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## 2020 TOWN OF CHELMSFORD POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Town Clerk shall not furnish blank forms for nomination of candidates for town office to any person other than a candidate seeking such nomination or a person presenting the signed authorization of a candidate to secure said forms on his behalf. MGL c. 53 § 17.

Each candidate shall file with the Town Clerk, prior to obtaining blank nomination papers, a statement containing his name and address, and the office for which he intends to be a candidate. MGL c. 53 § 9A.

No candidate for town office shall receive more blank nomination papers than will contain the number of signatures required to place his name in nomination, multiplied by five. (Eight blank nomination papers for Town Wide Candidates; four blank nomination papers for Town Meeting Representative Candidates.)

Nomination papers must contain the written acceptance of the candidate. MGL c. 53 § 9.

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| Thursday<br>January 2, 2020<br>8:30 am    | <b>Nominations Papers available for Town-wide Offices and new Town Meeting Members:</b> Town-wide Office Candidates must obtain at least <u>50 signatures</u> from Chelmsford registered voters (MGL 53 § 6). <b>Town Meeting Representative candidates</b> must obtain at least <u>25 signatures</u> from registered voters from the Precinct they wish to represent (Town Charter 2-3b.) The Clerk recommends obtaining <b>additional signatures</b> for both Town-Wide and Town Meeting candidates. |
| Monday<br>January 6, 2020<br>4:00 pm      | Deadline for submission of Citizen Petition Warrant Articles for 2020 Spring Representative Town Meeting (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 2).  |
| Tuesday<br>January 21, 2020<br>4:00 pm    | Year-end Campaign Finance Reports due for ALL elected officials (reporting period May 8, 2019 through December 31, 2019).  |
| Tuesday<br>February 11, 2020<br>5:00 pm   | <b>Last day and hour for Town Meeting Representatives who are candidates for re-election to submit written notice to Town Clerk</b> (MGL c. 53 §10 – twenty-one days prior to last day and hour of Board of Registrars’ filing of nomination papers with Town Clerk).  |
| Wednesday<br>February 12, 2020<br>8:00 pm | <b>Last day and hour to register to vote and change party enrollment for presidential primary</b> (MGL c. 51 §§ 26, 28 - twenty days before Election). Office of the Town Clerk open from 8:30 am to 8 pm.   |
| Thursday<br>February 13, 2020<br>5:00 pm  | <b>Last day to obtain blank nomination papers for Annual Town Election.</b> (MGL c. 53 § 9A – forty-eight weekday hours prior to submissions to Board of Registrars).<br>If deadline is a Sunday or holiday, deadline is following day   |

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| Tuesday<br>February 18, 2020<br>5:00 pm                 | <b>Last day for Town-Wide and Town Meeting Representative candidates to file nomination papers with Board of Registrars</b> (MGL c. 53 § 7 and Town Charter 2-3 b - forty-nine days before election and fourteen days before filing with Town Clerk). |
| Monday<br>March 2, 2020<br><b>12 NOON</b>               | Last day and hour to apply for an absentee ballot to vote in the Presidential Primary   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>March 3, 2020<br/>7:00 am – 8:00 pm</b>  | <b>Presidential Primary (MGL c. 53, § 28).</b><br>Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.   |
| Tuesday<br>March 3, 2020, 5:00 pm                       | Last day and hour for Board of Registrars to file nomination papers with Town Clerk (MGL c. 53 §10 – thirty-five days before election).   |
| Tuesday<br>March 3, 2020<br>5:00 pm                     | Last day and hour for Board of Selectmen to submit written notice of ballot question(s) for local election to Town Clerk. MGL c. 54 § 42C (at least thirty-five days prior to Election).  |
| Thursday<br>March 5, 2020<br>5:00 pm                    | Last day to object or withdraw papers for local election (MGL c. 53 § 11 - thirty-three days before Election).  |
| Friday<br>March 6, 2020<br>10:00 am                     | Drawing of names for ballot positions for local election: Special act 1975 Chap. 529  |
| Wednesday<br>March 18, 2020<br>8:00 pm                  | <b>Last day and hour to register voters for Annual Town Election</b> (MGL c. 51 §§ 26, 28 – twenty days before Election).<br>Office of the Town Clerk open from 8:30 am to 8 pm.  |
| Monday<br>March 30 2020<br>4:00 pm                      | Last day and hour to submit 8-day pre-election Campaign Finance Reports for Annual Town-Wide Election Candidates.<br>Report all activity from January 1, 2020 to March 20, 2020.  |
| Monday<br>April 6, 2020 <b>12 NOON</b>                  | Last day and hour to apply for an absentee ballot to vote in the Annual Town Election   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>April 7, 2020,<br/>7:00 am – 8:00 pm</b> | <b>Annual Town Election.</b> Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm   |
| Monday<br>April 27, 2020                                | Spring Annual Representative Town Meeting begins (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 3).   |
| Thursday<br>May 7, 2020, 4:00 pm                        | Last day and hour to submit 30-day post-election Campaign Finance Reports for Annual Town-Wide Election Candidates. Report all activity from March 21, 2020 to April 27, 2020.  |
| Monday, August 3, 2020<br>4:00 pm                       | Deadline for submission of Citizen Petition Warrant Articles for 2020 Fall Representative Town Meeting (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 2).   |
| Wednesday,<br>August 12, 2020, 8:00 pm                  | <b>Last day and hour to register to vote and/or change party enrollment for State Primary</b> (MGL c. 51 §§ 26, 28 - twenty days before Election).<br>Office of the Town Clerk open from 8:30 am to 8 pm.   |

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| Monday, September 14, 2020 <b>12 NOON</b>                  | Last day and hour to apply for an absentee ballot to vote in the State Primary.  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>September 1, 2020<br/>7:00 am – 8:00 pm</b> | <b>State Primary</b> (MGL c. 53, § 28). Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm. <b>(subject to change)</b>   |
| Monday<br>October 19, 2020                                 | Fall Annual Representative Town Meeting begins<br>(Town By-law Ch. 154 § 3).   |
| Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8:00 pm                        | <b>Last day and hour to register to vote and change party enrollment for State Election</b> (MGL c. 51 §§ 26, 28 - twenty days before Election). Office of the Town Clerk open from 8:30 am to 8 pm. |
| Monday, November 2, 2020 <b>12 NOON</b>                    | Last day and hour to apply for an absentee ballot to vote in the State Election  |
| <b>Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm</b>        | <b>State Election</b> (MGL c. 54 § 62). Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.  |
| Wednesday<br>January 20, 2021, 4:00 pm                     | Year-end Campaign Finance Reports due for ALL elected officials. Report all activity from April 27, 2020 to December 31, 2020.   |