



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of June 17, 2008**

**DATE:** May 28, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Request to advertise for a public hearing to amend the ordinance on precincts and polling places.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the advertisement for a public hearing on July 19, 2008 to consider proposed amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places, as follows:

1. Move the polling place for the Arlington Mill Precinct 043 from the Arlington Mill Center, 4975 Columbia Pike, to Campbell School, 737 South Carlin Springs Road, while the Arlington Mill Center is under construction.
2. Make minor precinct boundary adjustments and move the polling place for the Clarendon Precinct 014 from Central Library Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy Street, back to its permanent location at Washington-Lee High School, 1300 North Quincy Street.
3. Make boundary adjustments to the Virginia Square (040), Oakland (046) and Monroe (049) precincts, change the name of the Oakland Precinct (046) to Central (046), and move the polling place for the former Oakland Precinct (046) from St. George's Parish Hall, 915 North Oakland Street, to Central Library Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy Street.
4. Create one new precinct, Taylor (051), with a polling place at The Jefferson, 900 North Taylor Street.

**ISSUES:** Need to adjust precinct boundaries for several precincts, relocate some polling places, and create a new precinct.

**SUMMARY:** The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend several precinct boundary and polling place changes to existing precincts, one precinct name change, and the creation 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 4, 2008 general

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and special 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 Only: Arlington Mill 043**

The permanent polling place for the Arlington Mill Precinct, the Arlington Mill Center, is scheduled for complete reconstruction beginning August 2008. The facility is unavailable for voting until construction is completed.

The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend moving the polling place for the Arlington Mill Precinct 043 from the Arlington Mill Center, 4975 Columbia Pike, to Campbell School, 737 South Carlin Springs Road.

**II. Precinct Boundary and Polling Place Changes: Clarendon 014**

Clarendon Precinct has been voting at the Central Library Auditorium while its permanent polling place, Washington-Lee High School, has undergone a major renovation. The school is now available for voting.

The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend moving the polling place for the Clarendon Precinct 014 from Central Library Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy Street, back to Washington-Lee High School, 1300 North Quincy Street. The General Registrar and Electoral Board further recommend a boundary change for the precinct to allow voters living directly across from the library to continue voting in that location, as proposed below. The precinct will decrease from about 3,330 to 2,500 voters.

**III. Precinct Boundary, Precinct Name, and Polling Place Changes: Oakland 046:  
Boundary Changes Only: Virginia Square 040 and Monroe 049**

Oakland Precinct is currently the County's largest precinct, with over 4,500 registered voters. The population of the Virginia Square area that this precinct serves is growing rapidly as newly-constructed high-rise residential units open for occupation. In addition, the current location, St. George's Parish Hall, has an accessibility issue that cannot be resolved.

The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend a multi-step approach to reducing the size of the current Oakland Precinct and relocating the polling place to a fully-accessible facility, including the creation of a new precinct as described under Item IV below and boundary changes as follows:

- A. Adjust the boundaries of the current Virginia Square Precinct 040, currently voting at George Mason University, to include some of the voters in the current Oakland Precinct. Virginia Square will increase in size from about 1,500 to about 2,800 voters, which can easily be accommodated by the polling place.

- B. Adjust the boundaries of the current Monroe Precinct 049, currently voting at the Arlington Arts Center, to include some of the voters in the current Oakland Precinct. Monroe will increase in size from about 1,000 voters to about 1,400 voters.
- C. Relocate the polling place for newly-adjusted Oakland Precinct from St. George's Parish Hall, 915 North Oakland Street, to Central Library Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy Street. The new size of the precinct will be about 2,500 voters.
- D. Since the newly-relocated Oakland Precinct no longer votes in the vicinity of Oakland Street, its original namesake, the General Registrar and Electoral Board further recommend renaming the precinct from Oakland 046 to Central 046 to provide greater clarity for voters.

#### **IV. Proposed New Precinct: Taylor 051**

The final stage of the realignment of the former Oakland Precinct is the proposed creation of a new, smaller precinct, located in The Jefferson retirement facility. This polling place would serve voters in The Jefferson at 900 North Taylor Street and The Continental, an adjacent high-rise residential unit at 851 North Glebe Road. This proposal would provide greater convenience and safety for the residents of The Jefferson.

The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend adjusting the boundaries of the current Oakland Precinct 046 to create a new precinct with the proposed name Taylor 051, to be located in The Jefferson, 900 North Taylor Street. The precinct will have about 750-800 voters.

