



THE ANNUAL STREET LIST

Massachusetts General Law and Federal laws require each city and town to gather certain information and maintain certain lists. This includes street listings, numbered resident files, the annual register and voter lists.

The street listing process is the foundation for the State's compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). The NVRA requires states to conduct a "general program" which makes a reasonable effort to remove ineligible voters from the lists of registered voters. 42 U.S.C. 1973gg *et seq.*

Massachusetts General Law requires that cities and towns conduct an annual census of its residents as of January 1 of each year.

The Street List is the primary tool used by municipalities to:

- ✓ Respond to requests for information from the Jury Commissioner. The information is used to establish the annual Jury List.
- ✓ Make changes to address information and inactive voters and thereafter delete such voters.
- ✓ Aid in school enrollment projections and notify parents or guardians of educational requirements for children under age 16.
- ✓ Provide data to officials in order to assess public safety and senior citizens' needs and for certain privileges such as veterans' benefits (e.g. Welcome Home Bonus) and proof of residency for colleges and universities.
- ✓ The census information does not register anyone to vote, but failure to answer the census may result in a voter's name being removed from the voter's list.