

ORDINANCE NO. 5199

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 2 (General Government), Chapter 2 (Elections), Section 2-2-10 (Establishment of Election Districts and Voting Places) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981 as amended by establishing the Olympus Condo Election District from three existing districts: Tucker School Election District, Beatley Library Election District, and Cameron Station Election District and establishing the AlexRenew Election District from two existing districts: Lee Center Election District and Lyles Crouch Election District both for the elections in 2019 and thereafter.

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 Olympus Condo precinct would have 2443 registered voters and the proposed AlexRenew precinct would have 2436 registered voters. Va. Code § 24.2-307 (1950 as amended).

Section 2. The Alexandria Electoral Board, which is a bipartisan board comprised of three 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 new voting precincts are needed to accommodate continuing growth in West End and Eisenhower East areas and to reduce the size of the Tucker School, Beatley Library, Cameron Station, Lee Center and Lyles Crouch precincts.

Section 4. The boundaries for the new Olympus Condo Election District and the adjustments to the boundaries of the Tucker School, Beatley Library and Cameron Station Election Districts shall be pursuant to the attached map "Proposed Creation of Olympus Condo and Changes to Beatley Library, Tucker School, and Cameron Station Precincts" attached as Attachment 1 to the Ordinance

Section 5. The boundaries for the new AlexRenew Election District and the adjustments to the boundaries of the Lee Center and Lyles Crouch Election Districts shall be pursuant to the attached map “Proposed Creation of AlexRenew and Changes to Lee Center & Lyles Crouch Precincts” attached as Attachment 2 to the Ordinance.

Section 6. That Sections (cc) and (dd) be added to Section 2-2-10 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981 as amended, and the same is hereby adopted to read as follows:

(cc) The Olympus Condo 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 Olympus Condo Election District shall be the Party Room at the Olympus Condominium, located at 6301 Stevenson Avenue.

(dd) The AlexRenew 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 AlexRenew Election District shall be the Lobby at Alexandria Renew’s Environmental Center, located at 1800 Limerick 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 elections in 2019 and thereafter until or unless further modified and amended.

Ordinance Attachments:

Attachment 1: Proposed Creation of Olympus Condo and Changes to Beatley Library, Tucker School, and Cameron Station Precincts

Attachment 2: Proposed Creation of AlexRenew and Changes to Lee Center & Lyles Crouch Precincts

Final Passage: January 12, 2019

JUSTIN M. WILSON
Mayor