

**TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2026

**ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE EARLY VOTING PERIOD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
WEEHAWKEN REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken (the “Township”) 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. §19:15A-1 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, conduct an early voting period for the regular municipal election, in accordance with the provisions of the Early Voting Act; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S3990 amending the Early Voting Period for the Municipal elections in New Jersey is anticipated to be signed into law, providing that the early voting period for a regular municipal election shall start on the 8th 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 Township Council seek to authorize an early voting period for the upcoming regular municipal election scheduled to take place in May of 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the amended Early Voting Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. §19:15A-1; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Weehawken, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, they are being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

SECTION ONE

Early Voting Period. Early voting for the Township of Weehawken regular municipal election in May of 2026 shall begin on the 8th calendar day before the regular municipal election and end on the 2nd calendar day before the regular municipal election.

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, the Municipal Clerk 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.

TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN HUDSON COUNTY, NJ

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed ordinances have been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken held on **April 8th 2026** will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on **Wednesday April 22nd 2026** at the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 400 Park Avenue, Weehawken, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M. Or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance. Copies of the Ordinance in full is posted in the Office of the Township Clerk, of the Township of Weehawken, and copies are available up to the time of said meeting to the general public of the Township of Weehawken requesting same

Rola Fares, Township Clerk