



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of June 11, 2011

DATE: May 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places

Approve the advertised proposed amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places to adjust several precinct boundaries and to create one new precinct from the current Oakridge 032 precinct with the name of Gunston 052, voting at Gunston Community Center, 2700 South Lang Street. The polling place for the Oakridge 032 precinct also changes to Oakridge School, 1414 24th Street South.

ISSUES: Need to adjust precinct boundaries in response to the General Assembly's redistricting plans to avoid split precincts.

SUMMARY: The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend several precinct boundary changes, including the addition of one new precinct.

DISCUSSION: The General Registrar and the Arlington County Electoral Board recommend the following changes to the County ordinance, attached in part, establishing precinct boundaries and polling places. The proposed changes will take effect with the November 8, 2011 general election, pending approval by the U.S. Department of Justice. Virginia law requires polling places and precincts be established by County ordinance.

The 2011 redistricting plans for the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia result in district boundary splits in three Arlington County precincts. If no changes are made to adjust these boundaries, multiple ballot styles must be available in each of these precincts, increasing voter confusion, including the possibility of a voter being given an incorrect ballot. The General Registrar and Electoral Board support single-ballot precincts wherever feasibly possible.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. Ballston 004, Westover 023, Dominion Hills 029, and Buckingham 045 Precincts

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The Ballston 004 precinct (1,990 voters) was split between the 31st and 32nd Senate Districts, while the entire precinct remains in the 47th House District. The General Registrar and Electoral Board propose moving the portion of the precinct north of Interstate 66, now in the 32nd Senate District, to the adjacent Westover 023 precinct, which is also in the 32nd Senate and 47th House Districts. About 725 voters are affected, increasing the size of the Westover 023 precinct to 2,866 voters.

The General Registrar and Electoral Board also propose moving the portion of the Buckingham 045 precinct north of Carlin Springs Road to the Ballston 004 precinct. The current size of Buckingham 045 is 3,965 voters, while Ballston would be reduced to 1,265 voters by the move proposed above. This change would better even out the size of the two adjacent precincts by moving approximately 1,120 voters. The new size of Ballston 004 would be 2,385 while the new size of Buckingham 045 would be 2,845. Both precincts are in the 31st Senate and 47th House Districts.

The General Registrar and Electoral Board additionally recommend a technical boundary change between the redrawn Westover 023 and current Dominion Hills 029 precincts, both of which are now in the 32nd Senate and 47th House Districts. The two precincts are located on opposite sides of Interstate 66, except for a small portion in the northeast corner of Dominion Hills 029 that crosses Interstate 66 and extends to Fairfax Drive between North Kensington and North Harrison Streets. There are no voters in this section, so the proposal recommends adjusting the boundary between the two precincts so it follows continuously along Interstate 66.

2. Barcroft 005 and Jefferson 027 Precincts

The Jefferson 027 precinct (3,170 voters) was split between the 47th and 49th House Districts, while remaining in the 31st Senate District. The General Registrar and Electoral Board propose moving the portion of the precinct in the 47th House District to the adjacent Barcroft 005 precinct (2,130 voters), also in the 47th House and 31st Senate Districts. About 944 voters are affected. The new sizes of the two precincts would be 2,226 for Jefferson 027, now in the 49th House District, and 3,074 for Barcroft 005.

3. Proposed New Precinct: Gunston 052 and Polling Place Change: Oakridge 032

The Oakridge 032 precinct (4,030 voters) was split between the 45th and 49th House Districts, while remaining in the 30th Senate District. The General Registrar and Electoral Board propose creating a new precinct from the southern part of the former Oakridge 032 precinct that remains in the 49th House District. The proposed name for the new precinct is Gunston 052, and the proposed polling place is the current precinct's voting location, Gunston Community Center. The size of the new precinct is about 2,357 voters.

The revised boundaries of the new Oakridge 032 Precinct would include northern part of the former Oakridge 032 precinct now in the 45th House District, approximately 1,673 voters. The proposed new polling place is Oakridge School, at 1414 24th Street South.

All affected voters will be mailed a notice of the change along with a new voter information card.

