

INTRODUCED: July 27, 2020

AN ORDINANCE No. 2020-163

To amend and reordain City Code § 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to establish two satellite polling places for in-person absentee voting.

Patron – President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: AUG 10 2020 AT 4 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That section 9-58 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby **amended** and reordained as follows:

Sec. 9-58. Polling places.

Pursuant to Code of Virginia, §§ 24.2-310 and 24.2-310.1, the polling places for each of the precincts established in this article shall be as follows:

Precinct	Polling Place	Location
101	Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond	442 Westhampton Way
102	St. Giles Church	5200 Grove Avenue (enter from Tuckahoe Boulevard)
104	First Presbyterian Church	Locke Lane and Cary Street Road
105	Mary Munford School	211 Westmoreland

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: AUG 10 2020 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

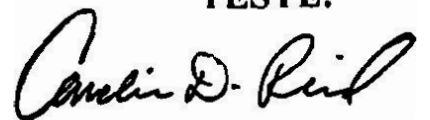
Precinct	Polling Place	Location
106	Grace Baptist Church	Dover Road, Windsor Farms
111	American Legion Department of Virginia	1708 Commonwealth Avenue
112	Thomas Jefferson High School	4100 West Grace Street
113	Albert H. Hill School	3400 Patterson Avenue
114	Humphrey Calder Community Center	414 N. Thompson Street
115	Fire Engine House	311 Maple Avenue
203	Hermitage Methodist Home	1601 Palmyra Avenue
204	First Baptist Church	North Arthur Ashe Boulevard at Monument Avenue (enter from North Mulberry parking lot)
206	Dominion Place	1025 W. Grace Street
207	Retreat Hospital	2621 Grove Avenue
208	Tabernacle Baptist Church	1925 Grove Avenue
213	George Washington Carver School	1110 W. Leigh Street
214	University Student Commons, Cherry and Main Streets entrance	907 Floyd Avenue
215	Arthur Ashe Center	3017 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard
301	South entrance, John Marshall High School	4225 Old Brook Road
302	Atlee Church	3121 Moss Side Avenue
303	Barack Obama Elementary School	3101 Fendall Avenue
304	Richmond Community High School	201 East Brookland Park Boulevard
305	Albert V. Norrell School	2120 Fendall Avenue
306	Police Training Academy	1202 W. Graham Road
307	Ginter Park Presbyterian Church	3601 Seminary Avenue
308	Linwood Holton Elementary School	1600 West Laburnum Avenue
309	Imperial Plaza	1717 Bellevue Avenue
310	Calhoun Center	436 Calhoun Street
402	Forest Hill Presbyterian Church	4401 Forest Hill Avenue
404	Jahnke Road Baptist Church	6023 Jahnke Road
409	J. B. Fisher Elementary School	3701 Garden Road
410	Thompson Middle School	7825 Forest Hill Avenue
412	Heritage Oaks Retirement Community	1100 German School Road
413	St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church	7757 Chippenham Parkway
414	Southampton Elementary School	3333 Cheverly Road
415	Christ the King Lutheran Church	9800 West Huguenot Road

