

# Inactive Voter

## How does a voter become inactive?

- By not responding to the annual city census that is mailed in February or to the second notice that is mailed in the summer.

## How does an election worker know if a voter is inactive?

- If the voter's name is not found on the Active Voters List, consult the Inactive Voter's List over which the Warden or Deputy Warden has jurisdiction.

## What is the procedure for an inactive voter do?

- An inactive voter must fill out and sign an "Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence" and must present an acceptable form of ID to the election worker. Refer to sample.
- The election worker must fill out the lower portion of the Affirmation Statement taking note that an acceptable form of ID is presented.

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## What if an Inactive voter does not have an ID?

- The voter must fill out and sign an "Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence"
- The voter must be **challenged**.
  - The election worker administers the "Challenged Voter Oath" and gives the voter a ballot.
  - The voter signs his/her name and address on the back of the ballot.
  - The election worker signs the back of the ballot.
  - The election worker marks the ballot "challenged"
  - The election worker marks the voting list "CV".
  - The voter inserts the ballot into the voting machine.
  - The ballot is counted.

# AFFIRMATION OF CURRENT AND CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE FOR INACTIVE VOTERS VOTER SIGNS UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY

*You are qualified to vote if you moved out of Northampton but within Massachusetts not more than six (6) months ago.*

## Completed by the Voter:

Inactive Voter Affirmation (Choose One):

- I have continuously resided in Northampton –OR–
- I have moved within the Commonwealth within the six (6) months preceding the date of this State Election / Primary and assert my right under G.L. c. 51 §1 to vote and further request thereafter that my name be removed from the voting list as I am no longer a resident of Northampton.

1. You must vote in the precinct where you were last listed/voted.
2. You must show ID or be challenged
3. You must sign this application under the penalties of perjury

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*I swear that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I do currently live in Northampton or moved after the date listed on the Inactive Voters List and have not registered in any other community.*

Voter Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed under penalties of perjury

## Completed by the Warden:

Precinct:

Voter Name (as it appears on the Inactive List)	
Voter Address (as it appears on the Inactive List)	
Date Inactivated:	
Voter Party	
ID Type (Driver's License, Utility Bill, etc.)	
Warden / Clerk Signature:	