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated costs for adjusting precinct boundaries and creating a new precinct are approximately \$5,000. Expenses include mailing new voter information cards and notices to approximately 6,800 voters (\$2,941 for postage and \$2,000 for printing), plus nominal one-time costs for additional Election Day supplies for the new precinct. These costs will be paid for out of the Office of the Electoral Board and Voter Registration's FY 2012 budget. If it is determined during the fiscal year that these costs will contribute to the department being over budget, a recommendation will be made during Mid-Year or Third Quarter Review to ensure the budget is not exceeded due to these expected costs.

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOUNDARIES OF VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, that:

1. Pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 3 of Title 24.2, Elections, of the Code of Virginia, the boundaries of voter election precincts and polling place locations, are as follows:

004 BALLSTON PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline the eastbound lanes of Interstate 66 and North Harrison Street; ~~of Washington Boulevard and North Jefferson Street~~; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline ~~of Washington Boulevard to its intersection with the eastbound lanes of I-66~~; thence in a ~~southwesterly direction with the centerline~~ of the eastbound lanes of Interstate I-66 to its intersection with the centerline Washington Boulevard; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline Boulevard to its intersection with North Glebe Road; thence in a ~~southerly and southeasterly direction with the centerline of North Glebe Road to its intersection with the centerline of North George Mason Drive~~; thence in a ~~southerly direction with the centerline of North George Mason Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North Carlin Springs Road~~; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of North Carlin Springs Road to its intersection with the centerline of North Frederick Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Frederick Street to its intersection with the centerline of 5th Street North; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 5th Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Harrison Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Harrison Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Carlin Springs Road; thence in a southwesterly direction with the centerline of North Carlin Springs Road to its intersection with the centerline of North Kensington Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Kensington Street to the powerlines; thence in a northeasterly direction along the powerlines to the centerline of North Jefferson

Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Jefferson Street to its intersection with the centerline of 9th Road North; thence in a easterly direction with the centerline of 9th Road North to its intersection with the centerline of North Harrison Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Harrison Street to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 66 of 11th Road North; ~~thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 11th Road North to its intersection with the centerline of North Jefferson Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Jefferson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Washington Boulevard, the point of beginning.~~

The polling place is located at Arlington Traditional School, 855 North Edison Street.

005 BARCROFT PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Arlington Boulevard and Lubber Run; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of Lubber Run to its intersection with the centerline of Four Mile Run; thence in a southwesterly direction with the centerline of Four Mile Run to its intersection with the centerline of Columbia Pike; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Columbia Pike to its intersection with the centerline of South Quincy Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of South Quincy Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6th Street South; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of 6th Street South to its intersection with the centerline of South Glebe Road; thence in a northwesterly direction with the centerline of South Glebe Road to its intersection with the centerline of 2nd Street South; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of 2nd Street South to its intersection with the centerline of South Fillmore Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of South Fillmore Street ~~South George Mason Drive~~; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of ~~South George Mason Drive to its intersection with the centerline of the driveway entrance to the Arlington Hall Reservation in the vicinity of 6th Street South~~; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of ~~the driveway entrance to its intersection with the south boundary of the Arlington Hall Reservation~~; thence following the south boundary of the Arlington Hall Reservation in an easterly direction to the east boundary of the Arlington Hall Reservation; thence in a northerly direction with the east boundary line of the Arlington Hall Reservation to the north boundary line of the Arlington Hall Reservation; thence in a

~~westerly direction with the north boundary line of the Arlington Hall Reservation to its intersection with the centerline of Arlington Boulevard; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Arlington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Lubber Run, the point of beginning.~~

The polling place is located at Barcroft Elementary School, 625 South Wakefield Street.

