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What Anson Voters Need to Know About Photo ID

Voters will be asked for identification,
but those without an acceptable photo ID can still cast a ballot

North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo identification when voting in the November 3 General Election, but an important point can easily get lost in discussions about the requirement: all eligible voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID. A voter who cannot show an acceptable ID may use the state's Photo ID Exception Form and cast a provisional ballot.

Here are the major points Anson County voters should know:

- **What IDs can I use?** For most voters, a North Carolina driver's license will be the easiest choice. Other acceptable IDs include an NCDMV non-driver state ID, U.S. Passport or Passport card, free voter photo ID issued by a county board of elections, and approved college or university student IDs and state or local government or charter school employee IDs. Military or veterans photo IDs issued by the federal government and qualifying tribal enrollment cards are also accepted.
- **Can my ID be expired?** Generally, an ID with an expiration date may be unexpired or expired for one year or less. A Class C North Carolina driver's license that expired on or after July 1, 2025, can still be used even if it has been expired for more than one year. A voter age 65 or older may use an otherwise acceptable expired ID if it was unexpired on the voter's 65th birthday.
- **What if I recently moved to North Carolina?** A driver's license or non-driver ID from another state, the District of Columbia or a U.S. territory may be used if the voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election.
- **Does the address on my ID have to match my voter registration?** No. Election workers check whether the photograph reasonably resembles the voter and whether the name is the same as, or very similar to, the name on the voter registration record. The address on the ID does not have to match the voter registration address.
- **What if I have an ID but forget to bring it?** A voter may leave the voting site, retrieve the photo ID and return to cast a regular ballot. Another option is to cast a provisional ballot and later present acceptable identification to the county elections office by the applicable deadline.
- **What if I don't have an acceptable photo ID?** You can still vote. A voter who is unable to show photo ID may complete a Photo ID Exception Form and cast a provisional ballot. Permitted exceptions include lack of transportation, disability or illness, inability to obtain necessary documents, work or school schedules, family responsibilities, a lost, stolen or misplaced ID, or having applied for an ID but not yet received it. Other reasonable impediments may also be listed.
- **Are there other exceptions?** Yes. Exceptions are available for voters with a religious objection to being photographed and for certain voters affected by a natural disaster declared by the President of the United States or governor of North Carolina within 100 days before Election Day.
- **Will my ballot count if I use the exception form?** County boards of elections must count provisional ballots accompanied by truthfully completed Photo ID Exception Forms. Falsely completing an exception form is a felony under North Carolina law and may result in the ballot not being counted.
- **What about absentee ballots?** Voters casting absentee ballots by mail must include a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID when returning the ballot or complete an ID Exception Form. The photocopy or exception form is placed in the designated pocket on the outside of the ballot container envelope before it is placed in the outer return envelope. Military and overseas voters using special voting provisions must also submit a photocopy of their ID or an ID Exception Form.
- **Can I get a photo ID for free?** Yes. County boards of elections can issue free voter photo ID cards to registered voters. To receive one, a voter provides a name, date of birth and the last four digits of a Social Security number and has a photograph taken. No supporting documents are required. North Carolina residents may also obtain a free non-driver ID card through the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles.

For Anson County voters, the Anson County Board of Elections is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223. Complete information about North Carolina's voter photo ID requirements is available at: www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id.

Resources Are Available to Help Hornwood Employees Facing Plant Closing

As Hornwood employees prepare for the closing of the longtime Anson County textile manufacturer, local organizations are working to make sure affected workers know that employment, training and career assistance are available.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce is encouraging displaced employees to take advantage of resources offered through South Piedmont Community College and NCWorks, while also asking Anson County employers with job openings to reach out to workers affected by the closing.

South Piedmont's Career Center can assist with job searches, resumes, training and career planning. The college offers both short- and long-term educational programs designed around workforce needs, giving displaced workers options ranging from learning a new skill to preparing for an entirely different career.

SPCC's Human Resource Development program can also help workers develop employment skills such as communication, problem-solving and basic computer use.

Participants can receive help preparing resumes and developing job-search strategies and may earn the National Career Readiness Certificate or Working Smart Credential. Tuition can be waived for people who are unemployed, underemployed or have received notice of a layoff.

SPCC students and alumni can also use the SP | Career Connector, a one-stop resource providing career services and connections between job seekers and employers.

- Hornwood employees interested in South Piedmont's workforce assistance can contact the college's Human Resource Development program at 704-993-2450 or visit: spcc.edu/programs/human-resource-development.
- SPCC's Career Connector can also provide career and job search assistance and can be reached at CareerConnector@spcc.edu or: spcc.edu/career-workforce-development/sp-career-connector.
- The SPCC L.L. Polk Campus in Polkton can be reached at 704-272-5300, and the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro at 704-272-5400.

Another resource is the NCWorks Career Center in Anson County, which provides employment services, job listings, career counseling, information about training opportunities and other assistance for job seekers. The Wadesboro center can be reached at 704-272-5479.

The Chamber is also asking local businesses to help. Anson County employers that are hiring are encouraged to publicize available positions or contact Hornwood so employees can learn about opportunities.

"Your next employee may be someone who has spent years building their skills right here in Anson County," the Chamber stated.

Hornwood announced in September that it would cease operations after 80 years in Anson County because of financial difficulties. The company said at the time that it expected to complete existing orders before shutting down, a process anticipated to take approximately eight to 10 weeks.

For employees and their families, the closing marks a difficult transition, but the Chamber emphasized that businesses and community organizations can work together to connect experienced Hornwood workers with new opportunities and, whenever possible, keep those skills working here in Anson County.

Brayden Howell to Perform at Hampton B. Allen Library

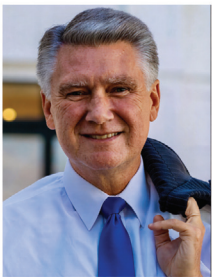
19-year-old singer has
auditioned for NBC's "The Voice"

The Hampton B. Allen Library's musical program on Monday, October 12, will feature 19-year-old Brayden Howell, a talented young musician who has auditioned for the NBC talent competition The Voice.

Howell will perform beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Little Theater. The program will give local residents an opportunity to meet the young performer and enjoy his music.

Everyone is invited to attend the free program at the Hampton B. Allen Library in Wadesboro.

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