



City of Framingham

Proclamation

April 29, 2025

PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK MAY 4-10, 2025

WHEREAS: May 4 through May 10, 2025 will be the 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, instituted in 1969 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and

WHEREAS: In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation that officially declared Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May, and

WHEREAS: The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

WHEREAS: The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

WHEREAS: The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

WHEREAS: Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and

WHEREAS: The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community, and

WHEREAS: The Clerks Office is dedicated to the thorough preservation of the City's vital records and historical documents and assures that all elections are conducted in a fair and open manner providing equal access to all citizens, and

WHEREAS: The Clerks provide notary and wedding services for residents, and

WHEREAS: The Municipal Clerks oversee the Clerk's Department in processing birth, death, and marriage certificates, affidavits and amendments to vital records; collection of fines for the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Inspectional Services, Public Works, and Animal Control; issuance of marriage, business and dog licenses and fuel permits; posting all public meetings and agendas in compliance with Open Meeting Laws in a location available to the public; processing of minutes for all committees, board and commissions; annually provides municipal employees and elected/appointed officials with summaries of the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law including notification of online training and testing to be completed on a biennial basis, and collects annual Statement of Financial Interest Forms for all elected officials and Division Heads, and

WHEREAS: In Fiscal Year 2024, the Clerks Department processed vital records for 1,172 births, 815 deaths, and 521 marriages, and

WHEREAS: In calendar year 2024, the Elections Department managed 10 polling locations covering 4 state districts, 9 city districts and 27 precincts. It oversaw three elections including a State Primary on September 3, 2024 resulting in 20% voter turnout with 71% of responses by mail; a Presidential Primary on March 5, 2024 of which 28% of voters participated, and 51% of those by mail; and the Presidential Election on November 5, 2024 which resulted in 69% of voter turnout, 41% of which was by mail, and

WHEREAS: For 2025, the Clerks Office developed and distributed the census in a new, tri-lingual format to 30,452 households by mail, resulting in 11,789 returned and processed as of this date; responses were submitted by mail, phone or newly on-line, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, We, City of Framingham Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and the City Council, hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2025 is Professional Municipal Clerks Week in the City of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor

Philip R. Ottaviani, Jr.
District 6 Councilor & Chair

Tracey Bryant
District 9 Councilor & Vice-Chair

George P. King, Jr.
Councilor-at-Large

Janet Leombruno
Councilor-at-Large

Christine Long
District 1 Councilor

Brandon Ward
District 2 Councilor

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District 3 Councilor

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District 4 Councilor

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District 5 Councilor

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District 7 Councilor

Leslie White Harvey
District 8 Councilor

Attested to by:

Lisa Antonio Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

