

Everything you didn't know about the Clerk and Recorder's Office

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ELECTION NEWS: **MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!**

Colorado is an all paper ballot state: What does that mean?

Colorado is an all paper ballot system voting option 1 or option 2 below; either way you vote you drop a paper ballot in a sealed and secured ballot box.

There is no machine that the voter puts their ballot in to be tabulated. That is not the way Colorado's paper ballot system works.

- Option 1: Colorado is a mail ballot delivery state.
 - All Active eligible electors are mailed a ballot 22 days before each election.
 - The voter can return the ballot in the signed envelope to the County Clerk and Recorder anytime between the time they receive the ballot in the mail up to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
 - via mail (with proper postage)- postmarks do not count,
 - via drop box (no postage required) or
 - in the County Clerk's Office or
 - any Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) location in person.
- Option 2: In- person at any VSPC location in the county.
 - a. If you have the mail ballot that was sent to you; bring it to any VSPC and use the voting booths that are set up and vote the mail ballot in-person, sign the envelope and drop it in the sealed and secure mail ballot box.
 - b. Don't have your ballot that was mailed to you or you just want to come in the VSPC and vote: bring your identification to any VSPC in the county and you will be issued a paper ballot after you verify address and sign a signature card. Vote that paper ballot and drop it in a sealed and secure in-person ballot box.
 - c. If you decided to vote on a ballot marking device in the VSPC, you will vote your ballot on one of the machines and have the opportunity to review your selections. The ballot will then be printed on ballot stock paper next to you in the booth. You will drop your paper ballot in a sealed and secure in-person ballot box.

All paper ballots are then removed from the sealed and secured ballot boxes by election judges. The number of paper ballots are verified for each secured box and then tabulated by election judges to get results to be released after 7:00 p.m. on Election Night.

Have election questions? Call us we will be happy to explain procedures, rules or laws.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021 COORDINATED ELECTION:

- **October 8 – 15, 2021: Ballots will be mailed to all active eligible electors.**
- **October 12, 2021, Tuesday: Last day to submit an application to register to vote through a voter registration drive. (No later than 22 days before the election)**
- **October 25, 2021, Monday: Last day to submit an application to register to vote through the mail, a voter registration agency, a local driver's license examination facility, or online to receive a ballot in the mail for the Coordinated Election. (Through the 8th day prior to the election)**
- **October 25, 2021, Monday: Last day to file an absentee ballot application to receive the absentee ballot by mail if you are absent from your home address.**
- **October 25, 2021, Monday – November 2, 2021, Tuesday: Voters can register to vote, obtain a replacement ballot or drop off their mail in ballots in person at the Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Office 1650 Donelan Ave, Suite 201, Burlington, CO 80807**
- **Kit Carson County Clerk and Recorder's Election Department will be open on Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ballot drop off, replacement ballots.**
- **November 2, 2021: ELECTION DAY
VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER:
Kit Carson County Clerk and Recorder's Election Office is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
1650 Donelan Ave, Suite 201, Burlington, CO 80807**

County Offices will be closed Monday September 6, 2021, in observance of Labor Day.

Please note that the Kit Carson County Clerk and Recorder's does require scheduling for Driver License appointments. There is only one station and it's important to everyone that people do not have to wait in line if at all possible. Currently, Driver License appointments are limited to Kit Carson County and neighboring county residents because of the limited appointments.

The following departments of the Kit Carson County Clerk and Recorder's Office can also be reached by calling (719) 346-8638 and dialing the extension number:

Ext. 242 – Election Department for voter and election questions.

Ext. 236 – Recording Department for information concerning recording legal instruments.

Ext. 301 – Drivers' License & Motor Vehicle Department for license plates/renewals or titling a vehicle.

You can also reach the clerk's office by email at clerkandrecorder@kitcarsoncounty.org.