



Presidential Primary Election Issue February 27, 2024 • Sample Ballot



Garland Doyle
Pontiac City Clerk

Dear Pontiac Voter:

You can choose to vote by absentee ballot, early vote or at your polling location on Election Day February 27, 2024. Voters can choose to participate in either the Democratic or Republican Party Presidential Primary by selecting a Democratic Party Ballot or a Republican Party Ballot.

In addition, the City of Pontiac has a proposal on the ballot. Proposal 1 the City of Pontiac Ordinance NO. 2424 an Ordinance to Amend the Adult-Use Marihuana Business Ordinance. If you choose not to vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential Primary, you still can vote on the ballot proposal by selecting a No Party Declaration Ballot.

Absentee Ballot

You can vote by absentee ballot by completing an absent voter application no later than February 20, 2024 and we will mail you a ballot or you can vote by absentee ballot in-person in the clerk's office now through February 26th at 4:00p.m.

Early Voting

Early Voting begins on February 17th and will run through February 25th.

During the early voting period, voters are issued a ballot and can then insert their ballot directly into a tabulator at their early voting site.

To track your absentee ballot or to find your polling location



Visit: [Mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote)

YOUR EARLY VOTING SITE OPTIONS

Voters can vote at either site during the early voting period.

County Regional Early Voting Site

Pontiac Public Library
60 E. Pike Street
Pontiac, MI 48342

County Central Early Voting Site

Waterford Oaks Activity Center
2800 Watkins Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

February 17th-25th

The following are early voting hours:

Monday	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Tuesday	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Wednesday	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Thursday	12:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.
Friday	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Saturday	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Sunday	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.



Sample Ballots

When you request a ballot you can choose one of three different ballot types.

Official Ballot

Republican Party Ballot
 Presidential Primary Election, Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Oakland County, Michigan
 Pontiac

Partisan Section

Presidential Republican Party Presidential Primary

President of the United States
 (Vote for one person from 1.)

- Ryan Binkley
- Chris Christie
- Ron DeSantis
- Nikki Haley
- Asa Hutchinson
- Vivek Ramaswamy
- Donald J. Trump
- Uncommitted
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Proposal Section

City

Proposal 1 City of Pontiac Ordinance No. 2424 an Ordinance to Amend the Adult-Use Marijuana Business Ordinance

Shall the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan adopt Ordinance No. 2424 an Ordinance to Amend the City of Pontiac Adult-Use Marijuana Business Ordinance 2406 which allows adult use marijuana establishments to operate in the City of Pontiac to include:

Section 01. Definitions: To Amend definition of "Applicant" to deem an Applicant to include any person or entity who holds a direct or indirect ownership interest of 6% or more in the applicant(s) any person or entity who exercises control over or participates in the management of the applicant.

Section 02. Definitions: To Amend definition of "Person" to include a partnership and a limited liability partnership.

Section 03. Definitions: To Amend definition of "Social Equity Qualified Business" to exclude franchisees and to require the business to document 51% or more ownership by social equity qualifying applicants and to identify the ownership percentage held by each stakeholder.

Section 04. Definitions: To Amend definition of "Stakeholder" to include all owners of a business entity, whether profit or non-profit, with a direct or indirect ownership interest greater than 6%.

Section 120(2) General Permit Application Requirements: To Amend the disclosure requirements so that each applicant entity is required to disclose in the application the ownership structure of the applicant entity and the identity of every person or entity having a direct or indirect ownership interest in the applicant entity greater than 2.5% by providing the entity or individual name, the ownership percentage, email address, mailing address and if applicable, the date of birth and for the purpose of these disclosure requirements, the term "applicant entity" shall only refer to the person or entity applying for a permit from the City, and not to the owners or managers of such entity.

Section 120(2)(b) General Permit Application Requirements: To Amend that the affirmation that the applicant and every stakeholder is at least 21 years of age shall be made by the applicant.

Section 120(7) General Permit Application Requirements: To Amend that the required criminal history background report of the applicant's criminal history include any managerial employee of the applicant and any person who exercises control over or participates in the management of the applicant.

Section 13(4) Marijuana Business Permit Application Process: To Amend by moving the phrase "and obtain a permit from the City and an operating license from the Department within 18 months after the conditional permit is granted" to the end of the sentence. The Clerk will grant a final permit if the applicant obtains final site plan approval and special use approval within 6 months of receiving a conditional permit, unless into a written agreement with the City confirming that the marijuana establishment will operate in accordance with the business plans, building plans, design standards, social equity plans and all other operational standards described by the applicant in the application materials submitted, and obtain a permit from the City and an operating license from the Department within 18 months after the conditional permit is granted, and to make a grammatical correction in the 13th line of the Second Reading of the Ordinance to delete "or" and add "or" before the word "permit".

