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Hardin County Clerk Launches Wheelchair Program to Ensure Voting Access for All

HARDIN COUNTY, KY - August 26, 2025 - Hardin County Clerk Brian D. Smith announced today a new initiative to help mobility impaired voters. "All of our vote centers are fully ADA compliant, but we know that the walk from the parking lot to the poll booth can be a challenge for a lot of folks," Smith said. The Clerk's Office has a plan to have wheelchairs available at the largest polling locations. Each wheelchair will be operated by a student aid who can escort voters who need a little extra help navigating through the building.

"To make this program a success, we need your help," said Smith. "We're asking residents to donate unused wheelchairs to assist voters at our polling locations. The Clerk's Office can arrange pickups, and every donation will be cleaned and restored for use." The Clerk's Office is hoping to collect 10 wheelchairs by the end of the year to prepare for the 2026 election season.

"Voting is a fundamental right, and we're committed to ensuring every Hardin County resident can exercise it comfortably and with dignity," said Smith. Anyone interested in donating a wheelchair can call 270-765-6762 or email HCElections@hccoky.org.

