

TOWN OF CHEVERLY

INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENTEE VOTERS

Enclosed is the town's absentee ballot, a ballot envelope, and a return envelope for use in returning the ballot. Failure to follow the instructions listed below may invalidate the ballot.

1. Read these instructions and examine the ballot carefully before marking the ballot or the ballot envelope. When the ballot is once marked, **do not make any erasures or alterations.**
2. **TO VOTE** for a candidate mark the ballot with either pencil or ink by placing an "X" in the box by the candidate for whom you wish to vote, or you may enter the name of a person not on the ballot on a blank line as a write-in vote.
 - ◆ DO NOT vote for more than one candidate for each office.
 - ◆ DO NOT sign your name or put on the ballot any mark of identification or any other mark except the "X" in the box of a listed candidate or the name of a write-in* candidate. **Only names of official write-in candidates will be counted.*
 - ◆ In the case of referendum questions, mark the ballot by placing an "X" in the appropriate box or boxes.
 - ◆ Be sure the intersection of the X is inside the box by each candidate for whom or question for which you wish to vote. □
3. After voting, enclose the ballot in the ballot envelope and seal it.
4. After sealing the ballot envelope, you must fill in the blanks in the Oath of Absentee Voter on the ballot envelope and sign (do not print) your name on the line indicated for signature.
5. It is absolutely necessary that the ballot envelope contain nothing but the absentee ballot on which you indicated your choice or choices.
6. Enclose the completed ballot envelope in the return envelope, seal the return envelope and mail, or return by hand during normal business hours, to the address on the return envelope. The ballot may be marked and mailed or hand-delivered at any time after you receive it, but it must be received by the Board of Election Supervisors not later than the closing of the polls on election day. If it is not received prior to such closing, it will not be counted.
7. When a voter designates an agent to pick up or to return a ballot, neither the Mayor, a Councilmember, a candidate for such office nor any member of their immediate families may serve as such agent.

The laws of Cheverly provide that after an absentee ballot has been received by a voter he/she may not vote in person in that election. Further, anyone who willfully signs any false application or oath, or who willfully does any act contrary to the terms and provisions of the Cheverly election laws with intent to cast an illegal vote or to aid another in doing so, or who willfully violates any of the provisions of such laws, or who applies for a ballot under any other name than his/her own, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of \$100 or to imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days or to both, in the discretion of the Court.