**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:

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**014 CLARENDON PRECINCT**

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of I-66 and North Glebe Road; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of I-66 to its intersection with the centerline of North Quincy Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Quincy Street to its intersection with the centerline of ~~Fairfax Drive~~ Washington Boulevard; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of ~~Fairfax Drive~~ Washington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of ~~North Glebe Road~~ North Randolph Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Randolph Street to its intersection with the centerline of Fairfax Drive; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Fairfax Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North Glebe Road; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Glebe Road to its intersection with the centerline of I-66, the point of beginning.

The polling place is Washington-Lee High School, 1300 North Quincy Street.

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**040 VIRGINIA SQUARE PRECINCT**

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of I-66 and North Quincy Street; thence in an easterly and northeasterly direction with the centerline of I-66 to its intersection with the centerline of Lee Highway; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Lee Highway to its intersection with the centerline of Kirkwood Road; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of Kirkwood Road to its intersection

with the centerline of North Jackson Street; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of North Jackson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of North Nelson Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Nelson Street to its intersection with the centerline of ~~Fairfax Drive~~ 9<sup>th</sup> Street North; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of ~~Fairfax Drive~~ 9<sup>th</sup> Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Quincy Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Quincy 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 Nelson Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Nelson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Washington Boulevard; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Washington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of North Quincy Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Quincy Street to its intersection of the centerline of I-66, the point of beginning.

The polling place is George Mason University, 3401 Fairfax Drive.

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#### **043 ARLINGTON MILL PRECINCT**

Beginning at the intersection of the southwest Arlington County Boundary line with the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Road South; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Road South to its intersection with the centerline of South Dinwiddie Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of South Dinwiddie Street to its intersection with the centerline of Columbia Pike; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Columbia Pike to its intersection with the southwest Arlington County Boundary line; thence in a northerly direction with the southwest Arlington County Boundary line to its intersection with the centerline of 7<sup>th</sup> Road South, the point of beginning.

The polling place is ~~Arlington Mill Community Center, 4975 Columbia Pike~~ Campbell School, 737 South Carlin Springs Road.

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#### **046 OAKLAND CENTRAL PRECINCT**

Beginning at the intersection of North ~~Glebe Road~~ Taylor Street and Fairfax Drive; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Fairfax Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North ~~Nelson~~ Randolph Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Randolph 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 North Nelson Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Nelson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard Fairfax Drive; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard Fairfax Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North Quincy Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Quincy Street to its intersection with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of North Glebe Road Taylor Street; thence in a ~~northwesterly~~ northerly direction with the centerline of North Glebe Road Taylor Street to its intersection with Fairfax Drive, the point of beginning.

The polling place is located at ~~St. George's Parish Hall, 915 North Oakland Street~~ Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street.

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#### **049 MONROE PRECINCT**

Beginning with the intersection of North Glebe Road and Wilson Boulevard; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of North Quincy Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Quincy Street to its intersection with the centerline of 9<sup>th</sup> Street North; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of 9<sup>th</sup> Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Nelson Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Nelson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Wilson Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of North Lincoln

Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Lincoln Street to its intersection with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street North; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 6<sup>th</sup> Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Monroe Street; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of North Monroe Street to its intersection with the centerline of 5<sup>th</sup> Street North; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 5<sup>th</sup> Street North to its intersection with the centerline of North Glebe Road; thence in northwesterly direction with the centerline of North Glebe Road to its intersection with Wilson Boulevard, the point of beginning.

The polling place is the Arlington Arts Center, 3350 Wilson Boulevard.

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**051 TAYLOR PRECINCT**

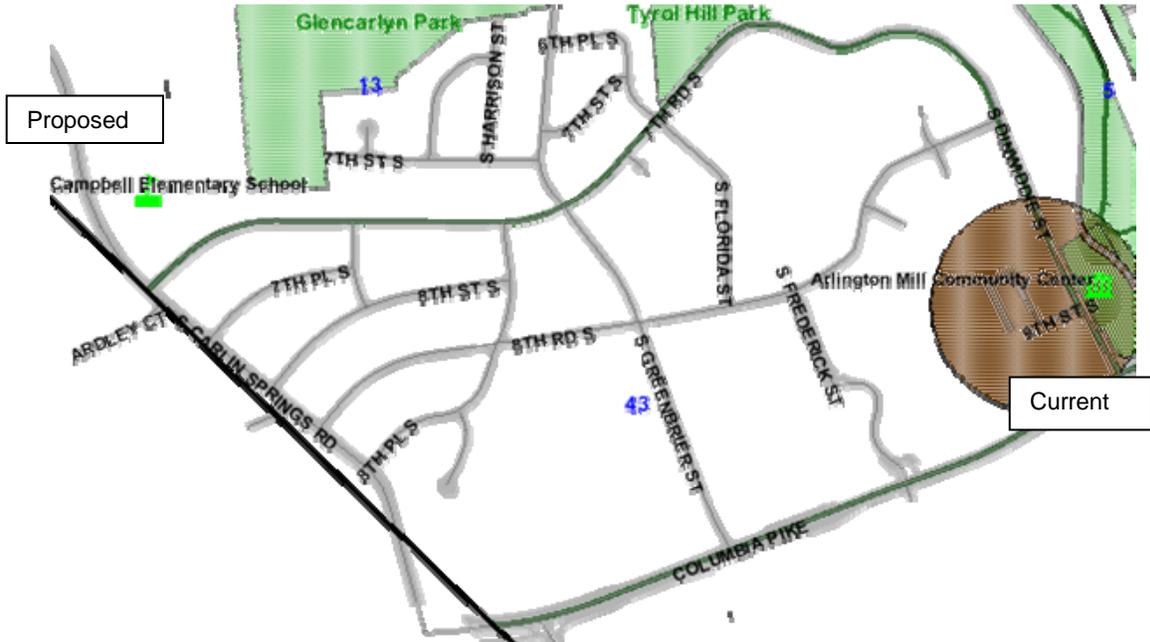
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The polling place is The Jefferson, 900 North Taylor Street.

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

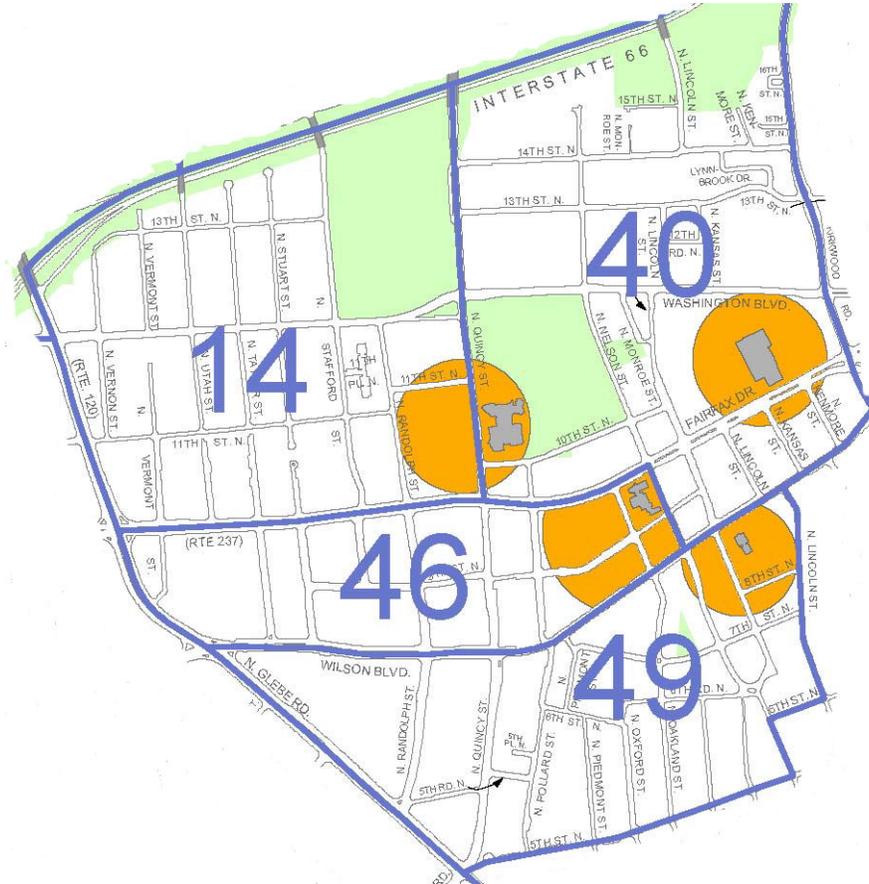
I. Arlington Mill Precinct, polling place change only



This proposal would move voters in the Arlington Mill Precinct 043 to Campbell School, 737 South Carlin Springs Road, while the precinct's regular polling place, Arlington Mill Community Center, 4976 Columbia Pike, is under construction.

## II. Clarendon, Virginia Square, Oakland, and Monroe Precincts

### Current Configuration



Voters in these precincts are currently voting as follows:

Clarendon 014: Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street. Voters have been voting there since 2006 because of construction at their regular polling place, Washington-Lee High School.

Virginia Square 040: George Mason University, 3401 Fairfax Drive.

Oakland 046: St. George's Parish Hall, 915 North Oakland Street. This precinct is the County's largest, and St. George's has an accessibility issue that cannot be resolved.

Monroe 049: Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Boulevard.

