



Message to the Electors Who Are Domiciled in Austin  
General Municipal Election • November 7, 2021

Certain electors who are *domiciled* in the Municipality will be able to vote by mail

The Chief Electoral Officer of Quebec has introduced certain measures to ensure the safety of operations for an election held in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of these measures will enable those electors domiciled in Austin who are most vulnerable to vote by mail, from the safety of their home. They are:

- electors who are unable to travel due to health reasons
- caregivers who are domiciled at the same address as an elector who is unable to travel for health reasons
- electors who must isolate themselves to comply with the directives of Public Health authorities\*

**MOREOVER**, because of the limited polling locations available to us and to lessen the risk of propagation of the COVID-19 virus (the pandemic situation being unpredictable), Council has extended the possibility of voting by mail to:

- electors who are **not domiciled** in Austin
- electors **domiciled** in Austin, who are aged 70 years and over on the Election Day (November 7<sup>th</sup>)

**In all cases, an application to vote by mail must be filed with the Municipality.**

**ARE YOU DOMICILED IN AUSTIN?**

If you live in Austin and are the owner or co-owner of only one residence (here or elsewhere), or if you are the long-term tenant of a home in Austin, you are a **domiciled person**.

If, however, you are also the owner or co-owner of one or several residences located elsewhere, you may not be considered a domiciled person, *even though you have lived in your Austin residence almost exclusively since the beginning of the pandemic.*

Indeed, if the address of the domicile you've registered with the SAAQ or the RAMQ is not in Austin, your name will not appear on the list of domiciled electors. Consequently, you will be required to apply to vote by mail as an **elector who is not domiciled in Austin** (see below).

Reminder: Whether you are domiciled or not, to be eligible to vote, you must be a Canadian citizen aged 18 years or older on election day, you cannot be under curatorship and you cannot have been found guilty of electoral fraud.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The **permanent list of electors** used for *provincial* elections is established from the information sent to the Chief Returning Officer of Quebec by the electors and by governmental or public bodies, namely, the *Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec* (SAAQ) and the *Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec* (RAMQ).

Electors who own residences in different municipalities can only appear once on the permanent list of electors (since they only have one vote), at the address of the domicile they have registered with the SAAQ or the RAMQ.

The **municipal list of electors** is established from the electors who are domiciled in Austin according to the permanent list of electors. To these, the Municipality adds the names of the electors who are not domiciled in Austin who have filed an application to have their name entered on the list.

**APPLICATION TO VOTE BY MAIL**

**Elector domiciled in Austin:** If you are an eligible voter (as per the above eligibility criteria) and wish to apply to vote by mail:

- complete the form below and return it to the Municipal Office in care of the Returning Officer, 21 Millington Rd., Austin, Quebec, J0B 1B0; OR
- call 819-843-2388 or send an email to [elections@municipalite.austin.qc.ca](mailto:elections@municipalite.austin.qc.ca), ensuring that you provide all the information required in the form below.

Last name	First name		
Address	Telephone		
Email	Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)		
Eligibility criteria :			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to travel due to health reasons			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a caregiver domiciled at the same address as a person who is unable to travel due to health reasons			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an elector aged 70 years or older on election day.			

\* Electors who must isolate themselves to comply with Public Health directives can apply only between October 17 and October 27, preferably by telephone.

**Elector who is not domiciled in Austin:** DO NOT use the above form. You should have received at your principal residence an information kit containing applications to register on the list of electors and to vote by mail. If you did not receive it, please contact the Municipality at the above number or address.