

### News Release – For Immediate Release

Anne Pedersen, Lee County Auditor, announces that absentee ballots for the City Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2011 are now available in the Auditor's Office.

You may vote in person at the Auditor's Office located at 933 Avenue H Fort Madison daily from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, through Monday, November 7, 2011. You may also vote in person at the South Lee County Courthouse, 25 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Keokuk, located at the north service window in the Lee County Recorder's Office beginning Monday, October 10, 2011 from 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Those residing in the cities of Houghton, St Paul, Donnellson or Franklin may also vote from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at both locations. Voters may also vote until 6:00 P.M. on Tuesdays during this time period.

Eligible voters wishing to vote early may complete THE IOWA OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM available from the Lee County Auditor or by downloading the form at [www.sos.state.ia.us](http://www.sos.state.ia.us). The request for an absentee ballot may be hand delivered to the Auditor's office in Fort Madison, dropped off at the Lee County Recorder's Office in Keokuk or mailed to the Lee County Auditor, P.O Box 190, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

A voter may also request a ballot on paper no smaller than 3 inches by 5 inches and must contain the voter's name, mailing address, date of birth and signature and the name of the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot. Requests must be received by 5:00 P.M., Friday, November 4th.

Requests may be faxed to 319-372-7033. However, the original request document must be received by the Auditor's Office. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Friday, November 4, 2011. It can also be hand delivered to the Auditor's Office no later than 8:00 P.M. on Election Day in order for the ballot to be counted.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail, but must be postmarked no later than Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and received by Thursday, November 10, 2011. Prepaid postage is affixed to all ballot return envelopes. The voter's ballot may be hand delivered to the County Auditor's Office before 8:00 P.M., Election Day, November 8, 2011, by the voter or any person the voter designates.

Anyone having questions regarding absentee voting may contact the Auditor's office at 319/372-3705.

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