

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20**

**VILLAGE OF YORKVILLE  
RACINE COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FUTURE USE OF ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP  
BOXES**

**WHEREAS**, in *Priorities USA v. Wisconsin Elections Commission*, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that municipal clerks have the discretion to utilize absentee ballot drop boxes for elections, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Yorkville and the Village of Union Grove currently share an exterior drop box located in the parking lot of the Union Grove Municipal Center that is used for dropping off documents and payments, which is not under video surveillance and is thus not ideal for guaranteeing the security of absentee ballots, and

**WHEREAS**, Yorkville's municipal counsel recommended that any drop box used by the Village of Yorkville for accepting absentee ballots should not be shared with another municipality to avoid the commingling of absentee ballots from different municipalities and for enhanced security purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of installing a separate exterior drop box with a video surveillance system solely for use by the Village of Yorkville is unnecessarily burdensome as compared to any perceived benefits provided by installing it, and

**WHEREAS**, the Yorkville Village Clerk and Village Administrator have evaluated whether using absentee ballot drop boxes will improve voter participation in future elections and have determined that no rationale exists that absentee ballot drop boxes will improve voter participation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Yorkville Village Clerk and Village Administrator recommend that using absentee ballot drop boxes in future elections should not be permitted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Village Board of the Village of Yorkville, that absentee ballot drop boxes shall not be used for any future elections, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to carry out this Resolution.

This Resolution was adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Yorkville, Racine County, State of Wisconsin, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

**VILLAGE OF YORKVILLE**

Ayes: 3

By: /s/ Douglas Nelson  
Douglas Nelson, President

Nays: 0

Attest: /s/ Janine Carls  
Janine Carls, Clerk

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 2