

## City of Milwaukee Election Commission

### Plan for Implementation of Wisconsin's New Voter ID Law

**Goal 1 – Determine and Compile Accurate Information related to Voter ID and all aspects of voting, including:**

- ✓ Absentee Voting
- ✓ Early Voting
- ✓ Election Day Voting

**Goal 2 – Poll Worker Preparedness**

- ✓ Update all documents and curriculum, including election worker training curriculum
- ✓ Schedule training courses for all 2,000+ election workers and 230+ Chief Inspectors on the photo ID requirement and how to integrate the requirement into Election Day activities.

**Goal 3 – Launch a Public Education Campaign to ensure public awareness of the voter ID requirement, particularly among members of the public most vulnerable to losing the opportunity to vote on Election Day due to this requirement: students, seniors and people in poverty.**

- Assemble and engage a workgroup of city personnel with an expertise in developing and implementing public education campaigns.
- Brainstorm successful strategies for providing repeat-messages to difficult-to-reach populations. Strategies may include:
  - ✓ Media Outreach  
*Progress: The Election Commission has participated in over two dozen interviews since the implantation of voter ID, including most local television and radio stations.*
  - ✓ Access all resources available through the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board's "Bring it to the Ballot" campaign, including PSAs, brochures, fact sheet and other materials.
  - ✓ Outreach through community organizers  
*Progress: Meeting on Tuesday with community organizers from across the city, including Safe & Sound and other great community resources.*
  - ✓ Develop concise and readily available written materials, such as palm cards, brochures, fact sheets and flyers that reflect a campaign branding and consistent and accurate messaging.  
*Currently being developed by staff from DCD, the City Clerks' offices, MPL and other city departments.*
  - ✓ Advertising, particularly in community publications  
*The education organizers are gathering information on rates and publications and will quickly develop an advertising campaign that may include billboards, bus shelters as well as print media.*

- ✓ Social media (twitter, Facebook, etc.)
- ✓ Establish and information-hub with extended hours of availability and readily available information related to Voter ID (in collaboration with the city's Call Center).  
*Currently providing scripts to the Call Center staff. More comprehensive calls to be referred to the Election Commission.*
- ✓ In-person presentations by Election Commission staff
- ✓ Surrogate messengers (promoting the message through popular opinion leaders)
- ✓ Tie into all city departments and service entry points to disseminate information related to voter ID, such as MPL, Health Department, DNS, and HACM  
*Members of the workgroup as well as city department heads are taking information back to their staffs and brainstorming ideas for integrating voter ID materials into services.*
- ✓ Collaborate with voter access groups to establish consistent messaging and avoid overlap  
*A meeting is currently being scheduled with a diverse group of voter rights groups to review messaging and share resources.*
- ✓ Establish a partnership with local colleges and universities to ensure clear information is communicated to students regarding student IDs for registration and photo ID purposes.

## ***How Can I Prepare to Vote?***

Visit [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election) to

- ✓ Confirm that you are registered to vote at your current address
- ✓ Confirm where you vote on Election Day
- ✓ Preview your ballot
- ✓ Be sure you have a photo ID to bring to your voting site on Election Day.

## **An acceptable photo ID can be:**

- A Wisconsin Driver's License, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (available for free)
- A Military ID card issued by the Department of Defense
- A U.S. Passport

These identifications:

- ✓ CAN BE expired, but not for more than two years, and
- ✓ Do NOT need to show a current address.

Other acceptable photo IDs include:

The following photo IDs are acceptable if they are not expired:

- A receipt, issued within 45 days of the election by the WI Department of Motor Vehicles , showing that you have applied for a Driver's License or Identification Card.
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued within two years of the election.
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains all of the following information: the date of issuance; the signature of the student; the expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance; and it must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.

**No other photo IDs, including out-of-state IDs, are acceptable for voting purposes.**

## ***What if I don't have an ID to vote?***

If you do not have a driver's license, you can get a **free** WI Identification Card at any Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) service center. You must have documents with you to prove your (a) citizenship, (b) identity and (c) residency. Also, be prepared to provide your social security number.

