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Absentee Voting for the Spring Primary Election Now Available in the City Clerk's Office

February 7, 2012 – Beloit, WI: Beginning Monday, February 6, 2012, City of Beloit electors may now vote an absentee ballot in the City Clerk's office for the February 21, 2012 Spring Primary Election. Electors who are already registered to vote must bring an acceptable form of <u>proof of identity</u> to the Clerk's office to obtain a ballot. Electors who are not registered to vote or who are changing their names and/or addresses must bring <u>proof of residence</u> to register and <u>proof of identity</u> to obtain a ballot. Late registration and absentee voting will only be available in the City Clerk's office from **Monday, February 6 through Friday, February 17**. This time period was shortened by the Voter ID Law enacted in 2011.

Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence and proof of identity on the following page.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

ONLY one of the following is required:

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- Any other Official ID Card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body
- An ID card with your photo issued by an employer during the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A real estate tax bill or receipt (for the current year or year before the election
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder by the university, college or technical college dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented
- A utility bill for a period starting no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- A bank statement or current pay check
- A government check or any other official document issued by a unit of government

NOTE: all of the above must contain a current and complete name, including both first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality. If the form has an expiration date, it must be valid on Election Day.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION

A valid photo ID is not required to have a current address

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Military ID card issued by a U.S> uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

Identifications above must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An Identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college accompanied by a proof of enrollment in that university or college. The identification card must contain the following:
 - o Date of Issuance
 - o Signature of Student
 - Expiration date not later than two years after date of issuance