

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

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## **ELECTION NEWS:**

**Less than a week until the November 3, 2020 General Election.** Have you returned your ballot to the Kit Carson County Clerk's office? We appreciate receiving voted ballots early so our election judges can start processing. The earlier ballots are returned, the earlier election night results can be released.

We highly recommend that you:

- Drop your ballot off at the Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Elections Office at 1650 Donelan Avenue, Burlington, Colorado, located on the second floor, or,
- Drop your ballot in the 24/7 Drop Box located on the south side of the Courthouse outside the public entrance.
- We do not recommend mailing your ballot after the 8<sup>th</sup> day before the election (October 26<sup>th</sup>) to insure that it is in the Kit Carson County Clerk and Recorders Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election night, Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **ADDITIONAL BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS AVAILABLE ELECTION DAY ONLY**

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Flagler Senior Center, 306 Main Avenue, Flagler, CO

Stratton Activity Center, 918 Colorado Avenue, Stratton, CO

**REMEMBER: Postmarks do not count. Your ballot must be in the possession of the Kit Carson County Clerk and Recorder by 7:00 P.M. November 3, 2020.**

**Check your mail-in ballot status on line:** If you would like to verify that your ballot was received by our office you can log onto [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com) or you can contact our office at 719-346-8638 ext 424.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Unofficial election results will be posted Election Night, November 3, 2020 after 7:00 p.m. when ballot processing is complete. Results will be on our website at <https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/clerk-recorder/elections> under the Clerk and Recorder's Department. The Secretary of State's link for state results will be available on Election Day that will be published to the link after 7:00 pm! Results will also be posted at the Court House South entrance and on the Election bulletin board.

## **What sort of activities are prohibited electioneering?**

Prohibited conduct, materials, and information include, but are not limited to:

- A person (voter, watcher, election judge, or anyone else) may NOT advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate or a ballot measure either inside a polling place or

within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place or a drop box. This includes any audible broadcasting of information about candidates or measures on the ballot.

- A visible display bearing the name or likeness of a candidate who is on the ballot.
- A visible display bearing the number, title, subject, or logo of a ballot issue or question that is on the ballot - for example, "Vote No on 111."
- Buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, or stickers visibly bearing the name or image of a candidate, issue, or question that is on the ballot.

What political speech is allowed inside and within 100-feet of a polling place or drop box?

- Displays of political and social movement slogans or images—including but not limited to: Make America Great Again or MAGA or Black Lives Matter or BLM, so long as no candidate name or likeness is present or visible with the slogan.
- Displays of the American flag, confederate flag, etc., provided that the flag does not also bear the name or image of a candidate, issue, or question that is on the ballot.
- Campaign workers are allowed outside of polling places to offer water, snacks, and other nonmonetary items of minimal value to voters who are waiting to vote.
  - But if these workers, who are sometimes referred to as "comfort teams", operate within 100 feet of a polling place, they may NOT campaign for or against any candidate, issue, or question that is on the ballot, or wear apparel or accessories bearing the name or image of a candidate, issue, or question that is on the ballot.
  - Comfort items may not be provided in exchange for a commitment to vote a certain way.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION:**

- **October 19, 2020 – November 2, 2020, Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM:**  
Voters can register to vote, vote in person, obtain a replacement ballot or drop off their mail in ballots in person at the Voter Service and Polling Center located in the Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Election Office, 1650 Donelan Avenue, Suite 201, Burlington, CO 80807.
- **Saturday, October 31 from 8 AM to 12 PM: Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Office Election Department (VSPC)** will be open on for ballot drop off, replacement ballots, and vote in person.
- **November 3, 2020: ELECTION DAY**  
Voter Service and Polling Center is open 7 AM to 7 PM located in the Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Election Office, 1650 Donelan Avenue, Suite 201, Burlington, CO 80807

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](mailto:clerkandrecorder@kitcarsoncounty.org).