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NEWLY DESIGNED ENVELOPES FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

City of Saginaw residents voting by absentee ballot will notice something different this election cycle: the envelopes.

The noticeable change is from the “craft brown” envelopes to a white envelope with a blue stripe on the side that will arrive at the voter’s home. The envelope to return the ballot to the City Clerk’s Office will have a green stripe on the side.

The newly designed envelopes are a result from the Bureau of Elections (BOE) working with the U. S. Postal Service to ensure the integrity of processing with automated equipment. The blue and green stripes will assist postal workers in quickly identifying which envelope needs to be delivered to a voter or to a municipal clerk. The BOE also made the wording more concise and easy to understand. This design is now the statewide standard for elections.

City Clerk Janet Santos reminds absentee voters to be sure to sign the back of the return envelope prior to returning their ballot. Clerk Santos encourages residents to allow seven days for a ballot to make it back to her office if they are sending it via U.S. Mail. Absentee ballots can also be dropped in the gray drop box located in the parking lot behind City Hall, 1315 S. Washington Avenue, or brought to the City Clerk’s Office in City Hall, Room 104.

To view a copy of the outside envelope, click [here](#). To view a copy of the return envelope, click [here](#). Any questions should be directed to the City Clerk’s Office at 989.759.1480 during regular business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.