023 WESTOVER PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 66 I-66 and 18th Street North projected; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of 18th Street North to its intersection with the centerline of Washington Boulevard; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of Washington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of North McKinley Road; thence in a easterly direction with the centerline of North McKinley Road to its intersection with the centerline of 18th Street North; thence in a easterly direction with the centerline of 18th Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Lexington Street; thence in a southeasterly direction with the centerline of North Lexington Street to its intersection with the centerline of 16th Street North; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of 16th Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Jefferson Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Jefferson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Washington Boulevard; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Washington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 66; thence in a southwesterly direction with the centerline of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 66 to its intersection with North Harrison Street projected; thence in a northerly direction ~~11th Road North; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of 11th Road North to its intersection with the centerline of North Harrison Street; thence in a southerly direction~~ with the centerline of North Harrison Street to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate 66; Fairfax Drive; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Fairfax Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North Kensington Street projected; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of the projection of North Kensington Street to the centerline of I-66; thence in a westerly direction on the centerline of Interstate 66 I-66 to its intersection with the projected centerline

of 18th Street North, the point of beginning.

The polling place is Swanson Middle School, 5800 Washington Boulevard

029 DOMINION HILLS PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Wilson Boulevard and North Jefferson Street; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard to its intersection with the Arlington County Boundary line; thence in a northwesterly direction with the Arlington County Boundary line to its intersection with the centerline of North Roosevelt Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Roosevelt Street to its intersection with the centerline 17th Street North, where North Roosevelt Street becomes North Sycamore Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Sycamore Street to its intersection with the centerline of Four Mile Run; thence in a northeasterly direction with the centerline of Four Mile Run to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 66 I-66; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 66 I-66 to its intersection with the projected centerline of North Kensington Street; thence in a northerly direction with the projected centerline of North Kensington Street to its intersection with the centerline of Fairfax Drive; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Fairfax Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North Harrison Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Harrison Street to its intersection with the centerline of 9th Road North; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 9th Road North to its intersection with the centerline of North Jefferson Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Jefferson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard, the point of beginning.

The polling place is McKinley Elementary School, 1030 North McKinley Road.

032 OAKRIDGE PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of ~~Four Mile Run (Arlington County Boundary)~~ with the centerline of Shirley Highway; ~~thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Shirley Highway (Interstate 395) and to its intersection with the centerline of the South Arlington Ridge Road ramp; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of the South Arlington Ridge Road ramp to its intersection with the centerline of South Nash Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of South Nash Street to its intersection with the centerline of South Arlington Ridge Road; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of South Arlington Ridge Road to its intersection with the centerline of 28th Street South; thence in a westerly and northwesterly direction with the centerline of 28th Street South to its intersection with the centerline of South Rolfe Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of South Rolfe Street to its intersection with the centerline of South Queen Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of South Queen Street to its intersection with the centerline of 23rd Street South; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 23rd Street South to its projected intersection with Shirley Highway (Interstate 395); thence in a northeasterly direction with the centerline of Shirley Highway (Interstate 395) to its intersection with the centerline of the South Arlington Ridge Road ramp, of ~~Four Mile Run (Arlington County Boundary); thence in a westerly direction with Four Mile Run (Arlington County Boundary) to its intersection with the centerline of Shirley Highway,~~ the point of beginning.~~

The polling place is Oakridge School, 1414 24th Street South ~~Gunston Community Center, 2800 South Lang Street.~~

045 BUCKINGHAM PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of North George Mason Drive and the eastbound lanes of I-66; thence in a northeasterly direction with the centerline of the eastbound lanes of I-66 to its intersection with the centerline of Washington Boulevard; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Washington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of North Glebe Road; thence in a southeasterly direction

with the centerline of North Glebe Road to its intersection with the centerline of Arlington Boulevard; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Arlington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of North George Mason Drive; thence in a northerly and northwesterly direction with the centerline of North George Mason Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North Henderson Road; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Henderson Road to its intersection with the centerline of 3rd Street North; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 3rd Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Park Drive; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Park Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North George Mason Drive; thence in a northwesterly direction with the centerline of North George Mason Drive to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lanes of I-66, the point of beginning.

The polling place is located at Barrett Elementary School, 4401 North Henderson Road.

