

Who is eligible to be a non-resident property elector?

If you are the registered owner of property in a municipality or district and you live in another, you may be eligible to vote for both (where you live and where you own property).

To vote in the Vancouver municipal election or by-election as a non-resident property elector, you must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You are not entitled to register as a resident elector in the city of Vancouver.
- You have not registered as a non-resident property elector in relation to any other parcel of property in the city of Vancouver.
- You are a Canadian citizen.
- You are 18 years old or older, or you will be turning 18 on or before general voting day (October 15, 2022).
- You have been a registered owner of property in Vancouver for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration.
- You have been a resident in B.C. for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration.
- The only persons who are registered owners of the property are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or other trust.
- (If applicable) You have received the written consent of the majority of registered owners for the property, authorizing you to be registered as the non-resident property elector for this property.
- You are not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or are otherwise disqualified by law.

How do non-resident property electors register?

Check to make sure you are not already registered by using the [voter look up tool](#).

If you are not on the voters list, you may register by August 23, 2022:

- In-person at the Election Office (305 West 8th Avenue)
- In-person at City Hall (453 West 12th Avenue)
- Email election@vancouver.ca
- Call 3-1-1 or Election Office at 604-829-2010 and ask for the application to be emailed or mailed to you

Required documentation include:

- **Application for Registration as a Non-Resident Property Elector** form
- **Consent of Registered Owners for Non-Resident Property Elector Registration** form (if the property has more than one registered owner)
- A photocopy of **proof of ownership** of the property (such as property tax notice, assessment notice or certificate of title)

When I register to vote with the City, will my name be added to the provincial voters list?

No. When you register as a non-resident property elector, your information will not be included in the provincial voters list. However, the City will keep your name on its own voters list for non-resident property electors.

Are permanent residents eligible to vote?

No. You must be a Canadian citizen to vote.

What does “registered owner of real property” mean?

This means whichever of the following is applicable:

- (a) the owner of a registered estate in fee simple of the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraphs (b) to (d);
- (b) the holder of the last registered agreement for sale, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (c) or (d);
- (c) the tenant for life under a registered life interest in the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (d);
- (d) the holder of a registered lease of the property for a term of at least 99 years.

What if the property is registered in my company’s name?

You are not eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector if the property is registered in your company’s name. Furthermore, you are not eligible to vote if you are holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.

What if I own property with someone else?

Only one non-resident property elector may vote for each property. If two or more individuals own a single piece of property, the majority of the owners must designate, in writing, one owner as the non-resident property elector for that property. In this instance, a completed Consent of Registered Owners for Non-Resident Property Elector Registration form must be submitted before registration can take place.

What if I own property with someone else and that person is living on the property?

The person living on the property may qualify as a resident elector because they are a resident of Vancouver. As a non-resident property owner, you are also eligible to vote for that property, but you will still need the written consent of the other owner.

What if I own more than one piece of property?

You are entitled to one vote as a non-resident property elector for one piece of property in any municipality, regional district or school district regardless of how many properties you own.

Even if you own two properties in one municipality, you may vote only once. If, however, you own a property in a municipality that you are not a resident in, and a property in another municipality that you are not a resident in, you may vote in both of those jurisdictions as a non-resident property elector and vote as a resident elector in the jurisdiction that you reside in.

What does “disqualified from voting” mean?

You may not vote in a British Columbia local government election for several reasons:

- you have been convicted of an indictable offence and are in custody;
- you are involuntarily confined to a psychiatric or other institution as a result of being acquitted of or found not criminally responsible for an offence under the Criminal Code on account of mental disorder; or
- you have been found guilty of an election offence.

Contacting the Vancouver Election Office:

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