



Town of Dewey Beach Election – September 25, 2010

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What will I be voting on in this election?

Voters will elect two (2) Town Commissioners to serve two-year terms as members of Town Council.

2. Who is eligible to vote?

Each person eighteen years of age or older, who:

- Is a bona fide resident and domiciliary of the Town of Dewey Beach, or
- Is an owner of real property within the Town, or
- Holds a lease for five years or more on property within the Town, provided that the lease is recorded with the Sussex County Recorder of Deeds, or
- Is both a settler/creator and trustee of a valid trust that is the owner of real property located within the limits of the Town of Dewey Beach. A copy of the sections of the trust document showing the identity of the settler/creator(s) and trustee(s) of the trust and the trust's ownership of the real property, as recorded with the Sussex County Recorder of Deeds, must be on file at Town Hall.

3. Are trusts eligible to vote?

Yes, under the following conditions. A copy of the sections of the trust document showing the identity of the settler/creator(s) and trustee(s) of the trust and the trust's ownership of the real property, as recorded with the Sussex County Recorder of Deeds, must be on file at Town Hall.

4. Are LLCs or businesses eligible to vote?

No, not at this time. The Town is looking into this issue, however, so please check back prior to the next Town election.

5. Do I need to register before voting?

No, not at this time. The Town is looking into this process however, so please check back prior to the next Town election.

6. In what ways can I vote?

You may vote in person on the day of the election, Saturday, September 25, 2010, or by absentee ballot.

7. How do I vote in person?

Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day of the election, Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Life Saving Station located at 1 Dagsworthy Street, Dewey Beach. In order to vote, you must present proof of identity, such as a driver's license or other official ID card.

8. How do I vote by absentee ballot?

This process is required by Delaware law:

- a. Submit an "Affidavit for Absentee Ballot" to request that Town Hall send you an absentee ballot. Complete the Affidavit and return it to Town Hall by fax or hand-delivery.
- b. If your Affidavit is approved, Town Hall will mail you an absentee ballot, ballot envelope, and return envelope. If there is a problem with your Affidavit, Town Hall will contact you.
- c. Follow the instructions sent with the absentee ballot. Return your voted ballot by U.S. mail or hand-deliver it to Town Hall, 105 Rodney Avenue, Dewey Beach, DE 19971.

All absentee ballot votes must be received at Town Hall before the polls close on Election Day, i.e., before 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2010.

9. When can I get an Absentee Ballot Affidavit?

Absentee Affidavits are available the day after the filing deadline for candidates. This year they are available on August 27, 2010.

10. How can I get an Absentee Ballot Affidavit?

- From our Town website at www.townofdeweybeach.com under the section called "Election Information"
- At Town Hall, 105 Rodney Avenue, Dewey Beach, DE 19971
- By mail. Contact Town Hall at 302-227-6363 to have an Absentee Affidavit mailed to you.

11. What parts of the Absentee Affidavit do I fill out?

Column 1 must be filled out completely and legibly. Please PRINT.

Complete either Section "A" or Section "B", depending on your reason for needing to vote by absentee ballot.

Section "A": Notarization is NOT required. **Section "B": Notarization IS required.**

12. What is the fastest way to return my Absentee Affidavit?

Fax your Affidavit to 302-227-8319 or deliver it in person at Town Hall. If faxing your Affidavit, please follow up by phone or e-mail to joyce@townofdeweybeach.com to ensure that it was received.

13. When is the last day I can vote by absentee ballot?

All absentee ballot votes must be received at Town Hall before the polls close on Election Day, i.e., before 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Any ballot received after this time WILL NOT be counted.

14. Can I e-mail or fax my absentee ballot to the Town?

No. Because every absentee ballot must be sealed in a ballot envelope to assure confidentiality, absentee ballots can only be returned by mail or delivered in person to Town Hall.

15. Will the Town send out absentee ballots by express mail or special delivery?

No. All absentee ballots are sent by standard first-class mail to the address that you provide when you submit your Absentee Affidavit.

16. Can I reimburse the Town and have a ballot sent to me via overnight mail?

No. Due to problems that have occurred in the past, this service is no longer available.

17. If I change my plans after I receive an absentee ballot, may I vote in person instead of by using my absentee ballot?

No. Once an absentee ballot is issued and assigned to an eligible voter, the voter is not eligible to vote in person.

18. If I want to change my vote after I submit my absentee ballot, is that possible?

No. Once a person submits an absentee ballot, it is just like finishing a vote in the voting booth. The vote cannot be changed or withdrawn.

19. Can I get specific information on who voted by absentee ballot before Election Day?

No. For privacy issues, information on who voted prior to Election Day is not available. The numbers of Absentee Affidavits issued and received and the numbers of absentee ballots distributed will be posted on the Town website on a regular basis.

20. Can I get labels of all the Town property owners and their addresses?

Yes. They must be ordered from Town Hall in advance at a cost of \$65.00 per set.

21. Can I get the email addresses of all Town property owners?

No. The e-mail list is for Town Business only and is not provided to the public.

22. Someone has taken or replaced Campaign signs on my property. What can I do?

Contact the Dewey Beach Police Department at 302-227-1110.