

**CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2020-10**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

That Chapter 34 - Elections, Article II - Voter Registration, Section 34-31. - Requirements of the Dover Code be amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II. - VOTER REGISTRATION**

**Sec. 34-31. - Requirements.**

No person shall vote, or be allowed to vote, in any municipal election unless such person is properly registered to vote for state elections in accordance with title 15 of the Delaware Code (15 Del. C. § 1101 et seq.), and as otherwise qualified to vote as required in section 8 of the city Charter.

**Sec. 34-32. - Registration deadlines.**

- (a) **Regular elections.** In accordance with 15 Del. C. § 2036, § 2037, and § 7550(d) the city clerk shall close the registration records the fourth Monday prior to the date of the regular election, and only those voters properly registered as of that time shall be entitled to vote at the following regular election.
- (b) **Special elections.** In accordance with 15 Del. C. § 2037 and § 7550(d) the city clerk shall close the registration records 10 days prior to the date of a special election and only those voters properly registered as of that time shall be entitled to vote at the following special election. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the deadline shall be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

The registration records of the city shall remain closed until the day after the regular or special election.

**Sec. 34-33. - Custodian of registration records.**

The city clerk shall be the custodian of the permanent registration records. The removal of registration records from city hall shall be done only with the express consent of the city clerk.

(Code 1981, § 2-27; Ord. of 1-9-1989)

**Secs. 34-34—34-60. - Reserved.**

(Code 1981, § 2-26; Ord. of 1-9-1989; Ord. of 11-26-1990, § 2)

**ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

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**SYNOPSIS**

The amendment aligns the voter registration deadlines with the Delaware Code.

(SPONSORS: LINDELL AND MCDOWELL)

Actions History

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08/24/2020 - First Reading - City Council

07/28/2020 - Introduction - Council Committee of the Whole/Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee