



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

<p>County Board Agenda Item Meeting of March 15, 2008</p>
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DATE: February 27, 2008

SUBJECT: Amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the advertised proposed amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places, as follows:

1. Move the polling place for the Fairlington Precinct 012 from the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 South Abingdon Street, back to its permanent location at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street.
2. Move the polling place for the Overlee Knolls Precinct 017 from Walter Reed School, 1644 North McKinley Road, to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Boulevard, while Walter Reed School is under reconstruction.

ISSUES: Need to relocate two polling places.

SUMMARY: The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend two polling place changes for existing precincts.

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 June 10, 2008 primary elections, pending approval by the U.S. Department of Justice. Virginia law requires polling places and precincts be established by County ordinance. The proposed amendments are:

I. Polling Place Change: Fairlington 012

The Fairlington Precinct 012 has been using the private Fairlington Villages Community Center, while its permanent location, the County-owned Fairlington Community Center has been under renovation. Renovations are expected to be complete at the Fairlington Community Center in early February 2008. The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend moving the polling place for the Fairlington Precinct 012 from the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 South Abingdon Street, back to the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street.

<p>County Manager: _____</p>
<p>County Attorney: _____</p>
<p>Staff: Linda Lindberg, General Registrar</p>

II. Polling Place Change: Overlee Knolls 017

The permanent polling place for the Overlee Knolls Precinct, Walter Reed School, is scheduled for complete reconstruction along with the adjacent Westover Library. The facility is unavailable for voting until construction is completed.

The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend moving the polling place for the Overlee Knolls Precinct 017 from Walter Reed School, 1644 North McKinley Road, to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Boulevard.

Attachment 1

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:

012 FAIRLINGTON PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of Route 7 and Quaker Lane (Arlington County Boundary); thence in a northwesterly direction on the Arlington side of Route 7 to its intersection with the centerline of Shirley Highway; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Shirley Highway to its intersection with the Arlington County Boundary; thence in a southerly direction with the aforementioned boundary line to its intersection with the Arlington County Boundary at Route 7 and Quaker Lane, the point of beginning.

The polling place is the ~~Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 South Abingdon Street~~ Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street.

017 OVERLEE KNOLLS PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Lee Highway and North Lexington Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Lexington Street to its intersection with the centerline of 18th Street North; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 18th Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North McKinley Road; thence in a southwesterly direction with the centerline of North McKinley Road to its intersection with the centerline of Washington Boulevard; thence in a northwesterly direction with the centerline of Washington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline

of 18th Street North; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 18th Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Quantico Street; thence departing from the intersection of the centerlines of North Quantico Street and 18th Street North in a southwesterly direction to the centerline of the eastbound lanes of I-66; thence with the centerline of the eastbound lanes of I-66 in a northwesterly direction to its intersection with centerline of Four Mile Run; thence in a southwesterly direction with the centerline of Four Mile Run to its intersection with the centerline of North Sycamore Street; thence in a southerly direction on the centerline of North Sycamore Street to its intersection with the centerline of 17th Street North, where North Sycamore Street becomes North Roosevelt Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Roosevelt Street to its intersection with the southwest boundary line of Arlington County; thence in a northwesterly direction with the County Boundary line to its intersection with the centerline of Lee Highway; thence in an northeasterly direction with the centerline of Lee Highway to its intersection with the centerline of North Lexington Street, the point of beginning.

The polling place is ~~Walter Reed Elementary School, 1644 North McKinley Road~~ Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Boulevard.

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

II. Overlee Knolls Precinct 017

This proposal moves the polling place for Overlee Knolls Precinct from Walter Reed School to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Blvd.

Walter Reed School and the adjacent Westover Library have begun an extensive reconstruction project and are unavailable for voting until construction is complete. Resurrection Lutheran Church is located nearby and has agreed to serve as the polling place in the interim.

Because of inadequate time before the February 12, 2008 Presidential Primary elections to implement the legal procedures necessary for this change, the Electoral Board obtained emergency approval from the Virginia State Board of Elections to move voting for the precinct to Resurrection Church for those elections only. This proposal seeks to make the change permanent for the period of construction at Walter Reed School, after which time the Electoral Board will request voting move back to Walter Reed School.

