

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING EARLY VOTING HOURS FOR THE 2022 FALL
STATE ELECTION**

(Sponsored by Mayor William P. Sapelli)

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts VOTES Act was signed into law by Governor Baker on June 22, 2022 which impacted the early voting process across the Commonwealth for the 2022 state general election; and

WHEREAS, the VOTES Act permits the Agawam City Council (a municipality of between 5,000 to 40,000 registered voters) to reduce the voting hours of the fifteen through the eleventh day preceding the biennial state election by up to fifty (50) percent; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk's Office will be open for six hours on both Saturdays preceding the election and eight hours a day from October 21 to November 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has proposed reducing the number of polling hours between the 15th through the 11th day preceding the 2022 fall state election in order to save the Town money and assist in the management of office duties, while still providing very flexible access for the voters; and

WHEREAS, polling hours would be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm from October 24th to October 28th, 2022.


NOW THEREFORE, THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL hereby resolves, pursuant to the Massachusetts VOTES Act of 2022, to authorize the Agawam Town Clerk to reduce the number of polling hours by fifty (50) percent from the fifteen day through the eleventh day preceding the 2022 biennial state election.

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