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Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Order for the Amesbury City Council to vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, section 110A: Office hours on Saturday.

Summary: Acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, section 110A, would allow any public office in the City of Amesbury to remain closed on any or all Saturdays as may be determined from time to time by the Amesbury City Council, subject to the provisions of the City Charter, and the provisions of Chapter 4, section 9 shall apply in the case of such closing of any such office on any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday. Acceptance of this statute will allow the City Clerk's office to treat Saturdays as a legal holiday when calculating filing deadlines, such as voter registrations or submittal of nomination papers. Further, where the provisions of the Votes Act of 2022 changed the voter registration deadlines to 10 days prior to all elections, instead of 20, such deadlines will fall on Saturdays. Acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 41, section 110A would apply to municipal elections only, and not state or federal elections, and would allow the City Clerk to hold voter registration sessions on Fridays, avoiding the extensive costs that would otherwise be incurred through Saturday office opening.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the Amesbury City Council votes to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, section 110A: Office hours on Saturday, allowing any public office in the City to remain closed on any or all Saturdays as may be determined from time to time by the City Council, subject to the provisions of the City Charter, and the provisions of Chapter 4, section nine shall apply in the case of such closing of any such office on any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday.