

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.

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.
