

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 8 OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MS, TO
REVISE CERTAIN POLLING PLACES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Meridian, Mississippi, that Article 1, Chapter 8 Elections be amended to revise the polling places as follows, to-wit:

Chapter 8, at Section 8-14 is amended as follows:

Ward number Two (2):

- (A) Meridian Little Theatre
4334 Highway 39 North

Ward number Two (2):

- (B) Velma Young Community Center
2400 16th Avenue
(Area West of the Norfolk Southern Railroad which runs parallel with Hwy 11 & 80
and B Street)

Ward number Two (2):

- (C) Oak Grove Baptist Church
801 Oak Grove Drive
(Area East of the Norfolk Southern Railroad which runs parallel with Hwy 11 & 80
and B Street)

Ward number Four (4):

- (B) Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
(544 49th Avenue)
(Area East of 53rd Avenue)

Ward number Four (4):

- (C) Council of Organization
(814 45th Avenue)
(Area West of 53rd Avenue)

Ward number Four (4):

- (D) First Baptist Church
701 26th Avenue

Ward number Five (5):

- (C) The Raymond P. Davis Courthouse Annex
410 Constitution Avenue

SO ORDAINED, this the 7th day of March, 2017.

Motion by Councilman Markham second by Councilwoman Henson.

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Kim Houston

KIM HOUSTON, PRESIDENT
CITY COUNCIL, MERIDIAN, MS

3/8/17
DATE

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF COUNCIL, ON THE
8th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

Jo Ann Clark

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVE DATE 3/10/17

VETO () DATE _____

ATTEST:

April C. White

CITY CLERK

BY: *Percy Bland*

PERCY BLAND, MAYOR
CITY OF MERIDIAN



1. **Ward Precinct 2-A** Trinity Lutheran Church Is not a conducive area for voter privacy. Meridian little Theatre across Highway 39 has proven to be a wonderful polling location for a myriad of reasons.
2. **Ward Precinct 2-B** The Velma Young Community Center has by far the largest voting population of any of the City precincts. Parking is a constant issue. Lauderdale County currently uses the Norfolk Southern Railroad (runs parallel with Hwy 11&80 and B Street) as a dividing line. Allowing the voters inside the city to vote at Velma Young and those that live In the Bonita Community along those which live in the annexed part of the southeastern side of the city to vote at Oak Grove Baptist Church located at 801 Oak Grove Drive. Moving some voters from Velma Young to Oak Grove would help with several problems such as parking issues, long voter lines, voting delays and citizens having to drive a long distances to vote.
3. **Ward Precinct 4-B** Mount Olive Baptist church has decided to host elections again. Lauderdale County has divided the precinct Into an East and West portion with 53rd Ave being the dividing line. Voters East of 53rd Ave are voting at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Voters on the West side of 53rd Ave are voting at the Council of Organization. Both locations have proven in past elections to be well suited for a voting population of that size.
4. **Ward Precinct 4-D** New Hope Baptist Church does not have ideal parking for voters. First Baptist of Meridian is more than happy to host elections. First Baptist has the parking and rooms needed to conduct election. First Baptist is also ADA compliant:
5. **Ward Precinct 5-C** The Lauderdale County Courthouse is not a conducive area for voter privacy. The Raymond P Davis Courthouse Annex Building across 5th Street has proven to be conducive for voter privacy.

This is just a summary that I presented to the council If you could forward to your attorney this should be enough to get the ball running. I know it's not everything but in the time crunch it should help. Let the Attorney know I'll be by my phone at all times if he has any questions.

Thanks.