

# Town of Fenwick Island, Delaware

## VOTING GUIDELINES

### Voting is a Privilege and a Responsibility

In a small community like Fenwick Island, every vote counts. Anyone who has not voted in an election for the Town of Fenwick Island since 2008 must register to vote. The following information details who is eligible to register to vote, how to register, and how to vote.

### To Vote in Fenwick Island Elections

- You must qualify as a “**Resident**” or as a “**Non-Resident**”
- **AND** be **Officially Registered** to vote in the Town of Fenwick Island.

### Who is Eligible to Register to Vote?

- An individual who is a citizen of the United States and age 18 on or before the date of the election.
- A property owner as of March 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the election.
- All residents of Fenwick Island, whether property owners or not.
- All non-residents listed on the deed.
- Non-Resident Properties held in an Artificial Entity, such as trusts, LLCs, etc, are entitled to ONE VOTE, authorized by a Power of Attorney.
- Owners of multiple properties, resident or non-resident, qualify for ONE VOTE.

### How to Register to Vote

#### *In Person at Fenwick Island Town Hall:*

- Present completed Voter Registration Form and proof of identity, such as a driver’s license OR proof of residency, such as a lease.
- Individuals must register by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of the election.

#### *By Mail:*

- Submit completed Voter Registration Form and photocopy of proof of identity, or proof of residency.
- Completed registration application must be received by Fenwick Island Registrar by 4:30pm July 8<sup>th</sup> of the year of the election.

**The Voter Registration Form is available at [fenwickisland.delaware.gov](http://fenwickisland.delaware.gov), or by phone or by mail.**

## How to Vote

### *In Person:*

- At Fenwick Island Town Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August, between the hours of 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Proof of identity is required.

### *Absentee:*

- **In Person** - the **Official Request Affidavit for an Absentee Ballot** must be submitted to Fenwick Island Town Hall by NOON the day prior to the election in order to receive an absentee ballot.
  - Proof of identity is required.
  - Notarization MAY be required.
  - **Properly executed ballot** must be received prior to the close of the election, 5:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August.
- **By Mail**- the **Official Request Affidavit for an Absentee Ballot** must be submitted with enough time to process the request, mail the absentee ballot, and the **properly executed ballot** received by close of the election, 5:00pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August.
  - Proof of identity is required.
  - Notarization MAY be required.
  - **Properly executed ballot** must be received prior to the close of the election, 5:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August.

**The Affidavit for Absentee Ballot is available at [fenwickisland.delaware.gov](http://fenwickisland.delaware.gov), by phone or by mail.**

**If you are casting the ONE vote for an Artificial Entity, you MUST present a notarized Power of Attorney from the legal entity, granting the authority to cast its vote. This Power of Attorney will be filed at Town Hall.**

For additional information go to the Fenwick Island website, [fenwickisland.delaware.gov](http://fenwickisland.delaware.gov), or contact Town Hall at (302) 539-3011, or by mail at 800 Coastal Highway Fenwick Island, DE 19944.