

ORDINANCE NO. 5066

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES) by establishing the Potomac Yard Election District for the November 17, 2017 General Election and thereafter from three existing districts: Cora Kelly Center Election District, Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Election District, and George Washington Middle School Election District.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia has established that, at the time a voting district is established, it shall have no more than 5,000 registered voters and no fewer than 500 registered voters. (Voting districts (or precincts) may grow to over 5,000 voters as long as the number of Election-Day voters does not exceed 4,000.) Currently, the proposed Potomac Yard precinct would have over 1,500 registered voters. Va. Code § 24.2-307 (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 the establishment of new precincts and polling places. City Council has the statutory authority to make these changes.

In making its recommendations to Council, the Electoral Board is primarily concerned with ensuring that precincts conform to legal requirements, are a manageable size, have suitable voting facilities and those voting facilities are fully accessible. The Electoral Board monitors any changes in the availability of polling place facilities and also considers the current number of registered voters, in-person turnout statistics, the size of the voting facility and any likely residential development within the precinct.

Section 3. In light of the requirement of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia as expressed in Va. Code § 24.2-307, the Electoral Board has determined that a new voting precinct is needed to accommodate continuing growth in the Potomac Yard area and to reduce the size of the Cora Kelly Center, Mount Vernon Recreation Center and George Washington Middle School precincts.

Section 4. The boundaries for the new Potomac Yard Election District and the adjustments to the boundaries of the Cora Kelly Center Election District, Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Election District, and George Washington Middle School Election District shall be pursuant to the attached map "Proposed Creation of Potomac Yard Precinct".

Section 5. That Sections 2-2-10(aa) and (bb) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981 as amended, be amended and added, and the same is hereby adopted to read as follows:

(aa) The Charles Houston Election District shall be ~~added as a new election district by adjusting the boundaries for the Fire Department Headquarters District and Durant Center District as shown on Attachments 2 and 3 to Ordinance No. 4933~~ 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 Charles Houston Election District shall be the Charles Houston Recreation Center, located at 901 Wythe Street.

(bb) The Potomac Yard 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 Potomac Yard Election District shall be the Community Room at the Station at Potomac Yard, located at 650 Maskell Street.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage and the adjustments contained herein will be utilized for the November 17, 2017 general election and thereafter until or unless further modified and amended.

ALLISON SILBERBERG
Mayor

Final Passage: June 24, 2017