Section 13(4) Marijuana Business Permit Application Process: To Amend the time for the Clerk to set the 21-day application window period to thirty (30) days from the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 13(4)(2) Marijuana Business Permit Application Process: To Amend the Neighborhood Communication/Feedback Plan of the proposed Marijuana Business to require the meetings with neighborhood organizations, residents and the public to include written notice to all property owners within 1500 feet of the marijuana business location.

Section 14(2)(3) Marijuana Business Permit Application Process: To Amend the Neighborhood Communication/Education Plan of the proposed Marijuana Business to require the meetings with neighborhood organizations, residents and the public to include written notice to all property owners within 1500 feet of the marijuana business location.

Section 14(2)(3) Marijuana Business Permit Application Process: To Amend by deleting the reference to a \$1,000 amount for possible donations to a fund administered by the City for planned philanthropic initiatives and community improvement programs aimed at the City.

Section 13(9)(b) Marijuana Business Permit Application Process: To Amend the maximum number of scoring points from 20 points to 30 points for applicants who have current and final conditional approval for a medical marijuana provisioning center permit. To Amend that these scoring points do not apply to those applicants for a medical provisioning center permit who were initially one of the five highest scoring applicants in the zoning district where they applied but are no longer one of the five highest scoring applicants in the zoning district where they applied, and that the medical applicant entity who has current and final conditional approval for a medical provisioning center permit shall be awarded the 30 points whether they apply for a retailer permit or a social equity retailer permit as long as the applicant entity was qualified as a Social Equity Qualified Business when it was conditionally approved for a medical marijuana provisioning center and to Amend that applicants with current and final conditional approval for a medical provisioning center permit may apply for conditional approval for a different zoning district in any of the four districts allowed under Zoning Ordinance #2407, not only in the zoning district where they were awarded their conditionally approved medical license.

Section 13(10)(1) Marijuana Business Permit Application Process: To Amend by requiring that a building that an applicant has rehabilitated and/or rededicated within three (3) years before the submission of the application under this ordinance meets the definition of blighted or dangerous as such term is defined in the City's Code of Ordinances and meeting the requirement that the building be cited by the City as blighted or dangerous.

Section 13(10)(1) Marijuana Business Permit Application Process: To Amend by adding Section 13 (1)(4) to provide for a maximum number of 10 scoring points for an applicant was the highest scoring conditionally approved medical provisioning center applicant in the zoning district in which the applicant applied, including all those applicants applying for the highest score in the zoning district, whether an applicant was applying for a retailer or social equity retailer permit.

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Section 20(a) Transfer of Location Prohibited, Transfer of Ownership and Assets: To Amend to allow conditionally approved medical marijuana permit holders to apply for adult use permits at a different location than the location applied for under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance, Article XXX, Section 26.14(9) et seq. in any of the four zoning districts allowed under Zoning Ordinance #2407, not only in the zoning district where the applicant was awarded a conditionally approved medical marijuana permit, to Amend to allow current and final conditionally approved medical marijuana applicants for provisioning center permits who choose to apply at a different location to receive the 30 scoring points under Section 13(9)(b) of this ordinance for the location that had been conditionally approved under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance Article XXX, Section 26.14(9) et seq., and to Amend to provide that no conditionally approved medical marijuana permit holder shall receive the application scoring points in Section 13(9)(b) for more than one application space in a zoning district allowed under Ordinance #2407, whether the application is for a retailer permit or a social equity retailer permit.

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47450 Woodward Ave
Pontiac, MI 48342

**VOTE Feb 27TH
at your assigned
polling location
7:00am-8:00pm**

Pontiac Polling Locations

New Bethel Baptist Church
174 Branch Street
Precincts: 1, 2 & 3

Bowens Center
52 Bagley St
Precincts: 4, 5 & 6

Walt Whitman Elementary
125 W Montcalm
Precinct: 7

Alcott Elementary
460 W Kennett Rd
Precinct: 8

Kennedy Jr. High
1700 Baldwin Rd.
Precincts: 9 & 10

Pontiac High
1051 Arlene
Precincts: 11 & 12

Pontiac Middle School
1275 N Perry
Precincts: 13 & 14

Herrington Elementary
541 Bay St
Precinct: 15

Salvation Army
469 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd S
Precincts: 16, 17 & 18

**Remember to return your
absentee ballot to the Clerk's Office,
or an official ballot dropbox,
no later than 8:00pm on
Feb. 27th, Election Day, to count.**

Drive-Up Official Absentee Ballot Dropbox Locations

BOWENS CENTER
52 BAGLEY

CITY HALL
47450 WOODWARD


RUTH PETERSON CENTER
990 JOSLYN

WALT WHITMAN ELEMENTARY
125 W. MONTCALM



DROP BOXES OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY

**Contact Your City Clerk
(248) 758-3200**

 clerk@pontiac.mi.us

<https://pontiac.mi.us/elections>



Scan for Election
Information



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24th
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25th
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 26th
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