



Alexander County

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Absentee by Mail

No special reason is required to vote absentee. Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot as long as the request is received in time. The state absentee ballot request form must be used to request an absentee ballot. A completed state absentee ballot request form may be mailed, faxed, or scanned and emailed to the county board of elections. The state absentee ballot request form may only be signed by the voter or a voter's near relative or legal guardian. A near relative is considered to be a spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild of the voter. Request forms are available at the Alexander County Board of Elections' office and on the Alexander County Board of Elections website. The form can be reproduced.

Absentee Ballots become available beginning Friday, September 9, 2016. The last day to request an absentee by mail ballot is Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 5:00pm.

A civilian absentee voter must have his or her absentee application witnessed by two persons (or one witness if that witness is a notary-public) who are at least 18 years of age. The absentee application is the form on the back of the ballot's container-return envelope. The witnesses are required to provide their complete addresses. The witnesses may be anyone except the following:

- an owner, manager, director, employee, or other person affiliated with a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home, where the voter is a patient
- a person who is a candidate for nomination or election in the primary or election in which the voter is voting absentee, unless the voter is the candidate's near relative

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Curbside Voting

A qualified voter who is able to travel to a voting place, but is unable to enter the voting enclosure without physical assistance (whether because of age or physical disability or physical barriers encountered at the voting place), is allowed to vote in the vehicle conveying him or her. Every one-stop site and Election Day polling place provides spaces outside the regular voting place dedicated to curbside voting. Curbside voters may be assisted in their vehicles according to the same rules as voters who present inside a regular voting place.

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Early Voting

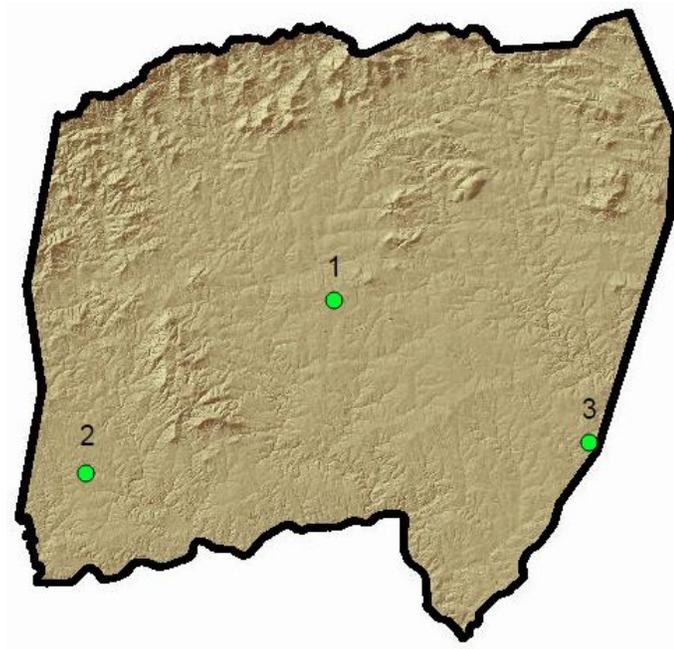
One-stop voting or “early voting” is actually in-person absentee voting. The reason it is called one-stop absentee voting is that the voter has an opportunity to request, receive and vote the absentee ballot all at one time. One-stop voting provides an all-purpose solution for those seeking to:

- avoid potential voting delays on election day;
- vote on convenient days and during non-working hours;
- avoid any registration conflict that could trigger the necessity of a provisional ballot on election day; or
- update their voter records in their counties of registration if they have moved since last voting.

Any eligible Alexander County voter may vote at any of the 3 Alexander County early voting locations. Click on the locations listed below for their dates and hours of operation.

One-Stop Absentee (Early) Voting Sites:

1. [Alexander County Board of Elections Office](#)
2. [Bethlehem Community Fire and Rescue Department](#)
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Alexander County Board of Elections Office

370 1st Avenue SW Taylorsville



Board of Elections Office Front

Dates and Times of Operation

Dates	Hours of Operation
Thursday, October 20 – Friday, October 21	8:00am – 5:00pm
Monday, October 24 – Friday, October 28	8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, October 29	8:00am – 1:00pm
Monday, October 31 – Friday, November 4	8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, November 5	8:00am - 1:00pm

Curbside Voters: Please Park on the right side of the building by using parking lot closest to Health Department



Curbside Voter Parking and Entrance

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Bethlehem Community Fire/Rescue Department

7373 NC Hwy 127 Taylorsville



Front of Building



Voting Entrance located in the back of building

Please use the parking area located behind the fire department building to access the voting entrance.

Dates and Times of Operation

Dates	Hours of Operation
Monday, October 31 – Friday, November 4	10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday, November 5	8:00am – 1:00pm

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Former Energy United Building

431 Ruritan Park Road Stony Point



Front of the Former Energy United Building

Dates and Times of Operation

Dates	Hours of Operation
Monday, October 31 – Friday, November 4	10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday, November 5	8:00am – 1:00pm

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NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

ABSENTEE BY MAIL APPLICATION BEGINS _____ **September 9, 2016**

(You may request an absentee ballot by mail) NCGS §163-227.3 (a) (60 days before General Election)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE _____ **October 14, 2016**

(Last day to register before the Primary Election) NCGS § 163-82.6 (c) (25 days before election)

ONE STOP ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS _____ **October 20, 2016**

NCGS § 163-302, NCGS § 163-22.2 (b) (2nd Thursday before an election)

