



***Be it ordered and enacted by the***

***Milford Board of Selectmen***, in light of the current state

of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared by Governor Charles D. Baker in response to the novel COVID 19 pandemic, after consultation with the Milford Town Clerk, Milford Board of Registrars, Milford Board of Health, Milford Town Manager, Milford Police and Fire Chiefs as to logistics, acting pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Selectmen by the General Court, as follows:

- 1. RESCHEDULING**-The current Milford Town Election scheduled for **Tuesday, April 7, 2020** is hereby rescheduled to **Tuesday, June 16, 2020**, on which date the election shall take place in accordance with all otherwise applicable election laws.
- 2. NOTICE**-A copy of this Order and its corresponding vote, along with a copy of Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, and sample ballot shall be placed on the official municipal website no later than May 26, 2020, and notice of this action shall be provided to the

public in other ways reasonably calculated to enable eligible voters to learn of the rescheduled election date and to cast ballots therein.

- 3. INCUMBANCY**-Consistent with section 107 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, an incumbent elected official whose term would have expired at a municipal annual town election if the election was not ~~postponed~~<sup>rescheduled</sup> pursuant to this act shall continue to serve in the official's position until a successor is elected and qualified.
- 4. VOTER REGISTRATION**-The last day to register to vote for this ~~postponed~~<sup>rescheduled</sup> election shall be 10 days before June 16, 2020; provided, however, that the Board of Registrars shall hold a registration session on that date not less than from 2 PM to 4 PM and from 7 PM to 8 PM. The voting list to be used at such rescheduled election shall include all eligible voters registered as of that date.
- 5. ELECTION MATERIALS**-The election materials, including, but not limited to, absentee and official ballots, prepared for the April 7<sup>th</sup> municipal election and bearing that date shall be used for the rescheduled election to the extent practicable. If additional ballots are required to be printed, the ballots shall be identical in form to those prepared for the original election.
- 6. ABSENTEE VOTING**-Absentee ballots cast in connection with the original election date, whether returned before the original election or otherwise, and received by the Board of Registrars before the close of polls on the date of the rescheduled election, shall be processed in accordance with applicable law; provided, however, that any voter who chooses to vote in person at the rescheduled election may do so if his or her absentee ballot has not yet been counted. Completed applications to vote by absentee ballot in the

rescheduled election shall be accepted by the Board of Registrars until 12:00 noon on the last business day before the rescheduled election.

7. **QUARANTINED VOTERS**- Any person taking precaution related to COVID-19 in response to the declared state of emergency or from guidance from a medical professional, local or state health official, or any civil authority shall be deemed to be unable by reason of physical disability to cast their vote in person at a polling location.
8. **EARLY VOTING**- any eligible voter may vote early by mail for the rescheduled election. Any qualified voter wanting to vote early by mail may file with the Town Clerk an application for an early voting ballot. Any form of written communication evidencing a desire to have an early voting ballot be sent for use for voting at an election shall be given the same effect as an application made in the form prescribed by the State Secretary. The Board of Registrars shall send early voting by mail ballots to those who have applied as soon as ballots are available. No application shall be deemed to be seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of the Board of Registrars before noon on the last business day before the date on which the rescheduled election is held.
9. **EARLY VOTING BALLOTS**-The Board of Registrars may use absentee ballots for those voters requesting to vote early by mail in municipal elections. An early voting ballot along with an envelope bearing an affidavit as set forth in section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws shall be provided to each qualified voter who participates in early voting by mail.
10. **EARLY VOTING DESIGNATION**-The Board of Registrars shall cause to be placed on the voting lists opposite the name of a qualified voter who participates in early voting the letters "EV" designating an early voter.

**11. EARLY VOTING BALLOT COUNTING**-The counting of early voting ballots at the rescheduled election shall be consistent with section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws and implemented regulations to the extent practicable. All early voting and absentee envelopes shall be retained with the ballots cast at the election and shall be preserved and destroyed in the manner provided by law for the retention, preservation or destruction of official ballots.

**12. DEADLINE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS**-All early voting ballots voted by mail shall be received by the town clerk before the hour fixed for closing the polls on June 16, 2020. Early voting ballots cast under the authority of this section shall be processed at the polls in a manner consistent with that set forth in said section 25B of said chapter 54.

Dated: March 30, 2020

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William D. Buckley, Chairman

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