



VOTER REGISTRATION FOR FELONS WHOSE VOTING RIGHTS HAVE BEEN RESTORED

September 17, 2020

On August 5, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued an executive order **restoring the voting rights of many Iowans who have been convicted of felonies**. We received your name on a list of Linn County residents who are likely now eligible to register and vote.

Enclosed are a **Voter Registration Form**, an **Absentee Ballot Request Form** and a pre-addressed envelope to return those forms to our office.

If you meet the requirements described in the bullet points below, you may register to vote **now**, and if you wish, you may also request an absentee ballot by mail. If you prefer to vote in person on Election Day, register now and you will receive a postcard in the mail in early October confirming the location of your Election Day polling place.

To register and vote you must:

- Be a **U.S. Citizen** and be at least **18 years old on or before Election Day**.
- Those convicted of felonies must also have **discharged their sentence** by completing any term of confinement, parole, probation or other supervised release.
 - Those who had a special sentence imposed pursuant to chapter 903B (sex offences) must also have completed that special sentence before registering to vote.
 - Under this Executive Order, payment of court costs and/or restitution is not a prerequisite to registering to vote and voting.
 - Those convicted of homicide or a related crime under section 707, and who discharged that sentence more recently than July 4, 2005, must still apply to the Governor to have their rights restored. Those not certain of their discharge date may contact the Clerk of Court in the jurisdiction where the case was heard. Information about the application for restoration of citizenship rights is available by calling the Governor's Office at 515-281-5211 or online via: governor.iowa.gov/services/voting-rights-restoration.
- Restoration of voting rights does not include firearms restoration.

If you have any questions about voter registration and/or the voting process, please contact us at 319-892-5300, option 1 or elections@linncounty.org. You may also choose to visit our website: linncountyelections.org.

If you no longer live in Linn County, find contact information for the Auditor of the county where you live now via sos.iowa.gov/elections/auditors/auditorslist.html).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel D. Miller".

Joel D. Miller
Linn County Auditor