2020 General Local Elections

On Sunday, **15 March 2020**, the “**Allgemeine Kommunalwahlen**” (general local elections) will be taking place in Bavaria.

In Regensburg,

- **the senior mayor** and
- **the City Council**

will be elected on this day.

Regarding the election of the Senior Mayor: if none of the applicants receives more than half of the votes cast, there will be a final ballot on 29 March 2020 between the two people who received the highest number of votes in the main election on 15 March 2020.

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**Your right to vote (Wahlrecht/Stimmrecht)**

**Who is entitled to vote?**

**People entitled to vote** in the local elections on 15 March 2020 are: all persons who **on the day of the vote**

- possess citizenship of a member state of the **European Union**,  
- are over **18** (born on 15 March 2002 or earlier),  
- have stayed in Regensburg as the focus point of their life for at least **two months** (since 15 January 2020 or earlier) and  
- are **not excluded** from their right to vote.

**Exercising your right to vote (= Stimmrecht)!**

In order to **actually exercise** your right to vote (= Stimmrecht), you have to be entered in the **electoral register** or have a **ballot paper**.

All persons entitled to vote according to the above-mentioned voting criteria will be **officially** entered into the **electoral register of the city of Regensburg** on **9 February 2020** (= cut-off date), as long as they are registered in Regensburg as their **sole place of residence** (or, in the event of having several places of residence, with Regensburg as their **main residence**). After
the cut-off date of 9 February 2020, persons entitled to vote will be added to the electoral register if they become entitled to vote by moving to Regensburg.

Other persons entitled to vote can fundamentally only be added to the electoral register after the cut-off date of 9 February 2020 if they make a timely and written application. The application should be made to the Wahlamt (electoral office) by 13 March 2020 at the latest.

How do I find out if I have been added to the electoral register?

All persons entered in the electoral register of the city of Regensburg will receive a polling card (Wahlbenachrichtigung) by 23 February 2020 at the latest.

This gives you information about the election day and time, and confirms that you

- have been entered in the electoral register and
- can vote in the local elections in the voting district (Wahlraum) indicated on the polling card.

If you haven’t received a polling card by 23 February 2020, please get in touch immediately – by 13 March 2020 at the latest – with the Wahlamt, tel. (0941) 507-4444.

On voting day (Wahlsonntag) please bring the polling card with you as well as your personal ID card, passport or identity document.

If you would like to vote by post or in another voting district (Wahlraum) of the city of Regensburg on the election day, you need a ballot paper. You need to apply for one of these.