

41.5 Voting Absentee

1. Construction.

The Kronenwetter Village Board finds that voting is a constitutional right for legal citizens of Wisconsin, and that the vigorous exercise of which should be strongly encouraged.

In contrast, voting by absentee ballot is a privilege exercised wholly outside the traditional safeguards of the polling place. The Village Board hereby incorporates into this ordinance the provisions and regulations of Wisconsin statutes 6.84 to 6.89, and finds that the privilege of voting by absentee ballot must be carefully regulated, and that such regulations must be meticulously observed by the Village Clerk and/or the Clerk's subordinates.

The matters relating to the absentee ballot process as described in the above statutes and in this Section shall be construed as mandatory. Ballots cast in contravention of the procedures specified in those provisions may not be counted. Ballots counted in contravention of the procedures specified in those provisions may not be included in the certified result of any election.

2. Absent elector; definition.

- (a) An absent elector is any otherwise qualified elector who for any reason is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in his or her ward or election district.
- (b) Any otherwise qualified elector who changes residence within this state by moving to a different ward or municipality later than 28 days prior to an election may vote an absentee ballot in the ward or municipality where he or she was qualified to vote before moving.
- (c) An elector qualifying under this section may vote by absentee ballot under ss. [6.86](#) to [6.89](#).

3. Absentee ballot site.

The Village Board designates the office of the Village Clerk as the location from which electors of the municipality may request and vote absentee ballots and to which voted absentee ballots shall be returned by electors for any election.

The location for returning absentee ballots shall include the front desk and/or lobby area of the Municipal Center.

In-person absentee ballots shall be filled out in the designated area of the Municipal Center. In-person absentee electors shall only place their ballots in a locked ballot box provided by the Village Clerk.

The locked ballot box may be opened only in the Clerk's office, whereupon ballots shall be recorded and processed in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 6.88, and secured in a way that they are not accessible to anyone not authorized by the Clerk.

Absentee ballots received by mail shall be brought to the Clerk's office, recorded, processed, and secured as soon as practicable.

In no case may completed ballots be allowed to remain in areas readily accessible to unauthorized persons.

4. Obtaining and returning an absentee ballot.

The method of obtaining and returning an absentee ballot shall be in accordance with Wisconsin statute 6.86, 6.865, 6.869 and 6.87.

5. Voting and recording the absentee ballot.

Voting and recording of absentee ballots shall be done in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 6.88

6. Absent electors list public. The Village Clerk shall keep a list of all electors who make application for an absent elector's ballot and who have voted under the absent elector provisions giving the name, address and date of application. The list shall be open to public inspection.