

Midway City Council  
23 April 2019  
Regular Meeting

2019 Municipal Election /  
Voting Method



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**Date:** 19 April 2019  
**To:** Mayor, City Council and Staff  
**Cc:** File  
**From:** Brad Wilson, City Recorder/Financial Officer  
**RE:** Voting Method for 2019 Municipal Election

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Midway City needs to decide which voting method it will use for its 2019 election. State law allows the following methods:

- Instant Runoff or Ranked Voting – The voter ranks the candidates for office. The candidates with the highest rankings fill the open offices. There is no primary election. This is a pilot program in the State and the deadline to opt into it has passed. Only two cities are using this option and I would recommend against it until its effectiveness had been determined after several election.
- In-Person Voting – Most register voters do not receive a ballot in the mail and vote in person on the day of the election. State law requires in-person early voting be available for the two weeks prior to the election. Absentee ballots are mailed to individuals that request it such a deployed member of the military whose primary residence is in Midway.
- Voting by Mail – All registered voters receive a ballot in the mail. State law also requires an in-person voting location on the day of the election and in-person early voting. This is the method used by Wasatch County. Although this method is significantly more expensive than in-person voting, I recommend it because of consistency, voter convenience and increased voter participation.

I am working with vendors to determine the approximate cost for each option. I will present those costs at the regular council meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please contact me if you have any questions.