

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EARLY VOTING FOR THE CITY OF BAYONNE'S REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF 2026 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.19:1-15A-1, et seq.

WHEREAS, the City of Bayonne is scheduled to hold a Regular Municipal Election in May of 2026 in accordance with the provisions of the "Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law"; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19A:15-1, et seq. (the Early Voting Act), provides that any municipality conduction a regular municipal election pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law, may, by ordinance adopted by the governing body, authorize and conduct an early voting period for the regular municipal election, in accordance with the provisions of the Early Voting Act; and

WHEREAS, the Early Voting Act provides that the early voting period for a regular municipal election shall start on the 4th calendar day before the regular municipal election and end on the 2nd calendar day before the regular municipal election; and

WHEREAS, the Early Voting Act further provides that the voting process during the early voting period shall be conducted using electronic poll books and optical scan voting machines that read hand marked paper ballots or other voting machines that produce a voter verifiable paper ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Bayonne seek to authorize an early voting period for the upcoming regular municipal election scheduled to take place in May of 2026, in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19A:15-1, et seq., the Early Voting Act,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne, County of Hudson and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The findings, policies and determination mentioned in the preamble provisions of this Ordinance, set forth above, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Early Voting Established. The City of Bayonne chooses to participate in, and hereby authorizes, Early Voting in accordance with and pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 19A:15-1, et seq., for the Regular Municipal Election to be held in May of 2026.

Section 3. Period of Early Voting. The Early Voting Period for the Regular Municipal Election to be held in May of 2026 shall begin on the 4th calendar day before the said Regular Municipal Election and shall end on the 2nd calendar day before the said Regular Municipal Election.

Section 4. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed; Severability. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed,

to the extent of such inconsistency. If any portion of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that portion shall be deemed severed from and shall not impair the validity or enforceability of, the balance of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.