- a) Proof of U.S. citizenship: This would include a certified U.S. birth certificate or a US Passport; or a Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship. **IMPORTANT:** If you do not have a certified Birth Certificate, the DMV can assist you in verifying your birth information.
- b) Proof of identity - usually a document with a signature and photo such as:
  - ✓ a valid or expired (8 years or less) photo driver's license or identification card (from any state)
  - ✓ marriage certificate or certified copy of divorce judgment
  - ✓ social security card
  - ✓ W-2 form including name, address, and social security number
  - ✓ SSA 1099 form from Social Security
  - ✓ paystub with name and social security number
  - ✓ US Passport
  - ✓ Military discharge papers (including certified copy of form DD-214)
  - ✓ US government and military dependent identification card
  - ✓ valid college ID card with photo from any US university, college or technical college (must contain name and photo).
- c) Proof of Wisconsin residency that includes both your name and your current street address, such as:
  - ✓ a paycheck or pay stub within the last 90 days
  - ✓ utility, telephone (includes cell), cable or internet bill within the last 90 days
  - ✓ bank statement within the last 90 days
  - ✓ current lease (original) or mortgage statement;
  - ✓ current renter's, homeowner's or vehicle insurance policy;
  - ✓ Employer photo ID
  - ✓ school record or transcript within the last 90 days
  - ✓ government-issued letters or documents issued within the past year
  - ✓ certified school record or transcript with student's name and address and issued within the last 90 days
  - ✓ homeless shelter documentation.

## *What if I have never voted... or my name or address has changed since I last voted?*

You will need to register to vote if you have never voted before, or your name and/or address has changed since you last voted.

You can use your photo ID to register to vote IF the address on the ID is current.

If your address is NOT current on your photo ID, you should still bring the photo ID with you to vote, but you will need to bring a second document, a proof of residence, to show your current address. This document, which should show your name and address, can be:

- **A Wisconsin driver's license (current address and not expired).**
- **A Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) issued identification card.**
- **Any official identification card or license issued by a WI governmental body or unit.**  
*Examples: A DNR-issued fishing license, a motor vehicle registration, conceal carry license.*
- **Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.**  
*Example: A workplace photo ID that includes the employee name and residential address.*
- **A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the election date.**  
*Example: A City of Milwaukee tax bill, or paid receipt, for this year or last year.*
- **A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes election date (*month-to-month leases must provide letter from landlord, recent rent statement, etc., showing they still reside there*)**
- **A gas, electric or telephone service (include cellular) statement that cannot be dated more than 90 days before the election.**  
*Examples: A WE Energies gas/electric bill, a cell phone bill, a cable or internet service bill.*
- **A bank statement or paycheck**  
*Example: A bank statement with a visible account number and residential address. A paycheck when it is an actual check or a record of direct deposit. A check stub.*
- **A check or other document/official correspondence issued by a unit of government.**  
*Examples: Medicare notices, SSI notices, public high school, state university and technical college correspondence (letter from MPS, UW-Milwaukee, etc.), Wisconsin Works documentation, billing statements and collection notices from a governmental entity, etc.*
- **A photo identification card issued by a university, college, or technical college and a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months. OR, a photo ID and the certified housing list provided by the university, college or technical college.**  
*Example: A Marquette student ID and a tuition payment receipt.*
- **An affidavit on public or private social service letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.**

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## The Facts on Voter ID and Voter Registration

Starting with the November 4, 2014 General Election, all Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID before they can be issued a ballot to vote. This includes voters at polling places and many absentee voters. **THIS IS A VERY RECENT CHANGE TO STATE LAW.**

### 1. What types of photo ID are acceptable for voting?

The following photo IDs are acceptable, even if they are expired as long as the ID expired AFTER the 11/6/2012. **NOTE: For voting purposes, the photo ID does not need to have a current address. Election workers will only confirm the name of the voter and the photo.**

- A Wisconsin Driver's License, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin Identification Card issued by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles (available for free)
- A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. Passport

The following photo IDs are acceptable only if unexpired:

- A Wisconsin Driver's License receipt or Wisconsin Identification Card receipt issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (valid for 45 days)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains all of the following information: the date of issuance; the signature of the student; the expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance; and it must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.

**No other photo IDs, including out-of-state IDs, are acceptable for voting purposes.**

### 2. How can I get a free Wisconsin Identification Card to vote?

If you do not have a driver's license, you can get a free Wisconsin Identification Card to vote at any State of Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) service centers. You must have documents with you to prove your (a) citizenship, (b) identity and (c) residency to receive a WI ID Card.

- a. Proof of U.S. citizenship:** This would include a certified U.S. birth certificate or a US Passport; or a Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship.

