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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE TO MAIL PRIMARY ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS

(MONROE, MI) – Absentee ballots for the upcoming Presidential Primary election will be mailed this week to City of Monroe registered voters who have submitted an absentee ballot request. The primary election will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

The City of Monroe Clerk's office want voters to know that the ballot mailer will look different this election than those of the past. Clerk-Treasurer Michelle J. LaVoy: "Instead of manila envelopes, ballots will arrive in larger blue and white envelopes, and the return envelope inside will be green and white. This envelope is different than our voters are used to seeing, and we want to make sure they recognize the envelope as their requested ballot when it arrives at home and not accidentally recycle it."

The State of Michigan Secretary of State has been working with local Clerk's and the United States Postal Service on an initiative to produce envelopes that are more user-friendly for voters and postal workers; "The ballot mailers were designed in cooperation with the post office to be more recognizable as it moves through the postal system. We wanted to let voters in the City know about this change," said Clerk-Treasurer LaVoy.

No reason absentee applications and ballots are now available through the City of Monroe Clerk-Treasurer's office Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Applications are also available online at: www.monroemi.gov

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 <u>www.monroemi.gov</u>. Staff are also available Monday thru Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM 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.