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## **PENSACOLA CITY CHARTER REFERENDUM BALLOTS TO BE MAILED THIS WEEK**

Pensacola, Florida – Escambia County Supervisor of Elections David H. Stafford today announced that ballots for the November 24, 2009 Pensacola City Charter mail ballot referendum election will be delivered to the United States Postal Service on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Each eligible voter within the City of Pensacola will be sent a ballot via first class mail, and will have until 7:00 pm Election Day, November 24<sup>th</sup>, to return the completed ballot to the Elections Office. Ballots may be returned by mail or delivered directly to the Elections Office at 213 Palafox Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

The mail packet includes a ballot, a secrecy sleeve with instructions on how to complete the ballot, and a postage-paid mail ballot certificate return envelope. In order for a ballot to be counted, it must be returned sealed inside a signed mail ballot certificate return envelope by 7:00 pm on Election Day. The signature on the mail ballot certificate envelope is compared to the voter's signature on file in the Elections Office for verification purposes. A registered voter may update his or her signature at any time using a Florida Voter Registration Application available through the Elections Office or any voter registration agency. Signature updates must be submitted prior to the start of the canvassing of ballots, which will begin on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Any City of Pensacola voter who does not receive a ballot within a week of the initial mailing should contact the Elections Office at 595-3900. Voters needing a replacement ballot (if ballot was destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received) must complete a replacement ballot oath before receiving a replacement ballot. Voters can download a copy of the replacement oath at [www.escambiovotes.com](http://www.escambiovotes.com) or call 595-3900 to have the oath sent by mail, e-mail, or fax.

A sample ballot and a two-page "Frequently Asked Questions" document on the mail ballot election are available at [www.escambiovotes.com](http://www.escambiovotes.com). For additional information about the proposed Pensacola City Charter, contact the City of Pensacola at 435-1606, or on the web at [www.ci.pensacola.fl.us](http://www.ci.pensacola.fl.us).

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