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not have a certified Birth Certificate, The Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can assist you in verifying your birth information by contacting appropriate entities within Wisconsin or in other states. You will need to state that you do not have the birth certificate and that it would require a fee to obtain. If you do not receive the ID by Election Day, you may use the receipt that you have applied as your photo ID. The receipt can also be used as your proof of residence if you need to register to vote. The DMV has four City of Milwaukee locations at: 2701 S. Chase Ave., 819 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., 6073 N. Teutonia Ave., or 7301 W. Mill Rd.

- b. Proof of identity** - usually a document with a signature and photo such as: (1) a valid or expired (8 years or less) photo driver's license or identification card (from any state); (2) marriage certificate or certified copy of divorce judgment; (3) social security card; (4) W-2 form including name, address, and social security number; (5) SSA 1099 form from Social Security; or (6) paystub with

*(See reverse side for more information)*

name and social security number; (6) US Passport; (7) Military discharge papers (including certified copy of form DD-214); (8) US government and military dependent identification card; (9) valid college ID card with photo from any US university, college or technical college (must contain name and photo).

c. **Proof of Wisconsin residency** that includes both your name and your current street address, such as: (1) a paycheck or pay stub within the last 90 days; (2) utility, telephone (includes cell), cable or internet bill within the last 90 days; (3) bank statement within the last 90 days; (4) current lease (original) or mortgage statement; (5) current renter's, homeowner's or vehicle insurance policy; (6) Employer photo ID; (7) school record or transcript within the last 90 days; (8) government-issued letters or documents issued within the past year; (9) certified school record or transcript with student's name and address and issued within the last 90 days; (10) homeless shelter documentation.

d. Be prepared to provide **your social security number**

### **3. If I have a valid Wisconsin Driver's License or Wisconsin Identification Card, is there anything else I may need to vote?**

- ✓ **If you are registered to vote with your current name and at your current address, there is no other requirement, besides photo ID, to vote.**
- ✓ **If you need to register to vote** (if you are a new Wisconsin voter, your name and/or residential address has changed since you last registered to vote, or if you have not voted in the past four years), you will need to complete a voter registration application. If you do not know if you are registered to vote, you can call the City of Milwaukee Election Commission at 414-286-3491 or visit [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)

**You can register at any Milwaukee Public Library branch up to 20 days before the election, or at City Hall Room 501 up until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election, or even at your polling place on the day of the election**

**In order to register to vote, you must provide a document that includes your current and complete name, your current and complete address, and a visible account or document number if available.** This document can be a current WI Driver's License or current Wisconsin Identification Card, a utility bill (e.g. gas, electric, telephone) that is dated within 90 days of the election, a bank statement, a pay stub, an ID card or license from a unit of government, an employer ID card if it has a photo, or a residential lease that is effective for a period that includes the Election Day, or any document issued by a unit of government, including the IRS, Medicare, Social Security, FoodShare, Workforce Development, BadgerCare, or the V.A.

### **4. What if I would like to request an absentee ballot?**

**Unless you are able to certify that you are indefinitely confined to your home, you will need to provide a photocopy of your photo ID with your absentee ballot application.**

### **5. What if I have additional questions?**

**For related questions to voting contact the City of Milwaukee Election Commission at 414-286-3491 or visit our website at [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election).**

**For questions related to the free WI ID card, contact the DMV at 414-266-1000.**

## Voting and Voter ID Sound Bites

### VOTER ID

- You must present a photo ID to receive a ballot and vote on November 4. The only IDs that can be accepted are:
  - ✓ A Wisconsin DMV-issued Driver's License or Identification Card, or a receipt that you have applied for one
  - ✓ A Military ID card
  - ✓ A U.S. Passport

The ID does NOT need to have a current address and CAN BE expired, but not for more than two years.

Other acceptable photo IDs include:

- ✓ A certificate of naturalization that was issued within two years of the election.
- ✓ An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- ✓ For students, a photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains the date the ID was issued; the signature of the student; and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. The ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.

### REGISTER TO VOTE

- If you need to register to vote, you can register at any Milwaukee Public Library or at the Election Commission before the election, or at your voting site on Election Day. You use your photo ID to register to vote if the address is correct. Otherwise, you will need to bring a proof of residence document that shows your name and current address. Documents like a utility bill, bank statement, lease, check stub, or any document sent to you by a unit of government are acceptable.

