

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH 2011 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
FAQ'S: VOTING IN A BOROUGH ELECTION**



Who May Vote in a Borough Election?

A qualified Borough voter is a person registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the Borough at least thirty (30) days before the election at which the person seeks to vote. *KGB 25.20.010 (a)*

How do I get ready to vote?

1. Register by September 4, 2011 to vote in the October 4, 2011 Regular Borough election
2. Decide how you want to vote: in person, by fax, or by mail
3. Get educated! Pick up sample ballots as early as September 12, 2011 from the Clerk's office

How can I register to vote?

Voter registration forms are available at the Borough Clerk's office, City Clerk's office, Ketchikan Public Library, and online at <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

What if I will be out of town on election day?

You may vote as early as 15 days prior to a Borough election: absentee in person, absentee by mail, or absentee by-fax.

Absentee in person:

1. Borough Clerks office 8 am to 5 p.m. September 19 – October 4, 2011
2. City Clerk's office 8 am to 5 p.m. September 19 – October 4, 2011

Absentee By Mail:

1. Apply no later than 7 days prior to the election.
2. Use valid mailing address
3. Read instructions carefully, sign and have witness sign certificate
4. Return mail in envelope provided
5. Must be received by the Borough Clerk by 0900 the morning after the election.

Absentee By Fax:

1. Apply no sooner than 15 days prior and no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the election
2. Have valid fax number
3. Read instructions carefully, sign and have witness sign certificate
4. Return by fax or by mail
5. Must be received by the Clerk by 0900 the morning after the election

Can I plan ahead and request a ballot ahead of time?

Voters may apply for:

- a by-mail ballot as early as January 1 of the calendar year in which the election is held.
- a by-fax ballot no sooner than 15 days prior
- an in-person absentee ballot no sooner than 15 days prior

How do I vote in person for a Borough Election?

1. Show up – polls are open 7 am to 8 p.m. on election day, 8 am to 5 p.m. at Clerk’s offices for absentee in person
2. Have ID Ready: election workers will have precinct register
3. Not your precinct? You can vote using a questioned envelope
4. Follow the voting instructions provided by the poll workers
5. Do not take campaign materials with you. Campaign signs and materials are not allowed within 200 feet of an active polling place, including the absentee voting locations at the Clerk’s offices.

What if I am housebound or need help voting?

Provisional voting is available for you. Another adult may serve as a personal representative and may pick up a ballot for you, bring it to you for you to vote, sign the witness acknowledgment on the outside of the personal representative envelope, and return the ballot in the personal representative envelope to the absentee voting facility or any voting precinct on election day.

Where do I vote?

There are seven Borough election precincts. Your designated polling place is based on your residence address. Your name will be listed on the precinct register in the precinct where you reside. You may vote in another polling place, but you will be asked to fill out a questioned voter envelope. Questioned voter ballots will be reviewed and counted separately by the canvass board.

Ketchikan No. 1:	Schoenbar Middle School	217 Schoenbar Rd
Ketchikan No. 2	The Plaza	2417 Tongass Ave
Ketchikan No. 3	AMHS Ferry Terminal	3501 Tongass Ave
North Tongass No. 1	North Tongass Fire Station No. 6	7550 N. Tongass Hwy
North Tongass No. 2	North Tongass Fire Station No. 8	13110 N. Tongass Hwy
Saxman	Saxman Community Center	2841 S. Tongass Hwy
South Tongass	Fawn Mountain Elementary School	400 Old Homestead Rd

More questions?

Give the Borough Clerk’s office a call at 228-6605, or stop by at 1900 First Avenue, Suite 115 (White Cliff building)

Election forms available at: http://www.borough.ketchikan.ak.us/clerks/election_information.htm

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