

Voter registration records are not removed simply due to non-voting. Voters are removed from the voter rolls due to a biennial list maintenance process that is mandated by federal and state law. If a county board of elections has not had any contact with a voter for a period of two federal election cycles, then the voter will be sent a forwardable address confirmation mailing. The voter will be required to return the confirmation mailing within 30 days of the mailing. If the confirmation mailing is not returned by the voter within that time, or the mailing is returned by the postal system as undeliverable, then the voter's record will be marked inactive in the voter registration database. Inactive voters are still registered voters. If an inactive voter presents to vote, the person will be asked to update his or her address with the board of elections. In the event that an inactive voter remains in this status for another two federal election cycles (meaning the county board still has no contact with the voter), then the voter will be removed as a voter in the county. (GS 163-82.14)

Other ways a voter may be removed from the Voter Registration Rolls outside of the list-maintenance procedure above are:

Request by voter in writing to be removed from the registration rolls.

Official notification from another county or state that voter no longer resides in Orange County and is now registered to vote in the new county or state.

Voter is convicted of a Felony - Voter may re-register and vote once Citizenship Rights are restored.

Deceased voter – A family member may inform the County Board of Elections in writing that the voter has died.