### PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

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### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

- o Proof of Residence and photo ID are two separate processes. A Proof of Residence document is a document that proves where you live in Wisconsin and is only used when registering to vote.
- O Voters only show photo ID to prove who they are when they request an absentee ballot from the clerk or a regular ballot at the polling place on Election Day.

### WHEN DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

You MUST provide a Proof of Residence document when registering to vote. If you register to vote by mail, in-person in your clerk's office, or at your polling place on Election Day, you need to provide a Proof of Residence document. If you register online at <a href="http://myvote.wi.gov">http://myvote.wi.gov</a>, your valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) qualifies as a valid Proof of Residence document.

\* If you are an active military voter or a permanent overseas voter (with no intent to return to the U.S.), you do not need to provide a Proof of Residence document.

### WHAT DOCUMENTS CAN I USE AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR REGISTERING?

#### All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter's name and current residential address.

- o A current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card.
- o Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
- 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.
- o A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
- A university, college or technical college identification card (must include photo) ONLY if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk.
- A gas, electric or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before Election Day.
- o A bank or credit card statement.
- o A paycheck or paystub.
- o A check or other document issued by a unit of government.
- o A letter on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.
- o A residential lease that is effective on date of registration. (Not valid if registering by mail.)
- o An intake document from a residential care facility such as a nursing home or assisted living facility.

This is not a comprehensive list, but categories of the most common types used by voters.

# WILL MY WI DRIVER LICENSE OR WI STATE ID CARD WORK AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

Only a <u>current and valid</u> (unexpired but can be suspended or revoked) Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin state ID card with the voter's current name and address qualifies as **Proof of Residence**.

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### HOW DO I PRESENT MY PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENT?

You may present your Proof of Residence document as a hard copy, paper document or an electronic document on your smartphone, tablet or computer. An internet connection will not be provided for your use.

## WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO CAN ISSUE A PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENT?

Government agencies can include local, state, or federal units of government.

- Local units of government include public school district, city, town or village clerk or treasurer's office, your county clerk or treasurer and many others
- State units of government include Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV or DOT), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Department of Human Services (DHS) and many others
- Federal units of government include Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Medicare (not second party vendors), Social Security and many others.

This is not a comprehensive list. These are only examples of units of government.

## WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY?

- Fishing and hunting licenses
- Vehicle registrations
- o Food stamps, Wisconsin Works, Wisconsin Shares and BadgerCare notices and correspondence
- Medicare notices and Medicare Explanation of Benefits (not from second party providers or other health insurance providers)
- Social Security and SSI notices and benefits statements
- O Public high school, technical college, and public university correspondence and documents, including: admissions correspondence, financial aid notices, report cards and schedules
- o Federal student loan correspondence and notices
- o Billing statements and collection notices from a governmental entity
- O Correspondence from a federally recognized Native American Tribe living in Wisconsin

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## WHAT IF I AM UNSURE IF MY DOCUMENT WILL COUNT AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

If you are unsure if your document will qualify as acceptable Proof of Residence, please contact:

- O Your municipal clerk: contact information can be found at http://myvote.wi.gov
- o The Wisconsin Elections Commission: 1-866-VOTE-WIS or elections@wi.gov