

**Special Marshalltown City Election 2nd Ward
Vacancy on**

February 27, 2018

This is a special election for the city to vote to fill the
vacancy in 2nd Ward City Council.



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Hours the Polls are Open

The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. in 2nd Ward within Marshalltown City.

Find Your Precinct

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx>

Sample Ballots

Marshalltown
Ward/Precinct
Ward 2

Polling Place
Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit St.

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Voter Registration Deadline

Voter pre-registration deadline is Friday, February 16th to show up on election registers to vote in the February 27th Special Marshalltown City Election 2nd Ward Vacancy. The office of the County Auditor will be open until 5:00 p.m. on that date for eligible electors who wish to register in person. Completed voter registrations may be mailed to the County Auditor, and must be received by the above deadline in order to be valid for this election.

Voters who are currently registered need not re-register unless they have changed residences from one county to another. A voter who has changed addresses within the same county that they are currently registered may change his/her voter registration address anytime before the election or at the voter's new polling place on Election Day.

Registering to vote is a legal requirement to be eligible to vote in Iowa. To be eligible to register to vote, you must be:

- A United States citizen
- An Iowa resident
- At least 17 1/2 years of age (must be at least 18 years of age by election day to vote.)

You cannot:

- * Be a convicted of a felony (unless your voting rights have been restored),
- * Be judged mentally incompetent to vote by a court, or
- * Claim the right to vote in any other place.

Iowa law now allows eligible persons to register and vote at the polls on Election Day. An Election Day registrant must provide acceptable proof of identity and current residence in the precinct. Click on the link below to see the Election Day Registration Information provided by the Iowa Secretary of State.

Iowa Election Day Registration Information

<http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/edr.html>

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Voter Registration Application -

<http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/voteapp.pdf>

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How to Get an Absentee Ballot

Eligible and registered voters wishing to cast absentee ballots may vote in person at the office of the county auditor, or may make written requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to them.

Voting by absentee ballot in Auditor's Office.

A registered voter may cast an absentee ballot in the Courthouse beginning Monday, February 12th at 1 E. Main St., Marshalltown, IA on the 2nd floor, Northeast Corner during regular business hours prior to Election Day.

Voters requesting absentee ballots by mail may submit a request at anytime before an election but must do so by 5 p.m. Friday, February 16th before the election. Requests arriving by mail after 5 p.m. on Friday, February 16th cannot be honored.

When voting absentee ballot by mail.

Written requests for absentee ballots can be made by using:

The official form - download it here: [Absentee Ballot Request Form](#)

OR

In lieu of the official form, absentee ballot requests must be on paper no smaller than 3x5 inches and include the following information:

- The name of the voter,
- The voter's address,
- The address to which the ballot should be sent (if different from the voter's address),
- The voter's date of birth,
- The date and/or name of the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot, and
- The voter's signature.
- The Voters Identification Number

Mail Absentee Ballot Requests to: Marshall County Auditor
1 E. Main St.
Marshalltown, IA 50158

No one can request a ballot for another person.

Ways to Return Voted Absentee Ballots

Personal delivery

Iowa's laws have changed. The voter may personally deliver a voted absentee ballot to the county auditor's office or may designate any other person to do so. If the voter chooses to designate another person to deliver the voted absentee ballot, the voter may require the other person to fill out a receipt and give it to the voter, which the voter should keep. Iowa law requires the other person to deliver the voted absentee ballot to the county auditor's office by the time the polls close on election night or no later than 72 hours after picking up the ballot from the voter, whichever occurs first.

A voted absentee ballot may be delivered in-person to the county auditor's office during regular business hours. The county auditor's office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, 2018 in observance of President's Day.

In order to be considered on time and counted for the February 27th, 2018 Special Marshalltown City Election 2nd Ward Vacancy, a voted absentee ballot that is personally delivered must be physically received in the county auditor's office by the time the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on election night.

A voted absentee ballot cannot be delivered to a polling place on Election Day; it will not be counted. However, a voter may surrender an absentee ballot to the precinct election officials at the polling site on Election Day, and the voter will be allowed to vote at the polls.

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Office Hours during this Election Cycle

Business hours are 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional hours that the office will be open are as follows:

Friday, February 16th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Voter registration deadline and Last day to vote absentee by mail

Monday, February 26th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Last day to vote absentee in person

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Special Precinct Board

The Special Precinct Board will open and count absentee ballots on Election Day. The results from the absentee ballots will not be released until shortly after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.

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Public Test of Voting Equipment

The public test of the county voting system will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2018 in the Courthouse at 1 E. Main St., Marshalltown, IA 50158.

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Election Night Results

The polls close at 8:00 p.m. and unofficial election night results will be available on this website. The county auditor's office in the courthouse will be open until all precincts have reported. Members of the public are welcome to be present, or to check up-to-date totals on this website.

Remember that election night results are unofficial. They include absentee ballots and results from the precincts, but do not include results from provisional ballots that are subsequently determined to have been valid. They also do not include any valid voted absentee ballots that were postmarked prior to Election Day and that are received by Monday, March 5th at noon.

Election Results link will be posted on Election Day

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Canvass of Election

The Marshall County Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5th 2018 to canvass the results of the February 27th Special Marshalltown City Election 2nd Ward Vacancy. At this meeting the board will canvass the tally lists and prepare official abstracts of the election results. The canvass will include election night results, as well as any provisional ballots and late-absentee ballots that are determined to be valid and on time. The meeting is open to the public.

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Voting System

Voters in Marshall County will use special paper ballots that will be counted at each precinct with the use of precinct-count optical-scan machines. Absentee ballots will be counted with the use of an Absentee scanner. In addition, for any voter who needs assistance in marking the ballot, a ballot-marking machine will be available in each precinct in the county. It will also be available for demonstrations and for absentee voting at the county auditor's office. All election equipment and related software has been tested and certified for use in the State of Iowa.

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Poll watchers

Poll watchers may represent:

- Candidates whose names appear on the ballot,
 - Must show written permission from candidate.
 - Candidate must have filed a list of poll watchers with the County Auditor.
- Political parties and organizations, and
 - Must show credentials from political party..
 - Political party must have filed a list of poll watchers with the County Auditor.
- In all elections other than primary and general elections, groups opposing or supporting approval of questions on the ballot at an election.
 - A person who wants to be a poll watcher must file notice of intent to do so with the County Auditor.

[Poll Watcher Information](#)

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Ethics and Campaign Disclosure

A candidate or a person who advocates for or against a candidate or a ballot issue may be subject to requirements and restrictions of Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure laws. Campaign finance disclosure forms, brochures, and other information are available at www.state.ia.us/ethics :

Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board
510 E 12th, Suite 1A
Des Moines IA 50319
(515) 281-4028 phone (515) 281-3701 fax

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Yard Signs

Campaign signs may be placed with the permission of the property owner on private property. Campaign signs can not be placed in the public right of way which is described in general as the area between the sidewalk and the curb in a city and as the area between the shoulder and the fence line in rural areas. Yard signs may not be placed on public or corporate property. Click here for complete yard sign regulations.

Voter Registration Information for Campaign Purposes

Iowa law states that voter registration information is a public record. However, the use of that information is restricted to bona fide political purposes or to a bona fide official governmental purpose. Use for commercial purposes is prohibited by law.

Persons advocating for or against a candidate or public measure on the ballot may request lists of registered voters from the county auditor's office in a variety of customized formats. For further information, stop by the county auditor's office in the courthouse or call (641) 754-6302.

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