



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW TENANTS

Welcome to the City of Takoma Park!

Takoma Park has a history of political and civic activism. Efforts by residents have led the city to enact rent stabilization, declare itself a nuclear free zone and a sanctuary city, and allow non-U.S. citizen residents to vote in municipal elections. In 2013, the vote was extended to 16 and 17 year olds and to convicted felons who have completed their term of imprisonment.

The City Council and Staff of the City of Takoma Park hope that tenants will fully participate in the electoral process and the civic life of the community. You are encouraged to register, vote, serve on Council-appointed boards, commissions and committees, and run for office. Take advantage of all the opportunities available to be informed and involved in your home town.

- Read the Takoma Park Newsletter – delivered by mail to every household in the City each month
- Visit the City Website – www.takomaparkmd.gov
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Government

Takoma Park operates under a Council-Manager form of government. An at-large Mayor and six Councilmembers representing wards comprise the Council. Councilmembers are elected for two-year terms. The next City election will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The Council sets policy, adopts the annual budget, appoints the City Manager and City Attorney, and appoints members to various boards and commissions. The City Manager directs the day-to-day operations of the city government, hires and manages staff, and proposes an annual budget for consideration by the Council.

The City of Takoma Park provides services through the following departments: Administration, Housing and Community Development, Library, Police, Public Works and Recreation. Social services, schools, courts, and most building inspections and planning and zoning services are provided by Montgomery County.

Takoma Park lies within Montgomery County Council District 5, Maryland General Assembly District 20, and U.S. House of Representatives District 8.

Elections

The Mayor and all Councilmembers are elected for two-year terms in November of even-numbered years. In 2013, the City Council enacted two important amendments to the Housing Code to ensure that tenants who live in multi-unit housing have the opportunity to fully participate in the electoral process.

1) Candidates' access to multi-unit buildings:

After providing notice to landlords and tenants, qualified candidates and their volunteers are permitted to enter apartment buildings for the purpose of campaigning for office or to register voters. This may occur during the 90-day period before an election and only for candidates who are running to represent an area that includes the multi-unit building. Of course, tenants are not required to open their doors to candidates. The City provides, free of charge, a sign that a tenant may place on the apartment unit door to indicate that canvassing is not welcome.

2) Information packets for new tenants:

Within seven days of a new tenancy, landlords are required to distribute to new tenants a City-supplied packet of information to include: a) State of Maryland voter registration forms; b) City of Takoma Park voter registration forms for residents not eligible to register and vote in county, state, and national elections; and c) other material designated by the City regarding services, laws, and the electoral process.

Revised March 26, 2021



Voter Registration in the City of Takoma Park

In 2013, the Takoma Park City Council amended the City Charter to update Takoma Park's voting and election laws. The amendment expanded the right to vote in City elections to 16 and 17 year old residents and to residents who have been convicted of a felony but have completed serving any court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction.

Residents of Takoma Park who are not United States citizens have been eligible to register and vote in City elections since 1993.

Please review the information below to determine which voter registration application you should use. If you meet the Maryland Voter Registration Application qualifications, you should take advantage of your right to vote for school board, county, state, and federal officials. If not, or if you prefer only to vote in City of Takoma Park elections for mayor and city council, then register using the City of Takoma Park Voter Registration Application.

To register using the **Maryland Voter Registration Application**, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be a Maryland resident;
- Be at least 16 years old (you may vote in school board, county, state, and national elections when you are 18);
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability or, if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote;
- Not have not been convicted of buying or selling votes;
- Not have been convicted of a felony or, if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment.

If you are a Takoma Park resident eligible to vote in the State of Maryland, you do not need to fill out a special Takoma Park Voter Registration Application. The Maryland VRA can be completed online: www.elections.maryland.gov.

