

**CITY OF UNION CITY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-20

**ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE EARLY VOTING FOR REGULAR MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS, UNDER THE EARLY VOTING ACT, N.J.S.A. 19:15A-1, ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, the City of Union City (the "City") holds regular municipal election in May in accordance with the provisions of the "Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Union City (the "City") is scheduled to hold a regular municipal election in May of 2022 in accordance with the provisions of the "Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law"; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:15A-1 et seq. ("Early Voting Act") provides that any municipality conducting a regular municipal election pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law, may, by ordinance adopted by the governing body, elect to also 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 the Board of Commissioners seek to authorize an early voting period for the upcoming regular municipal elections scheduled to take place in May, including but not limited to May of 2022, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. §19:15A-1 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, they being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

SECTION ONE

Early Voting Period. The City hereby elects to also conduct early voting for the regular municipal elections, as provided for in the Early Voting Act, N.J.S.A. §19:15A-1, et seq. Early voting for the City of Union City regular municipal elections held in in May, beginning with the regular municipal elections of May 2022, shall begin on the 4th calendar day before the regular municipal election and end on the 2nd calendar day before the regular municipal election pursuant

to and in accordance with the provisions of the Early Voting Act, N.J.S.A. §19:15A-1, et seq., as may be applicable.

SECTION TWO

Severability. If any term or provision of this Ordinance is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, in whole or in part, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining terms and provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION THREE

Repealer. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all Ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same being conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION FOUR

In order to avoid accidental repeal of existing provisions, Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to change any chapter numbers, article numbers and/or section numbers in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between those numbers and the existing Code.

SECTION FIVE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Commissioners	Yea	Nay	Abstain/Present	Absent
Lucio P. Fernandez	X			
Wendy A. Grullon	X			
Celin J. Valdivia	X			
Maryury A. Martinetti	X			
Mayor Brian P. Stack	X			

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the City of Union City Board of Commissioners, introduced on November 9, 2021, and was further considered and adopted after a Public Hearing held on November 23, 2021 at the at Academy for Advancement and Enrichment, 2210 Kerrigan Avenue, Union City, New Jersey, Union City, New Jersey.

INTRODUCED: November 9, 2021

ADOPTED: November 23, 2021

ATTEST:

Corporation Counsel

11-23-21

DATE