

ANNUAL TOWN CENSUS

The annual census is mailed to all East Bridgewater residents at the beginning of each calendar year, it is an important legal document mandated by Massachusetts General Laws. M.G.L. Ch. 51, Sec. 4 requires an annual street listing of residents as of January 1st each year.

Information from the census is added to the Commonwealth's Voter Registration Information System (VRIS). Voters are required to return the form annually to retain their active status on the voter list.

The census form **DOES NOT** register you as a voter, if you wish to register to vote or change party affiliation you must complete a voter registration form. If you are a registered voter, failure to answer the annual census may cause you to be listed as an 'inactive voter' and require you show proof of residency at the polls.

The Board of Registrars is required by State Statute to verify and update the name, address, age and occupation of all residents. Compliance with the State requirement provides proof of residency to protect voting rights, veterans' bonus, school enrollment projections, housing for the elderly and related benefits, as well as providing information for selection of jurors.

The Town Clerk uses the information to update and verify voting lists and to produce the list of residents included in the annual STREET LIST*.

Please complete and return your census to the Town Clerk, as soon as possible.

Instructions:

1. Verify and/or complete all information listed on form, as of January 1st of the current year
2. List ALL residents in dwelling unit, including pre-school children, college students, and those in military service. Birth dates are required. Make all changes in the shaded space below the printed line.
3. Enter the name and information for all new residents on any available blank line
4. Draw a single line through any resident no longer residing at the address and indicate new address, if known to you.
5. Nationality: Enter only if NOT a US citizen
6. US Veteran: Indicate Yes or No
7. Sign and return to Town Clerk; a self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

The annual **STREET LIST contains the name and address for all East Bridgewater residents over the age of 17 and designates those residents who are registered voters. The updated **STREET LIST** will be available in the spring and can be purchased from the Town Clerk's Office for \$15.00.*