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2022 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.

Monday, January 3, 2022, 8:30 am	Nominations Papers available for Town-wide Offices and new Town Meeting Members: Town-wide Office Candidates must obtain at least <u>50 signatures</u> from Chelmsford registered voters (MGL 53 § 6). Town Meeting Representative candidates must obtain at least <u>25 signatures from registered voters from the Precinct they wish to represent</u> (Town Charter 2-3b.) The Clerk recommends obtaining additional signatures for both Town-Wide and Town Meeting candidates.
Monday, January 3, 2022, 5:00 pm	Deadline for submission of Citizen Petition Warrant Articles for 2022 Spring Representative Town Meeting (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 2).
Thursday, January 20, 2022, 5:00 pm	Year-end Campaign Finance Reports due for ALL elected officials (reporting period April 27, 2021 through December 31, 2021). Due on or before January 20 as per MGL c. 55
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 5:00 pm	Last day and hour for Town Meeting Representatives who are candidates for re-election to submit written notice to Town Clerk (MGL c. 53 §10 – twenty-one days prior to last day and hour of Board of Registrars’ filing of nomination papers with Town Clerk).
Friday, February 11, 2022, 5:00 pm	Last day to obtain blank nomination papers for Annual Town Election. (MGL c. 53 § 9A – forty-eight weekday hours prior to submissions to Board of Registrars). If deadline is a Sunday or holiday, deadline is following day.
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:00 pm	Last day for Town-Wide and Town Meeting Representative candidates to file nomination papers with Board of Registrars (MGL c. 53 § 7 and Town Charter 2-3 b - forty-nine days preceding the election and fourteen days before filing with Town Clerk).

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 5:00 pm	Last day and hour for Board of Selectmen to submit written notice of ballot question(s) to Town Clerk. MGL c. 54 § 42C (at least thirty-five days preceding the election).
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 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 preceding the election).
Thursday, March 3, 2022, 5:00 pm	Last day to object or withdraw papers (MGL c. 53 § 11 - thirty-three days preceding election).
Friday, March 4, 2022, 10:00 am	Drawing of names for ballot positions: (Special act 1975 Chap. 529)
Wednesday, March 16, 2022,	Last day and hour to register voters for Annual Town Election (MGL c. 51 §§ 26, 28 – twenty days preceding the election). <i>**office hours to be determined by pending legislation</i>
Monday, March 28, 2022, 5:00 pm	Last day and hour to submit 8-day pre-election Campaign Finance Reports for Annual Town-Wide Election Candidates. Report all activity from January 1, 2022 to March 21, 2022.
Wednesday, March 30, 2022 5:00 pm	Last day and hour to request a mailed absentee ballot to vote in the Annual Town Election. (MGL c. 54 §89 as amended by St. 2020 c. 115 §3 – four business days prior to election).
Monday, April 4, 2022 12 NOON	Last day and hour to vote absentee in person in the Annual Town Election (MGL c. 54 §89).
Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm	Annual Town Election. Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm
Thursday, May 5, 2022, 5:00 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, 2022 to April 28, 2022.
Monday, April 25, 2022	Spring Annual Representative Town Meeting begins (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 3).
Monday, August 1, 2022 5:00 pm	Deadline for submission of Citizen Petition Warrant Articles for 2022 Fall Representative Town Meeting (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 2).
Wednesday, August 17, 2022 **	Last day and hour to register to vote and/or change party enrollment for State Primary* (MGL c. 51 §§ 26, 28 - twenty days prior to election). <i>**office hours to be determined by pending legislation</i>
Tuesday, August 30, 2022 5:00 pm	Last day and hour to request a mailed absentee ballot to vote in the State Primary (MGL c. 54 §89 as amended by St. 2020 c. 115 §3 – four business days prior to election).
Friday, September 2, 2022 12 NOON	Last day and hour to vote absentee in person in the State Primary (MGL c. 54 §89).

*Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm	State Primary (MGL c. 53, § 28). Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.
Monday, October 17, 2022	Fall Annual Representative Town Meeting begins (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 3).
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 **	Last day and hour to register to vote and change party enrollment for State Election (MGL c. 51 §§ 26, 28 - twenty days preceding the election). <i>**office hours to be determined by pending legislation</i>
Monday, October 24, 2022 – Friday, November 4, 2022	Early Voting Period
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:00 pm	Last day and hour to request a mailed absentee ballot to vote in the State Election. (MGL c. 54 §89 as amended by St. 2020 c. 115 §3 – four business days prior to election).
Monday, November 7, 2022 12 NOON	Last day and hour to vote absentee in person in the State Election (MGL c. 54 §89).
Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm	State Election (MGL c. 54 § 62). Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.
Friday, January 20, 2023, 5:00 pm	Year-end Campaign Finance Reports due for ALL elected officials. Report all activity from April 29, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

* The State Primary date may change. Date to be set by law. Any change will also affect Pre-Primary dates.