



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	04/06/2022	Department	City Clerk
Agenda Item	5.f) Consideration of closing Gardiner City Hall to the public on Election Day		
Est. Cost			

Background Information

With our last elections, it became very apparent that we will be forced to rely on city staff to help out at the polls. Trying to offer city services and helping out at the polls has made this day very difficult for the staff.

The proposal is to close City Hall to the public on Election Day but have one staff member remain at the office to answer phones and be available for any online requests.

Please see City Clerk Ballard's research on how other municipalities deal with this issue. We would report the results of this plan at a later Council meeting to see if this may be a potential policy for future election days.

Requested Action	"I move to close Gardiner City Hall on Election Day (6/14/2022)."
City Manager and/or Finance Review	
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____

Tally of offices being open/closed

OPEN	CLOSED
Up to 38	Up to 34

Detailed List

Brunswick	Open
Biddeford	Open
Brownville	Closed
Norridgewock	Closed
Unity	Open
Somerville	Closed
Hallowell	Open
Union	Closed
Cape Elizabeth	Closed
Machias	Closed
Winthrop	Closed
Lovell	Closed
Wesley	Closed
Highland Plantation	Open
Kennebunk	Closed
North Berwick	Closed
Owls Head	Open
Damariscotta	Closed
Old Orchard Beach	Open
Bowdoinham	Open
Winterville Plantation	Closed
Trenton	Closed
Buxton	Open
Sandford	Open
Georgetown	Closed
Lamoine	Open
Falmouth	Closed
Hermon	Closed
Belfast	Closed
Rangeley	Open
Fort Fairfield	Closed
Monson	Open
Lubec	Close if needed
Windham	Open
Bath	Closed

Scarborough	Open
Vassalboro	Open
Minot	Depends on the election
Sabattus	Closed
Winslow	Open
Eliot	Closed
Lincoln	Open
Boothbay Harbor	Open
Nobleboro	Closed
Blue Hill Town	Closed
St George	Open
Weston	Open
China	Open
Frenchville	Open
Saco	Open
Lyman	Open
Bangor	Open
Nobleboro	Closed
Bar Harbor	Closed
St Agatha	Open
S. Portland	Open
Stockholm	Closed
West Bath	Open
Bingham	Open
Fairfield	Closed
Casco	Open
Arrowsic	Closed
Mt Vernon	Open
Montville	Closed
Bradford	Closes for large elections
Leeds	Closed
Smithfield	Open
Pittston	Open
Northfield	Closed
Belgrade	Open
Wayne	Open

Charleston

Closed