

ORDINANCE NO. 4785

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES) by establishing First Baptist Church as a temporary replacement for the Chinquapin Recreation Center polling place for the June 11 and November 5, 2013 elections.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia has established that polling places are to be located in public buildings whenever practical. Va. Code § 24.2-310.1 (1950 as amended).

Section 2. The Alexandria Electoral Board, which is comprised of three bipartisan members who are appointed by the Alexandria Circuit Court for staggered three year terms, is responsible for making recommendations to City Council concerning changes in precinct boundaries and for establishing new precincts. City Council has the authority to make these changes. The Electoral Board is required to provide polling places that are accessible to all voters and the Board continually strives to provide voters with the most accessible facilities that will provide the most suitable space for voting.

Section 3. In light of the requirement of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia as expressed in Va. Code § 24.2-310.1, the Electoral Board first considered the T.C. Williams King Street Campus and the T.C. Williams Minnie Howard Campus as potential temporary replacements for Chinquapin before recommending First Baptist Church of Alexandria. After carefully considering these options, the Electoral Board determined that the best alternative for a temporary replacement for Chinquapin is the First Baptist Church of Alexandria.

Section 4. That Section 2-2-10(o) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981 as amended, be, and the same is hereby adopted to read as follows:

(o) The Chinquapin Park Recreation Center Election District shall be bounded and described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district. The voting place within the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center Election District shall be at the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, located at 3210 King Street. However, the temporary voting place for the district for the June 11 and November 5, 2013 elections shall be the First Baptist Church, located at 2932 King Street.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage; provided, however, that the change in voting place herein made shall not be implemented until the changes are first submitted to the Attorney General of the United States and no objection is interposed within 60 days of the submission, as required pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

Final Passage: February 23, 2013