### REVIEW YOUR BALLOT BEFORE ELECTION DAY

- The November 4 election ballot is two-sided and includes a long list of federal, state and county offices. In addition, there are five referendum questions on the ballot. Voters can preview their ballot before Election Day by going to the City of Milwaukee Election Commission's website at [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election) and entering their address to see an actual sample ballot. If you have never voted before, be sure to read through the instructions on how to vote your ballot. If you have questions, call the Election Commission.

### VOTE ABSENTEE – BY MAIL OR IN-PERSON

- Wisconsin is a no-excuse state for absentee voting, meaning you do not need to have an excuse to request an absentee ballot. Absentee voting is very easy. All you need to do is go to the Election Commission's website, print an absentee ballot application, fill it out and email, fax or



mail it in along with a photocopy of your photo ID. If you are confined to your home due to age or illness, you do not need to provide a copy of your photo ID. – or –

- Early (in-person absentee) voting begins Monday, October 21 and ends Friday, October 31 at the Zeidler Municipal Building, 841 N. Broadway. Early voting hours are Monday through Friday for both weeks, from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Early voting provides a great opportunity to cast your ballot in advance of the election so that unexpected travel or your Election Day schedule doesn't prevent you from voting.

#### HIRING ELECTION WORKERS

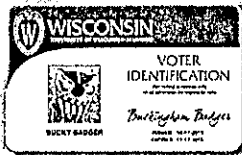
- The City of Milwaukee is currently hiring election workers to assist with voting at polling places on Election Day. Election workers are paid \$130 for a full day or \$65 for working a first or second shift, plus \$21 for attending a training session before the election. Election work is a great way to demonstrate civil responsibility to your friends and family and ensure fair, accurate and transparent elections in Milwaukee.

#### POLLING PLACE HOURS

- Remember – Tuesday, November 4 is Election Day. Voting begins at 7:00 a.m. on Election Day and ends at 8:00 p.m. As long as you are in line at your voting site at 8:00 p.m., you will be able to vote a ballot in the election. If you have not voted for a while, you may want to confirm your voting site on the Election Commission's website: [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election).

# Acceptable Photo IDs

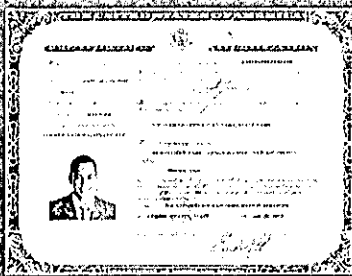
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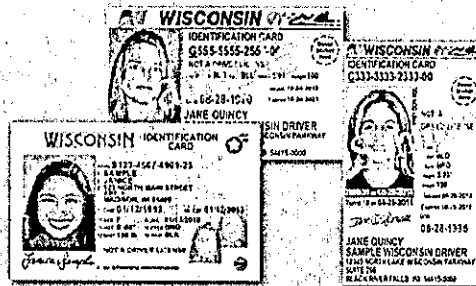
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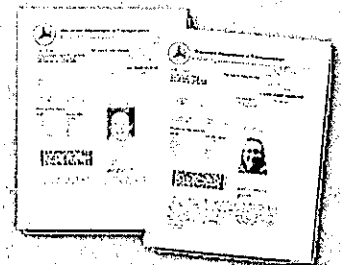
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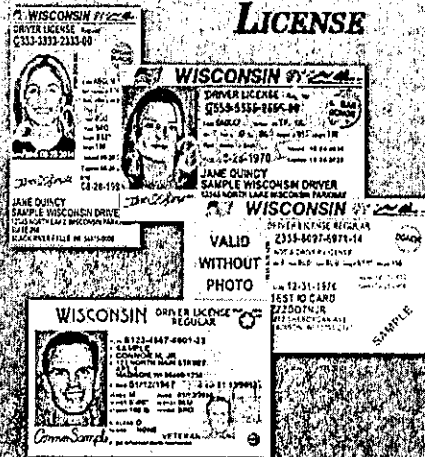
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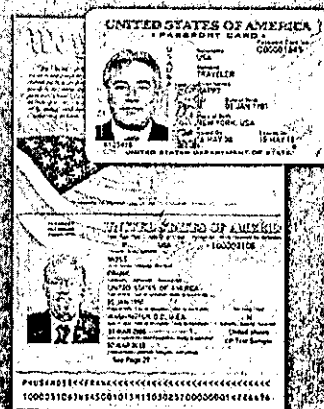
## WI DRIVER OR STATE ID RECEIPT



## WI DRIVER LICENSE



## US PASSPORT BOOK & CARD



## US UNIFORMED SERVICES