Precinct	Polling Place	Location
501	John B. Cary School	3021 Maplewood Avenue
503	Maymont School	1211 South Allen Avenue
504	Randolph Community Center	1415 Grayland Avenue
505	Clark Springs Elementary School	1101 Dance Street
508	Woodland Heights Baptist Church	31st Street & Springhill Avenue
509	George Wythe High School	4314 Crutchfield Street
510	Swansboro School	3160 Midlothian Turnpike
602	Whitcomb Court Housing Development Recreation Room	2302 Carmine Street
603	Fire Engine House	2614 First Avenue
604	Fifth Street Baptist Church	2800 Third Avenue
606	Hotchkiss Community Center	701 East Brookland Park Boulevard
607	Main Library	101 East Franklin Street
609	Fire Engine House	Albany Avenue and Commerce Road
610	Bellemeade Community Center	1800 Lynhaven Avenue
701	Woodville School	2000 N. 28th Street
702	Fairmount Place	1501 N. 21st Street
703	Fourth Baptist Church	2800 P Street
705	31st Street Baptist Church	823 N. 31st Street
706	Recreation Center	5051 Northampton Street
707	City Hall East	25th and M Streets
708	Main Street Station	1500 East Main Street
802	Blackwell Community Center	300 E. 15th Street
806	Hickory Hill Community Center	3000 E. Belt Boulevard
810	Celebration Church and Outreach Ministry	5501 Midlothian Turnpike
811	Hobson Masonic Lodge	801 Prince Hall Drive
812	Branch's Baptist Church	3400 Broad Rock Road
814	Boushall Middle School	3400 Hopkins Road
902	E.S.H. Greene School	1745 Catalina Drive
903	J.L. Francis Elementary School	5146 Snead Road
908	Miles Jones Elementary School	200 Beaufont Hills Drive
909	Elizabeth D. Redd School	5601 Jahnke Road
910	G.H. Reid School	1301 Whitehead Road
911	Community Building, Southside Regional Park	6255 Old Warwick Road
<u>Satellite</u>	<u>City Hall</u>	<u>900 East Broad Street</u>
<u>Satellite</u>	<u>Hickory Hill Community Center</u>	<u>3000 Belt Boulevard</u>

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:



City Clerk



Richmond City Council

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Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Council Ordinance/Resolution Request/Research

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DATE July 14, 2020

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TITLE Amend City Code §9-58 which assigns polling places in the city for the purpose of establishing satellite voting locations.

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Councilmember Cynthia Newbille

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Recommendation to Waive Committee

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Amend City Code §9-58 which assigns polling places in the city for the purpose of establishing two satellite in person absentee voting locations for the November General Election.

BACKGROUND

In the 2019 Virginia General Assembly session, legislation was enacted to allow voters to vote by utilizing absentee ballots before election day without providing an excuse. Currently, it is estimated that as many as 53,201 voters will take advantage of this change in law over the course of the 45 day voting period for the November 2020 election. As many as 8,000 voters can be expected on the peak day.

In preparation for the expected voters, the Office of the General Registrar is planning the location sites to accommodate the changes to the law. The Office of the General Registrar anticipates the majority of the pre-election day in person voting activity can be accommodated at its main office located at 2134 West Laburnum Avenue. In addition, the Office of the General Registrar recommends at least two satellite voting facilities to accommodate voting in the two weeks prior to the general election date in November to

facilitate voter access to this new opportunity and the anticipated larger turnout for the November general election. The coordination of these locations is to avoid the possibility waits and long lines. The Registrar suggests that one satellite site should be south of the James River and the other site in Central Richmond.

O&R Request - Recommended Voting Locations

This O&R is to amend City Code §9-58 which assigns polling places in the city for the purpose of establishing two satellite in person absentee voting locations for the November General Election. The authority for establishing satellite sites was originally vested in the local Electoral Board. As of July 1, 2020, the Virginia General Assembly shifted that authority to the local governing body.

The request is to specify the locations to offer multiple pre-election day voting for the November 2020 Election. The Office of the General Registrar has identified two locations that meet these geographic and spatial requirements: the Hickory Hill Community Center, 3000 East Belt Boulevard, and City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

In accordance with the provisions of the law for satellite voting precincts, the facilities selected:

- are accessible to persons with disabilities and nearby public transportation.
- are able to isolate the voting activity from other activity in the building.
- has a room where ballots and voting equipment can be secured from tampering when not in use.

Section 24.2-206 of the Code of Virginia prohibits changes to polling places within 60 days of a general election. As such, this ordinance must be adopted by September 3, 2020. Notice of this proposed change must be published prior to enactment once a week for two successive weeks before adoption. Upon adoption of this ordinance, all registered voters of the City of Richmond would be notified approximately fifteen days before absentee voting commences on September 18, 2020. The Office of the General Registrar anticipates that the notice will be mailed to all voters to announce the relocation of the main Office of the General Registrar itself no later than the first week in September.

