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CITY CLERK EXPANDS PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST

Monroe, Michigan - The City of Monroe is expanding its permanent absentee voter list due to the passage of Michigan Proposal 18-3 in November, 2018. The passage of 18-3 allows for no-reason absentee voting; all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot. Prior to passage of 18-3, residents could only vote absentee if they qualified due to age, disability or because they would be out of town on election day.

City Clerk Treasurer, Michelle LaVoy: "Voters no longer need to provide a reason to vote absentee but do still need to complete an AV application in order to receive an AV ballot to vote. This off election year is the perfect time for voters to register for the City of Monroe Permanent Absentee Voter List before the busy 2020 Presidential election year."

Registering for the Permanent Absentee Voter List allows City of Monroe voters to automatically receive an absent voter application prior to each election held in the city, including this year's upcoming City Election. Voters can not automatically be on the permanent absent voter list but rather must request to be added.

City Clerk Treasurer LaVoy: "Being on the list doesn't mean you have to vote absentee, it just means we will remember to send you the application so you won't have to. It's one less thing to worry about with our busy lives."

Clerk LaVoy hopes City of Monroe voters will take advantage of this service by emailing the request to the Clerk-Treasurer's office at elections@monroemi.gov or using the form online at www.monroemi.gov. Requests may also be made at the Clerk-Treasurer's office Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

City of Monroe residents with questions about registering to vote, where and how to vote, or receiving an absentee ballot should contact the clerk's office at 734.384.9140 or by visiting the Clerk's department page at www.monroemi.gov. Staff are also available during normal business hours cited above for counter service.

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

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