

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ASSIGN
POLICE OFFICERS TO POLLING PLACES**

(Sponsored by Mayor William P. Sapelli)

WHEREAS, Agawam has historically assigned police officers to polling places during Municipal and State Elections; and

WHEREAS, the practice of assigning officers to polling locations should continue; and

WHEREAS, police officers preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections at polling locations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts of 2022 Chapter 92, Section 72, "The VOTES Act," the State Legislature added a requirement that the City Council must vote to assign police officers to polling places.

NOW THEREFORE, THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL hereby resolves to authorize the Agawam Chief of Police to assign police officers to polling places for municipal and state elections within the Town of Agawam to preserve order and to enforce Massachusetts election laws.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor