

## Photo ID Required for Voting Beginning with 2016 Elections

Town of Hull Clerk Janet Wolle advises voters in Hull they **need** to show a photo ID to vote beginning with the Spring Primary in February 2016.

Much of the below is taken from the Government Accountability Board website. On March 23, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an order declining to hear an appeal of Wisconsin's voter photo ID law.

Photo ID's you can use:

- Wisconsin Driver's License or Wisconsin state ID card (unexpired or expired as of November 4, 2014 – the date of the most recent General Election)
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- U.S. Passport

Other acceptable photo IDs for voting but must be **unexpired**:

- ✓ A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than 2 years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- ✓ A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- ✓ An ID card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- ✓ A photo ID card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than 2 years after date of issuance. Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.
- ✓ A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election

Also acceptable photo IDs for voting whether they are expired or unexpired:

- ‡ An ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin

### **WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLING PLACE**

Now that people are bringing their IDs to the ballot, voting at your polling place will be a little different. Just remember to be patient; not everyone will be as prepared for these changes as you are.

#### **State It**

As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in.

#### **Show It**

Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way, poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you.

The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book.

### **Sign It**

Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address.

## **VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

### **Who does not require a photo ID:**

- ✓ If you're in the military, live permanently overseas or are classified as a confidential elector, you do not need a photo ID to cast your absentee ballot.
- ✓ There are also accommodations in the law for absentee voters who cannot make it to a polling place because they are indefinitely confined, or live in a nursing home or care facility. These voters do not need to show their photo ID. However when applying for an absentee ballot, that person must indicate they are indefinitely confined.
  - "Indefinitely confined" voters are persons who, because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability, may have difficulty traveling to the polling place.

### **Other than those listed above a photo ID is required.**

Voting absentee via mail requires completion of an application and you must provide a copy of your photo ID **before** a ballot can be issued. Once you have provided a copy of your photo ID it is placed with your voter registration application and you will not have to provide it again when voting absent via mail unless you have a name and/or address change.

Voting absentee in my office is like voting at the polls. You are required to show your photo ID each time you vote.

### **Note from Janet:**

The new photo ID requirement will involve patience on everyone's part. **I have so much confidence in all of Hull's voters** and I believe with all my heart you will be patient. I thank you for being kind to all those who administer elections. Our job is to ensure all state election laws are followed **and** we want to make your election experience a good experience. With your help we can achieve these goals.