032 GUNSTON PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of Four Mile Run (Arlington County Boundary) with the centerline of Shirley Highway; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Shirley Highway to its intersection with the centerline of 23rd Street South projected; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of 23rd Street South to its intersection with the centerline of South Queen Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of South Queen Street to its intersection with the centerline of South Rolfe Street; thence in a southwestly direction with the centerline of South Rolfe Street to its intersection with the centerline of 28th Street South; thence in a southerly and southeasterly direction with the centerline of 28th Street South to its intersection with the centerline of South Arlington Ridge Road; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of South Arlington Ridge Road to its intersection with the centerline of Four Mile Run (Arlington County Boundary); thence in a westerly direction with Four Mile Run (Arlington County Boundary) to its intersection with the centerline of Shirley Highway, the point of beginning.

The polling place is the Gunston Community Center, 2800 South Lang Street.

All other precincts and polling places shall remain as previously established by ordinance.

Figure 3: Proposed precinct boundaries for Westover 023 Precinct, which includes the portion of the former Ballston 004 Precinct included in the 32nd Senate District. The polling place is Swanson School.



Figure 4: Technical boundary change between Westover 023 and Dominion Hills 029 Precincts. The proposed change would be to shift the boundaries to the dotted line as shown to run continuously along Interstate 66. No voters are affected by this proposed change.



2. Barcroft 005 and Jefferson 027 Precincts

Figure 6: Current Jefferson 027 Precinct boundaries, showing split between 47th and 49th House Districts. The polling place is the Thomas Jefferson Community Center.

