

**A RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF EARLY VOTING BY MAIL FOR THE 2023  
MUNICIPAL FALL PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 10 OF CHAPTER 92 OF THE ACTS OF 2022**

**(Sponsored by Mayor William P. Sapelli and Council President Christopher C. Johnson)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022 was signed into law in 2022 by Governor Baker which permits municipalities to “opt out” of early voting by mail for a municipal election provided there is no special state or federal election at the same time as the municipal preliminary or general election; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no special state or federal election scheduled for the fall municipal preliminary and general election which will be held on October 10, 2023 and November 7, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to “opt out”, a public hearing and vote by the City Council must occur at least 45 days prior to the fall preliminary or election, which is August 26, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, “opting out” of the early voting by mail will save the Town of Agawam approximately \$28,000.00 due to mailing costs for both elections that are not reimbursed by the state or federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the process to vote, including absentee ballot voting, will remain the same as previous elections.

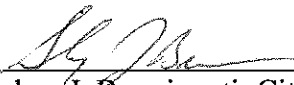
**NOW THEREFORE**, the Agawam City Council hereby resolves to “opt out” of early voting by mail for the municipal preliminary and general election scheduled for October 10, 2023 and November 7, 2023 pursuant to Section 10 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2023, provided a special federal or state election is not held on the same day of either of the municipal preliminary or general election.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

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Christopher C. Johnson, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

  
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Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor