Absentee Voting

If you are a registered voter in the Town of Townsend, but you are unable to appear at the polls to vote in person for a reason stated below, you are eligible to vote by Absentee Ballot:

- **Work**: The nature of your work prevents you from going to your polling place.
- **Public Service**: Your service to the United States or to the State of Delaware prevents you from going to your polling place. Spouses or dependents of the person in service also qualify. (Public service includes military, diplomatic, etc.)
- **New**: Affidavits from military personnel requesting absentee ballots do not require the signature of a Notary or Commissioned Officer.
- **Religion**: The tenets or teaching of your religion prevent you from going to your polling place.
- **Vacation**: You are on vacation on election day.
- **Illness**: I am sick.
- **Disability**: I am permanently or temporarily disabled.
- **Incarcerated**: I am incarcerated. (Not for a felony)

Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot

You must be registered to vote in the State of Delaware before you can use an Absentee Ballot. Those who are registered to vote must first submit a completed Affidavit for Absentee Ballot to the Town of Townsend. You may obtain an Affidavit for the elections at the Townsend Municipal Hall or from the Commissioner of Elections website. Submit your Affidavit for Absentee Ballot to the Town of Townsend as early as possible. Certain categories of voters must have the Affidavit notarized. Be sure to check the Affidavit to see if this applies to you.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

You may vote by Absentee Ballot in person, at the Townsend Municipal Hall or by mail. To vote in person, contact the Town of Townsend once Absentee Ballots are available, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am—4:00 pm. Be sure to bring proof of identity with you when you come in to vote. For those voting by mail, the Town of Townsend will mail an Absentee Ballot to you on/after April 9, 2019, up to 26 days prior to the election. Read and follow the instructions for completing and returning your Absentee Ballot. Put the Absentee Ballot in the Ballot Envelope, seal it and sign it.

If the Absentee Ballot is sent via a foreign postal system, send by Air Mail and send the required foreign postage. Absentee Ballots must be received by the Town of Townsend no later than 6:00 pm the day of the election (05/05/2018).

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