Why do I have to show picture identification to vote?

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled on July 18, 2007 that a provision of Michigan election law that is constitutional and enforceable now requires voters to either present picture identification or sign an affidavit if they do not have picture identification with them.

What if I do not have a driver’s license?
The following types of picture identification satisfy the requirement as long as they are current:

- A Michigan driver’s license or personal identification card
- Driver’s license or personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student ID with photo - from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal identification card with photo

If you do not have any type of satisfactory photo identification, in order to receive a ballot, it will be necessary to complete an “Affidavit of voter not in possession of picture identification.” This form will be provided to you at the polls.

This will not affect absentee ballot voters.

If a registered and qualified voter refuses to produce picture identification or complete the affidavit, the voter will not be issued a ballot at the polls.

For more information, contact the Novi City Clerk’s Office at (248) 347-0456 or visit cityofnovi.org.