To register using the **City of Takoma Park Voter Registration Application**, you must:

- Not be eligible to fill out a State of Maryland voter registration application;
- Be a resident of the City of Takoma Park;
- Be at least 14 years old (you may vote in Takoma Park elections when you are 16);
- Not claim the right to vote elsewhere in the United States;
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability or if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote;
- Not have not been convicted of buying or selling votes;
- Not have been convicted of a felony or, if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment.

If you register to vote using the Takoma Park Voter Registration Application, you may vote in City of Takoma Park elections only. You may not vote in school board, county, state or national elections.



AFTER THIS FORM IS FILLED OUT, YOU MUST SIGN AND MAIL IT TO YOUR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. IT CANNOT BE PROCESSED IF IT IS FAXED OR E-MAILED, BECAUSE IT REQUIRES AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

MARYLAND VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

TO REGISTER, YOU MUST

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be a Maryland resident;
- Be at least 16 years old*;
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability or if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote;
- Not have been convicted of buying or selling votes;
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment.

*You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old but cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election.

DEADLINE INFORMATION

- This application must be postmarked no later than 21 days before an election.
- If your application is complete and you are found to be qualified, a Voter Notification Card will be mailed to you.
- The submission of this form to an individual other than an official, employee, or agent of a County Board of Elections does not assure that the form will be submitted or filed in a timely manner.

YOU CAN USE THIS FORM TO

- Register to vote in federal, state, county, and municipal elections in Maryland.
- Change your name, address, or party affiliation.

INSTRUCTIONS

- If you do not have a current, valid Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card, you must enter the last 4 digits of your social security number. The statutory authority allowing officials to request the last 4 digits of your social security number is Election Law Article, § 3-202. The number will only be used for registration and other administrative purposes. It will be kept confidential.
- Complete Items 1–11 in Voter Registration Application. Sign and date Item 12. If you are registered to vote in another Maryland county or another state, you must complete Items A–B in Last Voter Registration.
- You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus or convention. Check one box only.
- Detach this panel at the perforation.
- Address and mail the application to your County Board of Elections, using the list on the back panel.

WARNING

Giving false information on an application for voter registration is perjury, punishable by imprisonment for up to 10 years, and a violation of the election laws, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, or by imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

PERSONAL RECORDS NOTICE/CONFIDENTIALITY

This form collects personal information for voter registration purposes. If you are not registered to vote and you refuse to provide this information, you will not be allowed to vote in Maryland. You may update your voter registration at any time at your County Board of Elections. Except for items specified as confidential, voter registration records are generally available for public inspection; they may also be shared with jury commissioners/clerks or other government agencies as provided by law. The law prohibits use of voter registration records for commercial solicitation purposes. If you decline to register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.

If you register to vote, the identity of the office at which the application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.

The Maryland Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) is administered by the Office of the Secretary of State and provides an important service to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. For more information about this Program please call 1-800-633-9657, ext. 3875.

QUESTIONS

Visit the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.maryland.gov to verify your registration, find your polling place, and find out other important information. If you have any questions, call your County Board of Elections or the State Board of Elections at the numbers listed on the back of the application.



Large type Voter Registration Applications available upon request to your County Board of Elections or the State Board of Elections.

Detach this panel before mailing.

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK – DETACH FORM AND FOLD WHERE INDICATED TO MAIL

Maryland State Board of Elections SBE 03-202-1 Rev 09/20 VRA

1	Are you at least 16 years old? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answer NO to either question, do not complete this form.							
2	Check boxes that apply and complete Items 3–12. <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Party Affiliation Change <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change							
3	Last Name	First Name	Middle	Suffix				
4	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified or Other			5	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
6a	MARYLAND Driver's License or MVA ID Number MANDATORY (if you have neither see instructions)							
6b	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)			6c	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do not have either a current, valid Maryland driver's license / MVA ID card or a Social Security Number			
7	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip Code	County	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you reside in Baltimore City.								
8	Mailing Address (if different from Item 7)							
9	You must register with a political party if you want to take part in the political party's primary election, caucus, or convention. Check one box only. Party (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated (independent of any party) <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party <input type="checkbox"/> Green Party <input type="checkbox"/> Bread and Roses Party <input type="checkbox"/> Working Class Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other – Specify _____							
10	CONTACT INFORMATION							
Daytime Phone:			Email (optional):					
11	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you need help voting. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you would like to be an election judge.							
12	Under penalty of perjury, I hereby swear or affirm: I am a U.S. citizen. ■ I am a Maryland resident. ■ I am at least 16 years old. ■ I have not been convicted of buying or selling votes. ■ I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have, I have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment. The information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.							
			Signature (required)	Date				
X								

