



AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HERB SIMS CENTER

AS THE PERMANENT POLLING PLACE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, in recent years, the supply of persons willing and available to staff polling places has been reduced, to the point that it is difficult to find workers to staff polling places throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, certain polling places that have been used traditionally have proven difficult for persons with disabilities to access; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of voters vote in the early voting period, reducing the turnout on election day; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, the Board of Directors, in 2019, passed an ordinance providing for a single polling place for the election held on June 4, 2019, to wit: The Herb Sims Center at 1780 Stadium Drive, Bluefield, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, such facility proved safe, accessible and adequate to serve as the single polling place for such election; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and pursuant to Section 12-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bluefield, be it **ORDAINED** as follows:

That, beginning with the 2021 municipal election, and for all subsequent municipal elections, the polling place for all precincts shall be the Herb Sims Center, 1780 Stadium Drive, Bluefield, West Virginia, 24701 and, if such place is not available, the polling place shall be City Hall, 200 Rogers Street, Bluefield, West Virginia, 24701; and

BE IT FURTHER **ORDAINED**, that nothing herein shall affect early voting for such elections, which shall be available at City Hall for all such elections, on such dates and during such times as provided by law.

First Reading: February 9, 2021

Second Reading: February 23, 2021

Passed: February 23, 2021

Ron Martin, Mayor

Attest:

Robert Luther, City Clerk