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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-11 (ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER ELECTION DISTRICT AND VOTING PLACE) by adding Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library as a permanent additional absentee voting place for November elections.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia granted to the governing body of each county or city the right to establish one or more central absentee voter precincts for the purpose of receiving, counting, and recording absentee ballots cast in the county or city. Va. Code § 24.2-712 (1950 as amended).

Section 2. That 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 including changes to the absentee voting precinct. On October 18, 2011, the Alexandria Electoral Board voted unanimously to recommend that City Council add the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library as an additional permanent site for absentee voting for November elections. The Electoral Board anticipates that the demand for this second absentee site will vary based upon the number of offices to be filled in any given election and the expected overall voter turnout. Consequently, the Electoral Board has requested the authority to determine the number of days that this second in-person absentee location would be open for each November election.

Section 3. That Section 2-2-11 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981 as amended, be, and the same is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Sec. 2-2-11 Establishment of central absentee voter election district and voting place.

There is hereby established for the City of Alexandria one Central Absentee Voter Election District, to be used for all elections. The voting place of the Central Absentee Voter Election District shall be located at 132 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The Central Absentee Voter Election District shall conform in all respects with the provisions of section 24.2-712 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

There is hereby established for the City of Alexandria an additional Central Absentee Voter Election District, to be used for the 2012 Presidential Election. The voting place for the additional Central Absentee Voter Election District shall be located at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22304. The additional Central Absentee Voter Election District shall conform in all respects with the provisions of section 24.2-712 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

