

CITY OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

2022 Legislative Session

Ordinance Number:	DH-2022-04
Proposed and Presented by	Mayor Miller
Introduced by	Mayor Miller
Co-Sponsors	
Date of Introduction	May 10, 2022

ORDINANCE

1 AN ORDINANCE

2 OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND concerning
3 Absentee Ballot Voting Box Location for the City of District Heights, Maryland

4 For the purpose of amending the City of District Heights Code of Ordinances regarding Absentee
5 Voting for the City of District Heights, Maryland.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SECTION 1302. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

8 The City of District Heights Code of Ordinances

9 (2021 Edition).

10 **SECTION I:** WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of District Heights, Maryland,
11 have adopted a Code of Ordinances pursuant to its authority contained in Section 309 of the City
12 of District Heights' Charter; and

13 **SECTION II:** WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of District Heights, Maryland
14 believe that it is in the best interest of the City to enact in its Code of Ordinance changes to the
15 Procedures for Absentee Voting section; and

16 **SECTION III:** BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
17 DISTRICT HEIGHTS that this Ordinance shall be introduced this ____ day of _____, 2022
18 and posted on the City's website and in the City Clerk's office for at least six (6) days but no
19 more than sixty (60) days after its introduction. If adopted, the Ordinance shall be effective
20 twenty (20) days after adoption. Notice of its passage shall be posted in a public place within the
21 CITY OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, and published at least once in a publication of
22 general circulation within the City.

1 **SECTION IV.** BE IT ENACTED by the Commission of the City of District Heights,
2 Maryland, that Section 1302 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of District Heights, Maryland,
3 be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

4 **Section 1302. Procedures for Absentee Voting**

5 (a) The absentee voter shall:

6 (1) Mark the absentee ballot secretly, insert the ballot into the Ballot Envelope, seal the
7 Ballot Envelope, and insert the Ballot Envelope in the Covering Envelope;

8 (2) Complete and sign the oath printed on the Covering Envelope and seal the Covering
9 Envelope; and

10 (3) Enclose the foregoing material in the return envelope and deliver it, by mail or other
11 means, to the Board of Supervisors of Elections so that it will be received prior to the close of the
12 polls on the day of the election.

13 (4) The Board of Supervisors of Elections may designate an absentee ballot collection box
14 which shall be located at a City-owned building where the election day polling shall take place to
15 receive absentee ballots that have not been mailed.

16 (b) No absentee ballots received by the Board of Supervisors of Elections after the close of the
17 polls shall be valid.

18 (c) The Board of Supervisors of Elections may open a return envelope to remove the sealed
19 Covering Envelope. The sealed Covering Envelopes received by the Board of Supervisors of
20 Elections shall not be opened at any time prior to the canvassing of the absentee ballots as
21 provided in Section 1304.

COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

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BY: _____
Cynthia Miller, Mayor

BY: _____
Harryette Irving, Commissioner

BY: _____
Xander Harcourt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Antonio Robbins
City Clerk

I, Antonio Robbins, City Clerk of the City of District Heights, Maryland hereby certify that the following motion was made at the meeting of the City Commission of District Heights on _____, 2022

Motion: I, Commissioner _____, move that the Commission adopt Ordinance No. DH 2022-04, and to amend the February 2021 Edition of the Code of Ordinances with this Section 1302.

Motion Seconded: I, Commissioner _____, Second the Motion.

Vote	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Miller	_____	_____	_____
Irving	_____	_____	_____
Harcourt	_____	_____	_____

Effective Date: _____, 2022

City Clerk to the Incorporated City of
District Heights, Maryland

Antonio Robbins

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

~~[Strikethrough]~~ indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

[Red] indicates language revised from DR-1 to DR-2