

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

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ELECTION NEWS:

The 2020 General Election is in full swing! The Election Judges are in the process of ballot envelope assembly. There will be only one Voter Polling Service Center at the courthouse to allow in person voting and provide all types of help for the public, including same day registration, which will open on October 19th. Mail Ballot processing will start before Election Day to provide the earliest results possible. There are several items that will take place after Election Day including finish counting ballots, performing the Risk Limiting Audit, and canvassing the election paperwork.

Signature Verification is so important to the integrity of the Colorado election process. The best piece of advice is to develop your own signature and always sign as you normally would. Signature discrepancies are common for younger voters because the only signature that is usually on file is from their first Driver License Permit. Signatures can change style or just overtime, so it is important make sure that a current signature is on file with the Election Department through SCORE the state wide voter data base. If a voter's signature is not verified and in turn rejected, the voter has the opportunity to "cure" the ballot and the vote will be counted at the canvas along with any UOCAVA ballots that may come in by the eighth day following the election (November 12 this year due to Veteran's Day Holiday). This process is very important to the voter whether or not the election results seem to be determined. As per the Secretary of State's Election Rules:

7.7.4 If an elector fails to cure a missing signature, the county clerk need not send a copy of the mail ballot return envelope to the **district attorney for investigation**.

[Sections 1-7.5-107.3 and 1-8.5-105(3)(a), C.R.S.]

7.7.5 The county clerk must accept any completed cure form for a missing or discrepant signature, or a missing ID, that the county receives by 11:59 pm MT on the eighth day after the election.

If a voter receives a Signature Affidavit Form, they have until November 12th to complete the form and return it by email, fax, mail, or in person to the Kit Carson County Elections office with a copy of identity proof. Once a ballot signature is cured through this process it continues through the counting process and the voter now has an updated signature on file. All ballots that have not been cured will be sent to the District Attorney for investigation.

ELECTION NEWS: November 3, 2020 General Election will be an all-mail ballot delivery. Ballots will be mailed to all active eligible registered electors the week of October 9, 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION:

- **October 9 – 16, 2020:** Ballots will be mailed to all active eligible electors.
- **October 12, 2020 Monday:** Last day to submit an application to register to vote through a voter registration drive. (no later than 22 days before the election)
- **October 26, 2020, 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 General Election. (through the 8th day prior to the election)
- **October 19, 2020, Monday – November 3, 2020, Tuesday 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

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

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.