Board of Elections Office, 370 1st Avenue SW, Taylorsville

October 20-21, Thursday through Friday, 8am until 5pm

October 24-28, Monday through Friday, 8am until 5pm

October 31- November 4, Monday through Friday, 8am until 5pm

November 5, Saturday, 8am until 1pm

Bethlehem Comm. Fire/ Rescue Dept. 7373 NC Hwy 127 Taylorsville

October 31-November 4, Monday through Friday, 10am until 6pm

November 5, Saturday, 8am until 1pm

Former Energy United Building 431 Ruritan Park Road Stony Point

October 31-November 4, Monday through Friday, 10am until 6pm

November 5, Saturday, 8am until 1pm

ABSENTEE BY MAIL APPLICATION ENDS _____ **November 1, 2016**

NCGS § 163-230.1 (a) (5pm Tuesday before Election Day)

Voted ballots must be received in the BOE office by 5pm November 8, 2016

NCGS § 163-231 (b) NOTE: Ballots postmarked by 5pm on the day of the Election will be accepted until 3 days after the date of the election if received by 5pm.

ONE STOP ABSENTEE VOTING ENDS _____ **November 5, 2016**

NCGS § 163-227.2 (b) (Saturday before Election Day)

ELECTION DAY (vote in your assigned precinct) _____ **November 8, 2016**

NCGS § 163-279 (1) **POLLS OPEN 6:30AM AND CLOSE 7:30PM**

CANVASS DAY _____ **November 18, 2016**

NCGS § 163-182.5

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Register to Vote

To register, a person who meets the voting qualifications must sign and [complete a voter registration application](#). When completing the application, applicants must provide their full name, residential address, date of birth, and citizenship status. In addition, the application must be signed. Failure to complete a required field on the form will delay the processing of the application. After completion, the application should be mailed to the board of elections in the county in which the applicant resides. If the application is for new registration in a county, the form must be submitted prior to the voter registration deadline (25 days before each Election). The board of elections must receive the original signed application.

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Change my Name/Address

The [North Carolina Voter Registration Application](#) may be used to change any voting information, including: name, address and party affiliation. The change notification must be signed, and should be sent to the appropriate [County Board of Elections](#) by the voter registration deadline (25 days before each election).

When you move within a county, you should complete an in-county change of address. This can be completed on your voter identification card, a signed letter to your [local board of elections](#), or on the form specified above.

When you move from one county to another, you will need to apply for voter registration in your new county of residence. Use the form specified above, request that an application be mailed to you, or pick up a form at any local board of elections or public library. Note that when you move within the State, the law requires that you update the address on your driver's license within 60 days. When you obtain a duplicate drivers license, you may also elect to update your voter registration information as well.

Note that if you move during a time close to an election, the following rules apply:

- If you have moved more than 30 days prior to the election, you will need to update your registration with your new address (or if applicable, register to vote in your new county of residence) no later than 25 days prior to the election. You will then be registered and may possibly have a new polling location. On election day, if you failed to update your voter registration, you may still vote at your new polling location, as long as you have not moved out of the county of your existing registration. Since your move was unreported, you may be asked to vote a provisional ballot.
- If you have moved fewer than 30 days prior to the election, you are still qualified to vote in your prior polling place and may vote only there, even if you moved outside of your county.

It is important that the board of elections is able to contact you by mail to inform you of changes to your polling place and/or voting districts, so be sure to notify the board of any changes to your mailing address.

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Change my Party

If you need to make other changes to your voter record (name change, party affiliation change, etc.), you may use a voter registration application. No change may be made without your signature. Note, in a partisan primary, a voter who is registered with a political party may only participate in that party's primary. Voters who are registered as unaffiliated may participate in the primary of any political party that has opened its primary to unaffiliated voters. North Carolina's three recognized political parties have all opened their primaries to unaffiliated voters.

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Where do I Vote on Election Day?

On Election Day, you must go to your proper precinct to receive your correct ballot style. Your proper precinct is the polling place for the precinct that is based on the address where **you have resided for at least 30 days prior** to Election Day. The ballot in your proper precinct will include the entire contests for which you are eligible to vote. To find your proper precinct online, use the NC State Board of Elections [NC Polling Place Search](#). You may also call the Board of Elections office (828)-632-2990.

POLLS OPEN 6:30AM -7:30PM

PLEASE NOTE THE VOTING PLACE CHANGES FOR ELLENDALE ,SHARPES #1 #2, AND WITTENBURG PRECINCTS

PRECINCT	VOTING PLACE	ADDRESS
BETHLEHEM #1	BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	7900 NC HIGHWAY 127 TAYLORSVILLE
BETHLEHEM #2	BETHLEHEM COMM. FIRE/RESCUE	7373 NC HIGHWAY 127 TAYLORSVILLE
ELLENDALE	ST LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH	1364 CHURCH ROAD TAYLORSVILLE
GWALTNEY #1 #2	GWALTNEY COMM. BUILDING	2218 SHARPE MILL ROAD HIDDENITE
LITTLE RIVER AND SUGAR LOAF	LITTLE RIVER COMM. BUILDING	2141 LITTLE RIVER CHURCH ROAD TAYLORSVILLE
MILLERS	DRUMSTAND COMM. BUILDING	7830 PAUL PAYNE STORE ROAD STONY POINT
SHARPES #1 #2	FORMER ENERGY UNITED BUILDING	431 RURITAN PARK ROAD STONY POINT
TAYLORSVILLE #1 #4 #5	ALEXANDER SENIOR CENTER	730 7 TH STREET SW TAYLORSVILLE
TAYLORSVILLE #2 #3	ALEXANDER COUNTY YMCA	260 BLACK OAK RIDGE ROAD TAYLORSVILLE
WITTENBURG	FRIENDSHIP LUTHERAN CHURCH	5300 CHURCH ROAD TAYLORSVILLE

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