

Postage On Mail-In Ballots? ACLU Raises Issue For June Primary

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Utah's June 30 primary election is being conducted entirely through ballots mailed to citizens.

But that has led the ACLU of Utah to object that most Utah counties don't provide pre-paid postage for the ballots. That group includes Summit County.

On its website, the ACLU says that out of 29 counties in Utah, 18 don't provide postage. The organization said that voting should be easy and accessible, and contended that even the cost of a stamp can be a barrier to voting.

At Summit County, Chief Deputy Clerk Kellie Robinson said that postage is something they just choose not to provide—unless they're legally required to at some point in the future. She said the cost is one factor in their decision.

However, Robinson said they have provided voters with Drop Boxes throughout the county. Those are located at the Marsac Building in Park City; the Market at Snow Creek; the Richins Building; Fresh Market at Pinebrook—and on the East Side, the Coalville Courthouse, Coalville City Hall and the County Services Building in Kamas. Meanwhile, the ACLU has organized a campaign called "No Stamp? No Problem" which reminds voters that they can mail unstamped ballots. The Postal Service will deliver them and charge the county for the missing postage.

Robinson also told us that the Summit County Clerk's office has received about 3000 mail-in ballots.