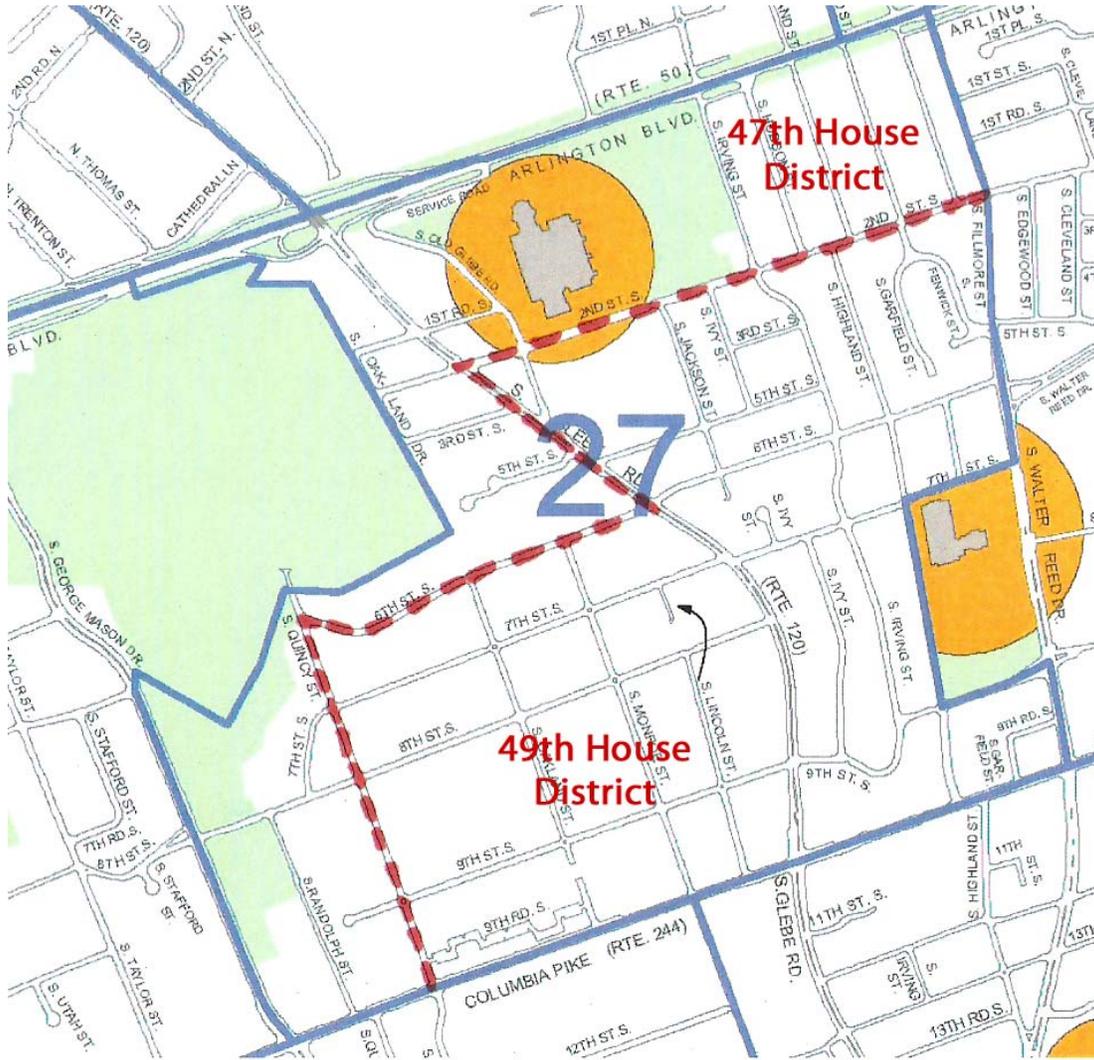


Figure 7: Proposed boundary changes for Jefferson 027 Precinct, which would include only the portion of the precinct now in the 49th House District. The polling place would remain at Thomas Jefferson Community Center.

