

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES) by changing the St. James Church Election District to the Hermitage Election District and establishing the Charles Houston Election District for the June 9, 2015 primary and thereafter.

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 has determined that a polling place is needed to replace St. James Church because this facility is being redeveloped and will no longer be available for use as a polling place. The Board has also determined that a new precinct is needed to accommodate continuing growth in the Fire Department Headquarters and Durant Center precincts.

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

(z) The St. James Church Election District shall henceforth be known as The Hermitage Election District and 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 Hermitage Election District shall be at the Hermitage, located at 5000 Fairbanks Avenue.

Section 5. That Section 2-2-10(aa) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981 as amended, be 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 the attached maps (Attachment 2 and 3). The voting place within the Charles Houston Election District shall be the Charles Houston Recreation Center, located at 901 Wythe 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 June 9, 2015 primary election and thereafter until or unless further modified and amended.

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

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