

“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 INACTIVE VOTERS WHO HAVE MOVED FROM ONE BOSTON VOTING ADDRESS TO ANOTHER WITHOUT MAKING AN ADDRESS CHANGE WITH THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT

INACTIVE VOTERS CAN STILL VOTE!

- You must go to the polling location for the precinct where you were last registered to vote.
- At the check-in table, give the clerk your name and your old address. Your name will have a letter “I” next to it, indicating you are inactive.
- You will be asked to show identification (from your current address).
- You will be required to fill out a form called “**Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence**” which means that you have maintained residency in the City of Boston.
- You will fill out a **new voter registration form** for the new address and leave it with the election officers. Once processed, this will transfer your registration to the new address for future elections.
- You will be allowed to vote.

To avoid these problems in the future, please make sure to respond to the **Annual Listing of Residents** which is mailed to every Boston household each year. It takes less than 5 minutes to fill out the form and send back in the prepaid envelope. You may also respond online, or by telephone. This allows us to send you information in a timely manner regarding updating your voting information.

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.

If you choose **not** to vote in the election, please download a new voter registration form from www.cityofboston.gov/elections and fill out with your new address. Mail the completed and signed form to: **Boston Election Department; One City Hall Plaza, Room 241; Boston, MA 02201.**

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