



News and Info Item

Question Regarding Liability Insurance to Polling Places (June 2021)

Question/Comment

We have a member that is requesting information on whether any jurisdiction provides liability insurance to the polling places.

Answers

- Hanover County provides liability insurance for privately-owned polling locations when we sign the contract.
- We do on request. Not as a standard practice.
- Norfolk City does not. If there is a concern with a non-city/county owned building being used as a polling place, we would recommend the Registrar have the local city/county attorney draft a contract between the locality and the owner of the potential polling place.
- Hi folks! Since the polling places here are public buildings they are already covered by county or school insurance I believe. Sometimes when we have non-county events in public spaces, for example when the Perfect Gift Shop is in the old Rec Dept space, we require them to get special event insurance.
- I'm guessing they are talking about requiring similar insurance from the elections folks if they are using a church or rented space. Fortunately we do not currently have that issue. I hope this helps! Linda
- We have issued a certificate of insurance for one of our privately owned polling places.
- The City of Williamsburg provides liability insurance to our one polling place that is at a Church on Election Day. It is in our MOA/lease agreement with them. The other polling place is a City owned building already.
- Buckingham does not.
- Lunenburg County covers the liability for polling places.
- Tazewell does not carry insurance.