

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE!!**

Late on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overruled the state of Minnesota's approved consent decree extending the deadline for submitting absentee and mail ballots. The ruling means ***absentee and mail ballots MUST BE RECEIVED BY ELECTION DAY in order to be counted.*** A postmark on November 3<sup>rd</sup> is no longer acceptable.

Under the Court of Appeals ruling, **the deadline to drop off a ballot in person is 3 p.m. on Election Day. The deadline for mail or delivery service is 8 p.m. on Election Day.**

### **What this means to voters:**

Voters should no longer place their absentee ballot in the mail. Instead, voters have several options to ensure their vote is counted in the November general election:

- Voters who have already put their ballot in the mail can track their ballot using this [online ballot tracker](#).

If their ballot has not yet been received the voter can vote in person either by absentee ballot before Election Day, or at their polling place on Election Day.

- Voters can deliver their ballots to their county election office by hand (or have someone they trust hand-deliver it for them).

The County election office is the 'Auditor/Treasurer' office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Itasca County Court House – will be open 10am to 3pm on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 8am to 4:30pm on Monday, and you can drop off up to 3pm on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Voters can cast their vote in person with an absentee ballot at their local election office (Itasca County Court House) up until Nov. 2, 2020.
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- Voters can cast their votes in person on Election Day, Nov. 3. Use this [Pollfinder Tool](#) to find out where to vote.