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Postal rate increase takes effect May 11; Special Election ballots due May 19

Multnomah County Elections reminds voters that the U.S. Postal Service will increase postage rates before the May 19 Special Election.

Postal rates will increase from 42 cents to 44 cents on May 11. Voters who mail their ballot back before May 11 won't need to add the additional two cents to the cost of a first class stamp. A "Forever" stamp will work for the entire May 2009 balloting period.

Ballots may be deposited at any <u>Official Drop Site</u> in Multnomah County or elections office within the state of Oregon from May 1 through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 19.

Questions about voter registration status, address changes, etc. may be directed to the Multnomah County Elections Division at 503-988-3720 or <u>elections@co.multnomah.or.us</u>.

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