

# ANSON COUNTY



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### **TEMPORARY ELIMINATION OF IN-PERSON PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 and PLAN OF ACTION FOR REDUCTION OF HOURS/STAFFING.**

The Anson County Board of Elections unanimously finds the following:

1. The Anson County Board of Elections realizes the public health challenges precipitated by COVID-19 and its official recognition by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a global pandemic.
2. In recent weeks, the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina have declared emergencies in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19. These declarations require various actions by government officials and the general public to limit person-to-person contact in order to facilitate the elimination of this pandemic.
3. Responsive to the COVID-19 Pandemic County Manager Barron Monroe, has informed the Board of Elections that all county departments offering Non-Essential Services to provide a plan for reduction of hours and limiting access to the general public.
4. The Anson County Board of Elections affirms the seriousness of this pandemic and the necessity of implementing policies under its purview to support the county's emergency action plan in response to the spread of COVID-19.

Based upon the aforementioned findings and consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-33.(1), the Anson County Board of Elections Board hereby unanimously orders the Anson County Director of Elections to ensure the following:

1. The temporary elimination of in-person public access to the Anson County Board of Elections consistent with the County Manager's directive as applied to other departments in the County.
2. The temporary elimination of in-person public access to the Anson County Board of Elections shall remain intact until public access is reinstated by the County Manager.
3. The public maintains the ability to contact the Anson County Board of Elections by telephone at a generally distributed line during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). This number must be clearly displayed on the exterior of the public entry door to the Anson County Board of Elections. Alternatively, the public shall be permitted to email the Anson County Board of Elections at [sadams@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:sadams@co.anson.nc.us)
4. The public shall be provided a clear and secure means to drop-off election materials (including Voter Registration Forms, Absentee Request Forms, and other pertinent documents) at a location in close proximity to the public entry door of the Anson County Board of Elections office.

5. The Anson County Board of Elections staff continues to execute election administration functions (processing voter documents, receiving of mailings, etc.) via means approved by the Executive Director, Anson County Director of Election and in conjunction with county administration.

Based upon the aforementioned contingency plans, the Anson County Board of Elections hereby provides the following plan in regards to temporary reduction/modification of office hours and staffing in regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

1. In the event of a modified hours and/or scheduling directive given by the County Manager and/or Anson County Government, the Anson County Board of Elections will continue to follow the counties plan.
2. The Anson County Board of Elections will rotate staffing to ensure safety and limit exposure to viruses or sickness
3. This temporary plan shall remain effective until additional directives are given and/or public access is reinstated by the County Manager or at the directive of the Anson County Board of Elections Chairman.
4. Any Executive Order of the President of the United States or Governor of North Carolina will Supersede this directive.

This the 23<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Chairman, Anson County Board of Elections