

# Voting Rights: If you are Homeless, you CAN vote

## If you are homeless, there are several ways you can register to vote:

- You can use the address of any city hall for the purpose of registering to vote
- You may write in “homeless” as your address on the registration form, along with your city or town. You will be assigned the address of the city hall in that town.
- You may use a post office box or storage unit address to register to vote.
- You can register using a nontraditional address such as a shelter, park or courthouse.

### Washington State Rules for Registering to Vote if You're Homeless

#### **WAC 434-208-100 Registering to vote—Nontraditional address**

No person registering to vote, who meets all qualifications of a registered voter in the state of Washington, shall be disqualified because of a nontraditional physical address being used as a residence address. Nontraditional addresses may include shelters, parks or other identifiable locations which the voter deems to be his/her residence. Voters using such an address will be registered and precincted based on the location provided. Voters without traditional addresses will be registered at the county courthouse, city hall or other public building near the area that the voter considers his/her residence. Registering at a nontraditional address will not disqualify a voter from requesting ongoing absentee voter status provided the voter designates a valid mailing address.



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