LAST VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION (if applicable)

A	Name on Last Registration:	Last Name	Title (Jr., Sr., etc.)	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth
B	Address on Last Registration:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip Code State

Applicant's Return Address



**Place
Stamp
Here**

County Board of Elections

↑ Fold here and close with adhesive strip to mail. ↑

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OPEN HERE ↑

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To:

Three horizontal lines for recipient address.

State Board of Elections • P.O. Box 6486 • Annapolis, MD 21401-0486 • www.elections.maryland.gov • 800-222-8683 • MD Relay Service (800) 735-2258

County Board of Elections

- Allegheny County**
701 Kelly Road, Suite 231
Cumberland, MD 21502-2887
301-777-5931
- Anne Arundel County**
P.O. Box 490
Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490
410-222-6600
- Baltimore City**
Charles L. Benton Bldg.
417 E. Fayette Street, Rm. 129
Baltimore, MD 21202-3432
410-396-5550
- Baltimore County**
P.O. Box 798
Cockeysville, MD 21030-0798
410-887-5700
- Calvert County**
P.O. Box 798
Prince Frederick, MD 20678-0798
410-535-2214
- Caroline County**
Health & Public Services Bldg.
403 S. Seventh Street, Suite 247
Denton, MD 21629-1378
410-479-8145
- Carroll County**
300 S. Center Street, Rm. 212
Westminster, MD 21157-5366
410-386-2080
- Cecil County**
200 Chesapeake Blvd.
Suite 1900
Elkton, MD 21921-6395
410-996-5310
- Charles County**
P.O. Box 908
La Plata, MD 20646-0908
301-934-8972
- Dorchester County**
501 Court Lane, Room 105
P.O. Box 414
Cambridge, MD 21613-0414
410-228-2560
- Frederick County**
340A Montevue Lane
Frederick, MD 21702
301-600-VOTE (8683)
- Garrett County**
Public Service Center
2008 Maryland Highway, Suite 1
Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550-6349
301-334-6985
- Harford County**
133 Industry Lane
Forest Hill, MD 21050-1621
410-638-3565
- Howard County**
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 200
Columbia, MD 21046
410-313-5820
- Kent County**
135 Dixon Drive
Chestertown, MD 21620-1141
410-778-0038
- Montgomery County**
P.O. Box 4333
Rockville, MD 20849-4333
240-777-VOTE (8683)
TDD 800-735-2258
- Prince Georges County**
1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A
Largo, MD 20774
301-341-7300
- Queen Annes County**
110 Vincit St, Suite 102
Centreville, MD 21617-0274
410-758-0832
- St. Mary's County**
P.O. Box 197
Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197
301-475-4200 ext. *1625
- Somerset County**
P.O. Box 96
Princess Anne, MD 21853-0096
410-651-0767
- Talbot County**
P.O. Box 353
Easton, MD 21601-0353
410-770-8099
- Washington County**
P.O. Box 3147
Hagerstown, MD 21741-3147
240-313-2050
- Wicomico County**
P.O. Box 4091
Salisbury, MD 21803-4091
410-548-4830
- Worcester County**
201 Belt Street
Suite C
Snow Hill, MD 21863-1300
410-632-1320



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND
AND LIVE IN TAKOMA PARK, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTIONS

YOU MAY USE THIS FORM TO:

Register to vote in a City of Takoma Park election or to update an existing City registration. The City of Takoma Park does not register voters by political party.