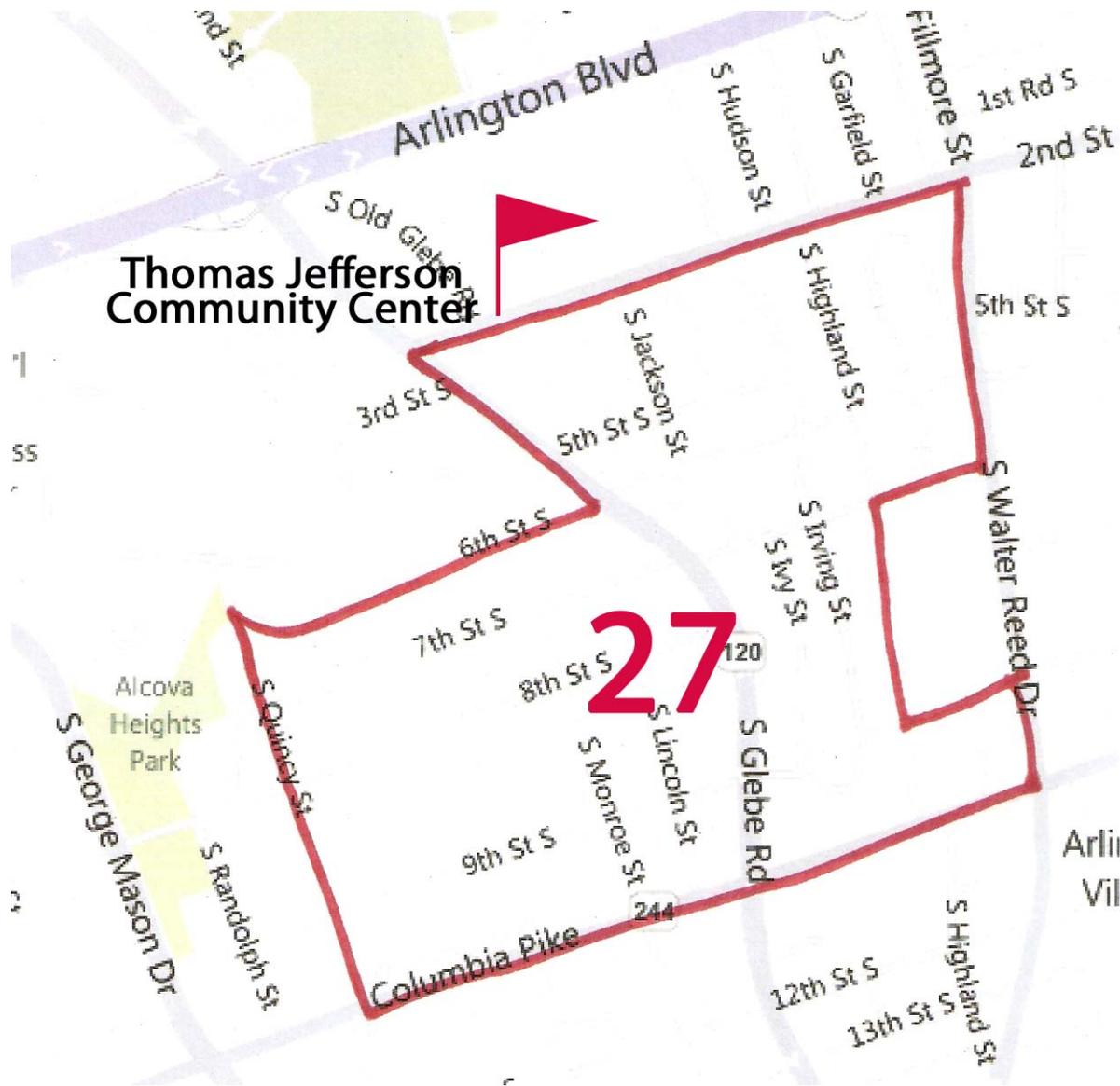


Figure 8: Proposed boundary changes for Barcroft 005 Precinct, which would include the portion of Jefferson 027 Precinct moved to the 47th House District. The polling place is Barcroft School.

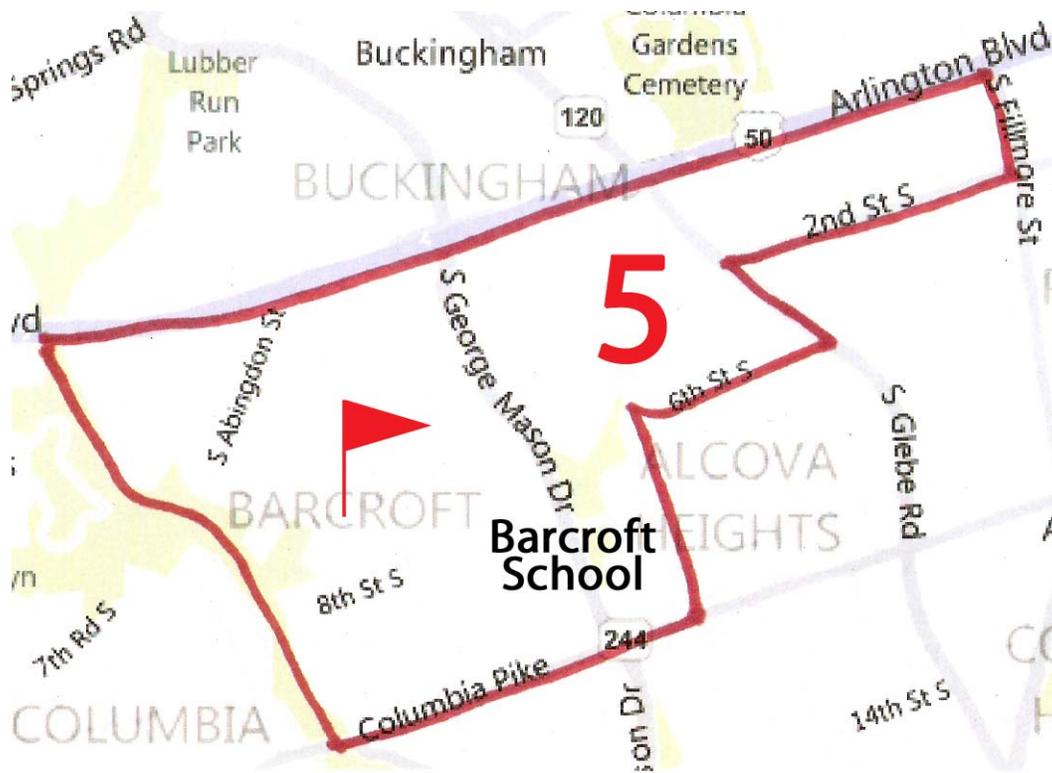


Figure 11: Proposed new Gunston 052 Precinct, created from the portion of the former Oakridge 032 Precinct in the 49th House District. The proposed polling place is Gunston Community Center.

