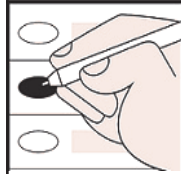




# OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT

Polk County, Georgia  
Precinct: 365-Rockmart, 375-Rockmart  
Municipal General and Special Election - November 7, 2023



### To Vote:

1. Use Black or Blue Ink to mark the ballot.
2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote.
3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the Write-In candidate in the space provided.

### Warning

- Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot.
- Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices.
- Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot.
- Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed.
- Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.

### If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:

- A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write **"Spoiled"** across **the ballot AND across the return envelope.**
- B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

**If you decide to vote in-person:** Surrender the ballot to the poll manager at an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

*"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]*

## Town of Rockmart

### For Mayor (Vote for One)

- Cooley Austin
- James Payne
- Sherman Ross  
(Incumbent)
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Write-in

### For Councilmember Ward 5 (Vote for One)

- Rick Stone  
(Incumbent)
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Write-in

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**Special Election  
Polk County**

**1% SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)**  
(Vote for One)

“Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be re-imposed in the special district of Polk County for a period of time beginning July 1, 2026 and not to exceed six (6) years or 24 quarters and for the raising of an estimated amount of approximately \$64,000,000 for the purpose of funding: (1) For Polk County, a total of \$32,640,000.00 to fund, County Wide Recreation; Public Infrastructure Improvements; Public Safety Facilities, Equipment, and Vehicles; Public Works Facilities, Equipment, and Vehicles; Transportation Equipment and Vehicles; Judicial Complex Facilities and Equipment; County Buildings, Facilities, and Equipment; and Economic Development. (2) For the City of Cedartown, a total of \$16,640,000.00 to fund, Recreations and Park Improvements; Municipal Infrastructure Improvements; Municipal Equipment and Vehicles; Technology Infrastructure and Improvements; Public Land; Buildings and Facilities Improvements; Municipal Debt Service; and Economic Development and Tourism. (3) For the City of Rockmart, a total of \$13,817,600.00 to fund, Municipal Infrastructure Improvements (Water, Sewer, Collection & Distribution Systems); Municipal Buildings, Facilities and Public Use/Recreational Area Improvements; Public Safety Facilities and Equipment Improvements; Transportation and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements; Downtown and Small Business Corridor Development and Improvements; and Economic Development and Tourism. (4) For the City of Aragon, a total of \$902,400.00 to fund, Public Safety Equipment; Public Works Equipment; Municipal Infrastructure Improvements; Technology Improvements.”

- Yes**
- No**

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