*(This is **NOT** a voter registration application to vote in school board, county, state, or national elections.)*

TO REGISTER USING THIS FORM, YOU MUST:

- ✓ Be at least 16 years of age by the next City election;
- ✓ Be a resident of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland;
- ✓ Not claim the right to vote elsewhere in the United States;
- ✓ Not have been convicted of buying or selling votes;
- ✓ Not be under guardianship for mental disability or if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete items 1-7 and, if applicable, complete items 8-9. All applicants must sign and date item 10. Please see required identification and proof of residence on the back of this application.

Check the box that applies:

- New Takoma Park voter registration
- Update Takoma Park voter registration

You may register to vote in the City of Takoma Park at any time, up to and including the day of a City election.

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

1	First Name:	Last Name:	Middle:	Suffix:
2	Date of Birth:(mm/dd/yyyy)	Email:	Phone:	
3	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified or Other			
4	Takoma Park Residence Address: Street			Apt. #
5	City:	State:	ZIP:	
6	Mailing Address (if different): Street (or P.O Box)			Apt. #
7	City:	State:	ZIP:	

PREVIOUS TAKOMA PARK VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

8	Name on Last Registration: First	Last	Middle	Suffix
9	Address on Last Registration: Street	Apt.#	City	State ZIP

Under penalty of perjury, I swear or affirm that (a) I am a resident of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland; (b) I do not claim the right to vote elsewhere in the United States; (c) I will be at least 16 years old by the next City election; (d) I have not been convicted of buying or selling votes; (e) if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed serving any court-ordered sentence of imprisonment; and, (f) all information on this application is true and correct.

10	Applicant Signature:	Date:
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Internal Use Only:

Received by:

Date Received:

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE:

Please provide:

- (1) Photo identification or an identification card issued by a federal, state, or local government entity of the United States or any foreign country or school provided that the identification document contains a photograph and/or identifying information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, and eye color. Examples of acceptable documentation could include a U.S. or foreign passport, visa, alien registration card, driver’s license, MVA identification card, military identification, or school ID with photo; and
- (2) Document that establishes current residence in the City of Takoma Park if not already established by (1) above. Examples could include copy of a deed, house or apartment lease, utility bill, paycheck, bank statement, school record, or other official or government document that shows your name and current address in the City of Takoma Park.

IF REGISTERING BY MAIL:

Send a photocopy of the required identification front and back and proof of residence to:

City of Takoma Park
City Clerk’s Office
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

IF REGISTERING IN PERSON:

Bring your photo identification and required documentation with you to the City Clerk’s Office (3rd floor), 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

IF YOU DO NOT PRODUCE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION:

You will be asked to provide the information at the time you first vote.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE:

You may submit an affidavit on a form provided by the City Clerk attesting to your identity and place of residence. The affidavit must be executed by a person who:

- (1) Is registered to vote in the City of Takoma Park;
- (2) Is present with you to submit the affidavit; and
- (3) Has personal knowledge of your identity and actual residence.

Such affidavit shall be executed under the penalties of perjury.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NON-UNITED STATES CITIZENS:

If you apply for naturalization, you will be asked whether you have ever registered or voted in a federal, state, or local election in the United States. The City Clerk can provide a letter explaining that non-U.S. citizens who are residents of Takoma Park may register and vote in City of Takoma Park municipal elections.

Please be aware that registering to vote or voting in jurisdictions other than Takoma Park may result in adverse immigration consequences for a non-U.S. citizen.

Registering to vote in Takoma Park does not authorize you to vote in any other elections.

CONTACT US:

For additional information, contact the City Clerk’s Office at 301-891-7267 or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-clerk.

Internal Use Only:

Application reviewed by (print): _____ Date reviewed: _____

Applicant provided required photo identification: Yes No Applicant provided proof of residence: Yes No

Type of photo identification provided:

Government issued ID Expiration Date: _____

Employee ID

School ID

None

Applicant provided an affidavit of identifying witness: Yes No