

Mayor Nolan offered the following ordinance and moved on its final reading and adoption:

O-14-7

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**AN ORDINANCE PLACING THE QUESTION OF
WHETHER THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS REGULAR
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CURRENTLY HELD ON THE
SECOND TUESDAY IN MAY SHALL BE HELD ON THE
DAY OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, THE TUESDAY
AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER**

WHEREAS, the “Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law” at N.J.S.A. 40:45-5, et seq. permits a municipality to, by ordinance, choose to hold regular municipal elections on the day of the general election, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, the Borough residents at the November 5, 2013 general election adopted, by referendum, an ordinance providing that “The Charter of the Borough of Highlands governed by Small Municipality Plan C is hereby amended to provide for the holding of regular (i.e., non-partisan) municipal elections in May”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-196(a), the Governing Body may within 3 years immediately following the date of adoption of the ordinance changing the date and type of municipal elections, submit a proposition for the amendment of that ordinance to the voters at the succeeding regular municipal election; and

WHEREAS, some Borough residents have expressed a desire to hold regular municipal elections on the day of the general election; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to submit to the voters of the Borough of Highlands at the next regular municipal election, the question of whether regular municipal elections shall be held on the day of the general election, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

Section One. The following question shall be submitted to the voters of the Borough of Highlands at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2014:

	Yes	Shall the Borough of Highlands adopt an ordinance changing the date of the regular municipal elections from the second Tuesday of May to the day of the general election, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, commencing with the 2015 municipal election
	No	

Section Two. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

Section Three. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section Four. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by law.

Seconded by Ms. Ryan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Mayor Nolan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kane

ABSTAIN:

DATE: June 18, 2014

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

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I hereby certify this to be a true copy of Ordinance O-14-7 adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on June 27, 2014.

Borough Clerk/Deputy Clerk