

# May 2018

## Election Judges Needed

Serving as an Election Judge is a great service to our community and essential to our democracy. Election Judges are officials that staff local polling places, administer election procedures and ensure that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day.

Duties of an Election Judge: set up the polling place, operate voting equipment, direct voters to the correct line, register individuals to vote, ensure all qualified voters are permitted to vote, demonstrate how to vote, distribute ballots to voters, assist voters, close down polling place following voting, determine results after polls close and certify the polling place results.

Required Qualifications to be an Election Judge: you must be eligible to vote in Minnesota; you must be able to read, write, and speak English; you cannot be a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct, unless serving on separate shifts and you cannot be a candidate or the spouse, parent, child, stepchild or sibling of a candidate on the ballot in that precinct.

Desired Qualifications of an Election Judge: ability to communicate clearly with voters, comfortable with assisting and serving a diverse population, ability to remain impartial and not exert influence over voters, physical and emotional stamina, attention to detail and general math skills.

Required Training: completion of a two-hour long training class every two years, training sessions cover basic provisions of Minnesota election law, Stearns County election procedures, operation of voting equipment and related topics. Classes are conducted on weekday afternoons and evenings.

Days and Hours of Work: election judges work the primary election (August 14), the general election (November 6) or both. Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Judging shifts are from 6:00 am to approximately 9:00 pm (or whenever closing activities are finished); 6:00am to 2:30pm (noon) and 2:00pm to 9:00pm. Preference will be given to individuals who are able to serve all day.

Compensation for Time: you can choose to volunteer your time or to be compensated. Kimball election judges are compensated at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. The City provides meals and refreshments on Election Day.

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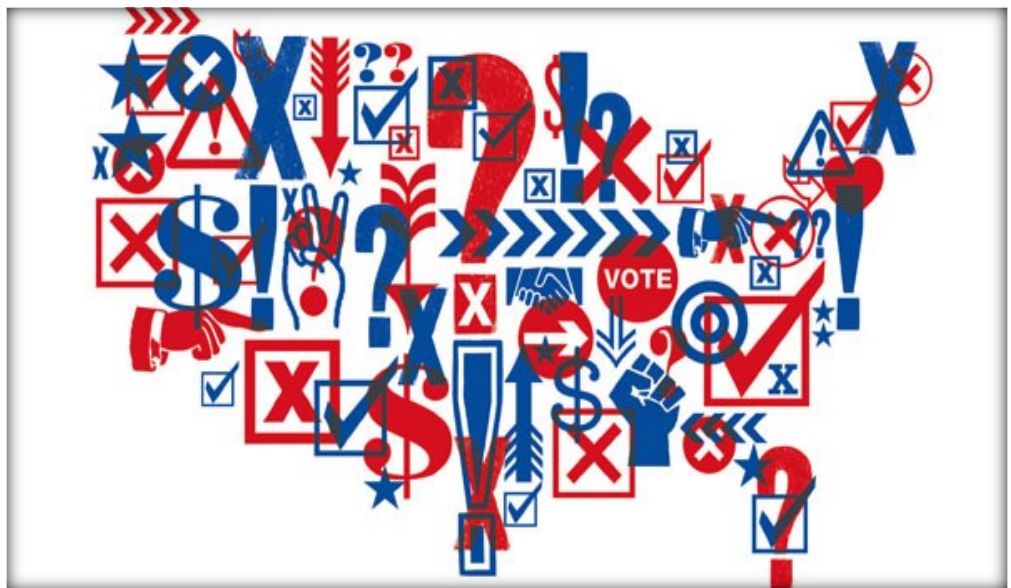
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### City Hall Hours

- ◆ Monday 8:00am to 4:30pm
- ◆ Tuesday 8:00am to 6:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday: 8:00am to 1:00pm
- ◆ Thursday: 8:00am to 6:00pm,
- ◆ Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

### Upcoming Council Meeting

May 1st  
June 5th  
July 10th  
August 6th  
August 21st  
September 4th  
September 18th  
October 2nd  
October 15th  
November 13th  
December 4th  
December 18th



*Just a friendly reminder...*  
Utility Bills are due on the 28th of each month.



**Time-off from Employment to Serve:** you may take time-off from work to be an election judge. You must give your employer at least 20 days written notice, and you must attach the hour/pay rate form you will receive from the City Council that appoints you. Your employer may reduce your salary/wages by the amount you are paid as an election judge during the time you are away from work. Your employer may restrict the number of its employees serving as election judges to no more than 20 percent at a single work site.

**Becoming an Election Judge:** complete the election judge sign-up form (available at City Hall or on the City's website). Attend your political party's precinct caucus and request to be on a list of volunteers to be an election judge. All appointments are made by the City Council at least 25 days before an election.

**Student Eligibility:** college students at least 18-years old may serve as election judges. High school students at least 16-years old may serve as trainee election judges.

If you are interested in becoming an election judge, please contact Kimball City Hall at (320)398-2725, visit the City website [www.ci.kimball.mn.us](http://www.ci.kimball.mn.us) or stop by to pick up an application. Sign-up deadline is May 31, 2018 .

### **Spring Has Arrived (finally)!**

As the snow (finally) stops coming down and the weather gets warmer, we would like to take this opportunity for some friendly reminders...

**Building Permits:** Construction season is here! A building permit is required for most residential and commercial improvement projects; including new construction, building additions, remodeling, finishing a basement, commercial re-roofing & siding, commercial window replacement, decks, fences, plumbing, heating, electrical work, garages and utility sheds. Getting a building permit helps you to ensure that your project meets safety and building code standards. There is a penalty for starting construction prior to the issuance of a building permit.

**General Permits:** General permits are also called "over-the-counter" permit. Over-the-counter permits are typically used for standard residential maintenance work on a house. There is a penalty for starting construction prior to the issuance of an over-the-counter permit.

#### **Rules of the Road:**

- Bicyclist may ride on all MN roads, except where restricted. Bicyclists should ride on the road, and must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.
- Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists.
- Motorists and Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to each other.
- Bicyclist must signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.
- Bicyclist must use a headlight and rear reflectors when it's dark. To increase visibility, add a rear flashing light.
- Bicyclist should always wear helmets.

#### **To Keep Pedestrians Safe, Treat Every Corner as a Crosswalk**

Motorists must treat every corner and intersection as a crosswalk, whether it's marked or unmarked, and drivers must stop for crossing pedestrians - IT'S THE LAW.

Minnesota law states pedestrians must obey traffic control devices, and when no traffic control device is present, motorists must stop for crossing pedestrians within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk.

#### **Pedestrian Safety**

Another area of concern with the arrival of spring and summer is pedestrian safety. Protect yourself and your family by doing the following:

**-Walk on the Sidewalk:** Stay on the sidewalk and crosswalks. Avoid walking in traffic where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks. If you have to walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

**-Cross at Intersections:** Most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections.

**-Look left, right, and left for traffic:** Stop at the curb and look left, right, and left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that you intend to cross. Cross in marked crosswalks and obey the signal.

**-See and Be Seen:** Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Stay out of the driver's blind spot. Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark. Do not let kids play near traffic or cross the street by themselves. Kids are small, and drivers may not see them if they run into the street.

