

The Role of Election Inspectors

Election Inspectors play perhaps the most fundamental and vital role in the democratic process...assisting voters in casting their ballot. By diligently following the procedures set by election law, Election Inspectors protect voters' rights and deliver accurate election results.

Requirements for Appointment:

- Registered Voter in Michigan
- Able to interact with public in a professional, friendly manner
- Completion of 2 hours of training
- Not a candidate or relative of a candidate appearing on the ballot
- No felony or election crime convictions

Duties of Inspector can include:

- Verifying voter identification
- Performing computer search functions
- Electronic logging of voters, ballots issued and special circumstances
- Instructing and guiding voters through the voting process

Pay

- \$15/hour Election Inspector
- \$20/hour Precinct Chair/Precinct Co-Chair
- Inspectors are also paid for training

Political Party Affiliation

- Applicants must declare a political party affiliation. "Independent" is not a recognized party in Michigan.
- Election Inspectors are assigned to polling locations based on party affiliation. Election law requires each of the two major political parties, Democratic and Republican, to be represented in each voting precincts as equally as possible.

Assignment Information

- Your name will be placed on our Inspector list. The City cannot promise that you will work each and every election. Inspections are assigned based on the type of election and the number of inspectors needed to administer the election.
- Prior to each election, invitation to work and assignment notification will be sent via email. Inspectors are also needed for the substitute inspector list, so even if you are not assigned to an election you may still be called on to work.