



# CITY OF FRAMINGHAM

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## **Framingham Voters Can Choose How They want to Vote in Upcoming Elections**

**Framingham, MA** - City Clerk Lisa A. Ferguson is pleased to announce that all registered voters in Framingham will be able to choose how they would like to cast their ballot for the September 1, 2020 State Primary and the November 3, 2020 State/Presidential Elections.

On July 6, 2020, Governor Baker signed into Law, Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020 – an Act relative to voting options in response to COVID-19. The provisions of this Act will ensure that voters can exercise their civic right to vote in a manner that is accessible, safe and secure. Voters may choose to cast their ballots by mail, or to safely vote in person during early voting or on Election Day.

Regardless of whether a voter wants to take advantage of vote by mail, early voting in person, or vote at the polls on Election Day, the first step is making sure you are registered.

[CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS/FIND YOUR POLLING LOCATION](#)

[REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE](#)

[REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAIL](#)

If you are not able to register online or download an application, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 508-532-5521 and one will be mailed to you.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
Last day to register to vote or change party enrollment for the State Primary	Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 8:00pm
Last day to apply for an Absentee or Early Vote ballot BY MAIL before the State Primary	Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5:00pm
Last day to apply IN PERSON for an Absentee Ballot before the State Primary	Monday, August 31, 2020 at 12:00pm

**OPTION #1 - VOTE BY MAIL**

As required by the new law, a Vote By Mail application was mailed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to every person who was registered to vote on or before July 1, 2020 and who had not already requested an Absentee ballot for the September 1, 2020 State Primary or for all elections this year. A second mailing will be sent out in September to all voters who have not already applied for a Vote By Mail ballot for the November election. The applications are pre-addressed to the Framingham City Clerk and no postage is necessary. You may also drop off the application at the City Clerk’s Office, email it to [cityclerk@framinghamma.gov](mailto:cityclerk@framinghamma.gov) or place it in the secure official election ballot drop box (see picture below) located in the rear of the Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street.

If you wish to vote by mail, you are strongly encouraged to return your application as early as possible to ensure that you will receive your ballot in time to return it before the close of polls on September 1, 2020. Applications require the voter’s signature and a phone number in the event of any questions. The signature must be visible and signed in substantially the same manner as a handwritten signature. This includes applications signed with a mouse, stylus or finger. Applications with typed signatures or no signatures will not be accepted. **All applications must be received in the City Clerk’s Office by 5pm on August 26, 2020.**

[Click here for a VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION.](#) You may also contact the City Clerk at 508-532-5521 or email [cityclerk@framinghamma.gov](mailto:cityclerk@framinghamma.gov) and one will be sent to you.

Once you receive your ballot, please return it as soon as possible to ensure that it arrives in time to be counted. Vote by mail ballots may be returned by mail, in-person at the City Clerk’s Office, or placed in the secure official election ballot drop box located in the rear of the Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street. Early mail-in ballots must be received by the close of polls, September 1, 2020. Vote by mail ballots cannot be returned to the polling locations on Election Day.

**OPTION #2 – EARLY VOTING IN PERSON (Location - Memorial Building, Nevins Hall, 150 Concord Street)**

Early voting for the September 1, 2020 State Primary will **ONLY** take place at Nevins Hall in the Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, MA.

Early voting **WILL NOT** take place at the McAuliffe Branch Library due to limited available spacing and the inability to maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>August 22</u></b> Memorial Building Nevins Hall  10am-4pm	<b><u>August 23</u></b> Memorial Building Nevins Hall  10am-4pm	<b><u>August 24</u></b> Memorial Building Nevins Hall  8:30am-4pm	<b><u>August 25</u></b> Memorial Building Nevins Hall  8:30am-6pm	<b><u>August 26</u></b> Memorial Building Nevins Hall  8:30am-4pm	<b><u>August 27</u></b> Memorial Building Nevins Hall  8:30am-4pm	<b><u>August 28</u></b> Memorial Building Nevins Hall  8:30am-1pm
<b><u>August 29</u></b> NO EARLY VOTING	<b><u>August 30</u></b> NO EARLY VOTING	<b><u>August 31</u></b> NO EARLY VOTING	<b><u>Sept. 1</u></b> ELECTION DAY	<b><u>Sept. 2</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 3</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 4</u></b>

**OPTION #3 – VOTING ON ELECTION DAY IN PERSON**

The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. The polls are open 7am – 8pm. Voters will be required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing in the polling location.

**OPTION #4 – ABSENTEE VOTING**

Massachusetts allows voters to vote by absentee ballot if they will be absent from Framingham on Election Day (Military, U.S. Citizens living overseas), have a physical disability that prevents one from voting at the polling location or cannot vote at the polls due to a religious belief.

[CLICK HERE FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION](#)

**OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT OR VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DROP BOX**

The drop box is located in the rear of the Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street. Applications or election ballots can be placed in the box 24/7. The box is monitored by 24 hour video surveillance.



[CLICK HERE TO TRACK YOUR BALLOT](#)

[SEE SAMPLE BALLOTS](#)

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