

“INACTIVE” – WHAT DOES IT MEAN? HOW DID IT HAPPEN? HOW TO CHANGE BACK TO “ACTIVE” STATUS?

Voters become “**inactive**” from the Voting List when they (1) do not respond to the Annual Listing of Residents; (2) move within the City and do not submit a change of address with the Election Department; or (3) move out of the City and have not registered to vote in their new city or town.



INFORMATION FOR VOTERS LISTED AS “INACTIVE” AT THEIR CURRENT VOTING/HOME ADDRESS

INACTIVE VOTERS CAN STILL VOTE!

- Go to your polling location.
- At the check-in table, you will be asked to show **identification** with your current home address.
- You will have to fill out an “**Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence**” form. This sounds worse than it is. It is basically a statement affirming that you have not moved and still live at that address.
- You will vote.

There are two ways to avoid “inactive” status: try to take advantage of every opportunity you have to vote, and make sure to reply to the **Annual Listing of Residents** (City Census), which is mailed to every Boston household each year. It takes less than five minutes to reply to the Listing, and you can respond online, by phone, or by using the prepaid envelope enclosed with the listing form.

The Listing is conducted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws in every city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By taking a moment to respond, the Election Department is able to keep your voter history and voting address up-to-date, even if you may occasionally miss the opportunity to vote.

Please call the Boston Election Department at **617-635-3767** if you have any further questions or concerns.