



Manager's Report July 18th Council Meeting

August 2nd Primary

The statewide primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd. Polls open 7:00 a.m. and close 8:00 p.m. for in-person voting. Clerk LaRocque reminds voters to update registration information if you had any changes to your address, your name, or other personal information. If registering within 15 days of the election that you wish to vote in, including on election day, you must appear in person to the Clerk and bring proper residency and identity documentation. An application for an absentee ballot must be submitted to obtain an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee voting are available now, the deadline(s) for absentee ballots for the August 2 election are below:

- Saturday, July 29 is the last day a ballot can be mailed to you via first class mail if your application is received by the clerk before 5:00 p.m. On July 29th the Clerk's office will be open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of issuing absentee ballots only.
- Monday, August 1 an absentee ballot must be applied for and received in person at the Clerk's office until 4:00 p.m. Note: a ballot issued on this day cannot leave the building, you must vote the ballot and return it to the Clerk before leaving.

Return your voted absentee ballots to the Clerk's office at your earliest opportunity after voting it. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. (close of polls) on election day, August 2, 2022, to be processed in the election.

There are two drop boxes available at City Hall, 111 E. Lawrence, for you to deposit your applications and voted ballots: in the vestibule at the front door and drive up/drop off along N. Washington St.

Visit the Michigan Voter Information Center for more information:

<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Home/Index>

Public Hearings

The City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Chapter 15 Businesses to consider regulations for medical marijuana caregiver operations at the August 1st meeting. For discussion on tonight's agenda is proposed amendments to Chapter 52 Property Maintenance Code which are recommended for public hearing on August 1st as well.

Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Chapter 82, Home Occupations to consider modifying regulations on home occupations.

Planning Commission Update

Pursuant to the discussion at the June 20th Council meeting, Community Development Director Myrkle presented materials for discussion at the July 12th Planning Commission meeting on updates to the city's fencing regulations. In reviewing the city's regulations with neighboring and similar communities, he has noted several areas where potential changes could be made to improve the regulations on fencing in addition to discussion on the location of 6ft fencing on corner lots. Based on that discussion we are preparing draft ordinance update for further discussion at the August 9th meeting. At that meeting Planning Commission will also hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the home occupations ordinance and make a recommendation to Council.

RAVE Alerts – Water Utility Bill Notification Feature

The City participates in RAVE Alerts which provides alert notifications to participants via voice, email, text, and posts to social media. We have expanded the service options to include targeted text and email messaging for quarterly utility billing. We will send out a notice to registered users when we send out the bills for their cycle area. This alert will notify them the bill has been mailed and provide other billing related information. If you're already registered for alerts, make sure your address information is up-to-date. There are several ways to register: Text CHARLOTTE to 67283; Download the Smart911 app; or Register for a free and secure safety profile online at Smart911.com.

General information about utility billing can be found on the city's website here: <http://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/finance/utility-information/> and you can check your utility billing information anytime online here: www.bsaonline.com

Volunteer Opportunities

The City has several opportunities for citizens to participate in their local government. We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Water Treatment Committee; Camp Frances Board; and Board of Review. Interested persons can find more information here:

<https://www.charlottemi.org/volunteers-wanted/>

Assistance Programs

For persons who may be facing financial difficulties with utilities, mortgage/rent, or other hardships, there are a number of assistance programs available. More information can be found on the city's website: <https://www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/>