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2 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ELECTIONS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE**
3 **OF THE CITY OF LEWES, DELAWARE, BY AMENDING SECTION 3-2 RELATING**
4 **TO VOTER REGISTRATION**

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6 **WHEREAS**, Section 7 of the Municipal Charter for the City of Lewes allows Mayor and
7 City Council to, by ordinance, elect to use the State Voter Registration System;

8 **WHEREAS**, the qualifications for voters in municipal elections in the City of Lewes are
9 consistent with such requirements to vote in the State of Delaware;

10 **WHEREAS**, utilization of the State of Delaware Voter Registration System eliminates
11 duplication and streamlines voter registration for residents of the City of Lewes;

12 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council, in session met, a quorum pertaining
13 at all times thereto, in the manner following to-wit:

14 **Section 1.** Chapter 3, Elections, of the Municipal Code of the City of Lewes, Delaware, be
15 and the same is hereby amended by inserting a new §3-2 Voter registration as shown in bold
16 underline as follows:

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18 **§3-2 Voter Registration; Use of State of Delaware Voter Registration System**

19 **A. In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Charter for the City of**
20 **Lewes, Section 7 (d)(1), each person registered to vote with the State of**
21 **Delaware Department of Elections who is also a bona fide domiciliary of the**
22 **City of Lewes shall be eligible to vote in the annual municipal elections of the**
23 **City of Lewes.**

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25 **B. In accordance with the provisions of 15 Del. C. §7550(d) and (e), and the**
26 **provisions of 15 Del. C. §7554 all persons must register to vote with the State**
27 **of Delaware Department of Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 15th day**
28 **before the date of the Annual Municipal Election.**

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30 **Section 2.** If any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed or held to be invalid or
31 unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect
32 any other provision of this Ordinance which may be given effect without such invalid or
33 unenforceable provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to
34 be severable.

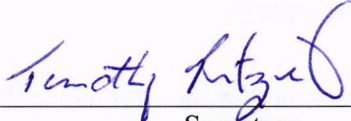
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36 **Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor
37 and City Council of the City of Lewes.

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39 I, Timothy Ritzert, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Lewes, do hereby certify that the
40 foregoing is a true and correct copy of the ordinance passed by Mayor and City Council at its

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41 regular meeting on November 14, 2022 at which a quorum was present and voting
42 throughout and the same is still in full force and effect.

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Secretary

50 **SYNOPSIS:** This ordinance would require the City to utilize the State Voter Registration system
51 for voting in municipal elections.