

## **Election Judges**

Election Judges play a vital role in conducting voting activities for local, state, and federal elections. They are responsible for administering election procedures in the voting place on election day. The City of Baldwin is looking for individuals to join this proud team working to ensure the election process is fair and in accordance with our laws.

Some of the duties of election judges are: to open and close the polls; to be responsible for all election material; to ensure that only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote only once; to distribute ballots; to ensure that all votes are cast in secret; to help voters requiring assistance; to maintain order in the voting place throughout the day; to obtain the results after the polls are closed and to certify the precinct election results.

Anyone eligible to vote who can read, write, and speak English can be an election judge. However, an election judge cannot be a candidate in the election or closely related to a candidate. Also, election judges cannot be closely related to another election judge in the same precinct.

Election judges must remain impartial at all times while on duty. They must carefully avoid any action that may influence a voter. This includes asking, seeking to persuade, or inducing a voter to vote for or against a particular party, candidate, or question.

In addition to assisting at the polls on Election Day, judges are also required to complete on-line election judge training through the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Election Judges are appointed by the City Council.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge, you can find the Election Judge Application on the City's website by using under Election Information, or by contacting the City Clerk/Treasurer Joan Heinen at 763-389-8931 or at [city.clerk@baldwinmn.gov](mailto:city.clerk@baldwinmn.gov).