

**October 26, 2011**

**RELEASED BY LEWISTON CITY CLERK'S OFFICE - FINAL WEEK TO VOTE BY  
ABSENTEE BALLOT DUE TO NEW STATE DEADLINE**

**LEWISTON** – The Lewiston City Clerk's Office reminds all voters that this is the final week to order an absentee ballot before the new statewide deadline which is effective with this election. No absentee ballots can be requested after Thursday, November 3. In the past, the Office has seen several hundred residents voting by absentee ballot in the office on the Friday or Monday before a Tuesday election. By state law, this will no longer be permitted. No one can obtain an absentee ballot after close of business on Thursday, Nov. 3. Special and extenuating circumstances do apply; for example, someone could obtain an absentee ballot if they are a patient in a hospital.

In anticipation of many residents wanting to vote early during this final week, the Lewiston City Clerk's Office has set up an **Early Voting Polling Place** at City Hall. Beginning Thursday, October 27 and running through November 3, voters can come to the Administrative Conference Room, first floor of Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to vote at this location which will be set up with many voting booths and additional staff. The City Clerk's Office is creating this Early Voting Polling Place so residents who want to absentee vote in person will not have to wait in line at the City Clerk's Office behind other customers conducting time-consuming transactions such as marriage licenses, business licenses, and so forth.

In addition, the Early Voting Polling Place will be open extended hours on Thursday, November 3, until 7:00 pm to accommodate any interested voters on the final day of the state deadline.

Questions can be directed to the Lewiston City Clerk's Office at 513-3124.

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