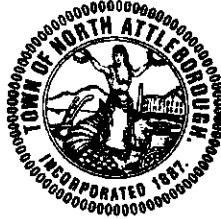


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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
**TO:** Town Clerk  
**FROM:** Michael Borg *MMB 23 JAN 24*  
**CC:** Pat Dolan Elections Coordinator  
**RE:** Measure 2024-048- Approval for Elections Department to "Opt Out of Mail in Ballots" for the Upcoming Election in April 2024.

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Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré  
Measure 2024-048- Approval for Elections Department to "Opt Out of Mail in Ballots" for the Upcoming Election in April 2024

**Purpose and Justification:**

**Purpose:**

To request an exemption from mail-in ballots for the April 2024 Town election.

**Justification:**

The timeline for preparing and distributing mail-in ballots for the Town election is closely aligned with the demanding schedule of the Presidential Primary election in March. The process begins 33 days prior to the Town election, involving a meticulous setup and approval procedure with Elections Systems & Software, followed by a printing phase. This concurrent scheduling poses significant challenges in ensuring the timely receipt of ballots by the Elections office, especially early voting and absentee ballots. Upon receipt, each ballot undergoes a rigorous accuracy check before being dispatched to voters. This overlapping timeframe creates an intensive workload, heightening the risk of errors in processing and mailing the ballots. Moreover, it compresses the period available for voters to receive, complete, and return their ballots, potentially impacting the integrity and efficiency of the voting process. Therefore, opting out of mail-in ballots is proposed to mitigate these risks and ensure a smooth and error-free election process.

The Town Council met on January 22, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Slobogan to approve Measure 2024-048- Approval for Elections Department to "Opt Out of Mail in Ballots" for the Upcoming Election in April 2024.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan.

**Motion carried. 7-0 UNANIMOUS**