



# TOWN OF BERLIN, MARYLAND

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## **BERLIN ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

*Absentee Voting Encouraged*

(July 20, 2020)--- The Town of Berlin will hold a Municipal Election on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 for the Office of Mayor and for the Districts 2 and 3 Council Seats and for the remainder of the term for the At-Large Council Seat, which will be vacant at the end of September, 2020.

Other important dates for the 2020 Election are as follows:

- Voter Registration – Deadline is Friday, September 4, 2020. Berlin voters must be registered with the Worcester County Board of Elections; Berlin does not conduct separate voter registration. To register, or to change voter registration information such as home address, please contact the Worcester County Board of Elections at 410-632-1320 or visit [vote.org](http://vote.org).
- Absentee Voting – Applications to vote absentee in Berlin’s municipal election will be available on September 3, 2020, and will be accepted starting on Friday, September 4, 2020. They must be returned by the appropriate deadline to be eligible (see below). Applications will be on the Berlin website at [www.berlinmd.gov](http://www.berlinmd.gov), under “[Government – Municipal Elections](#)” or by contacting [mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov) or calling 410-641-2770. Electronic forms must be printed, and the original signed application must be submitted.
- Candidate’s Filing – Deadline is 5:00 PM on Friday, September 4, 2020 for regular filing as a candidate for the Berlin Municipal Election Office of Mayor, Council Seat District 2, or 3 or the At-large Council seat.

- Absentee Voting application submission deadlines:
  - 5:00 PM, Tuesday, September 29, 2020 for applications to be received by mail (postmark NOT accepted).
  - 5:00 PM, Friday, October 2, 2020 for applications to be received in person at Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin.
- Write-In Candidate – Deadline is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Note: Write-In Candidates will not appear on the ballot.
- Election Day – Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Polling places open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Voters in Districts 1 and 2 will vote at Buckingham Presbyterian Church at 20 S. Main Street and Voters in Districts 3 and 4 will vote at the Berlin Police Department at 129 Decatur Street.

Because of ongoing concerns and precautions associated with Covid-19/Coronavirus, the Berlin Board of Elections Supervisors wishes to assure Berlin voters that appropriate measures will be in place on Election Day according to whatever requirements or recommendations are in place as of October 6, 2020. Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen explained that “because government issued recommendations and mandates can change quickly, it is important that Berlin voters pay close attention to Election information over the coming weeks.”

She also reminded voters that they can choose to vote by absentee ballot. “Voters wishing to vote absentee do not have to provide a reason such as illness or travel. They only need to submit an application and then will be sent a ballot when their application is approved.”

For appropriate forms, or if there are any questions regarding Berlin’s municipal elections, please contact Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen at: Phone: 410-641-4314; email: [mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov). Or visit [berlinmd.gov/government/](http://berlinmd.gov/government/) and select “Municipal Elections”.

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