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
32 VAN BUREN AVENUE

WARD 5

LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
50 CLOUGH DRIVE

The seal of the City of New Bedford is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a red mill building with a train on a bridge over a river, and a ship on the water. A banner at the bottom of the seal reads "SETTLED ** 1623". The outer ring of the seal contains the text "CITY OF NEW BEDFORD" at the top and "INCORPORATED" at the bottom, separated by a small circle.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR THOSE THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.) ABSENT ON THE DAY OF ELECTION FROM THE CITY.
- 2.) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INCARCERATED FOR A MISDEMEANOR OR WHILE AWAITING TRIAL.
- 3.) CANNOT APPEAR IN PUBLIC ON ELECTION DAY BECAUSE OF OBSERVANCE OF RELIGIOUS COMMITMENT.
- 4.) DUE TO DISABILITY
- 5.) CANNOT APPEAR ANY TIME DURING POLLING HOURS DUE TO EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION.
THE TERM EMPLOYMENT SHALL INCLUDE: THE CARE OF CHILDREN AND INFIRM ADULTS, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION.



2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

DATE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TBD

BY THE *OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE*

- VOTERS MUST DECLARE PARTY AFFILIATION WHEN CASTING THEIR BALLOT.
- CHANGES TO PARTY AFFILIATION MUST BE DONE IN PERSON AT *THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK*.
- **DEADLINE** FOR PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES TO BE MADE WAS OCTOBER 6, 2023.

Did you know...

UNDECLARED VOTERS ARE PERMITTED TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BUT MUST DECLARE PARTY AFFILIATION AT POLLING LOCATION.

IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THERE ARE 3 POLITICAL PARTIES:

- UNDECLARED
- DEMOCRAT
- REPUBLICAN

ATTENTION UNDECLARED VOTERS MUST VISIT THE SWITCHBACK TABLE AFTER CASTING THEIR BALLOT TO REVERT BACK TO UNDECLARED STATUS.



CONTACT INFORMATION

THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK IS WORKING TOWARDS IMPROVING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VOTER KNOWLEDGE.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE WITH ANY FEEDBACK, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

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THANK YOU,
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