This change, therefore, is not itself expected to have any fiscal impact and no budget amendment is requested at this time. The staff and equipment necessary to operate these satellite locations is already in place to provide services to the anticipated number of voters for the November General Election. The resources would simply be redistributed from one location to three locations.

The requested introduction date is July 27, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

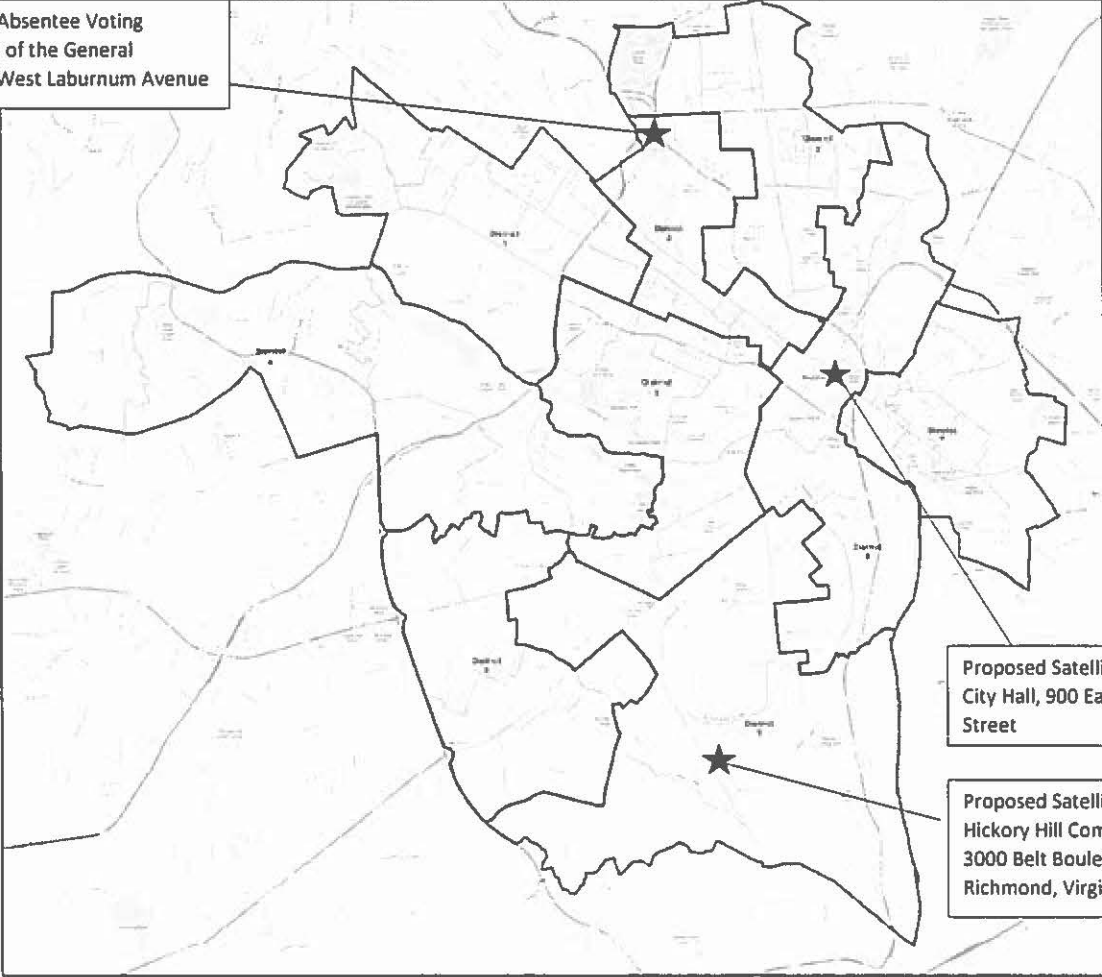
Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$ 0	

Attachment/s Yes No

Attachment: Map showing the proposed voting locations.

MAP OF PROPOSED SATELLITE LOCATIONS

Main In-Person Absentee Voting
Location: Office of the General
Registrar, 2134 West Laburnum Avenue



Proposed Satellite Voting:
City Hall, 900 East Broad
Street

Proposed Satellite Voting:
Hickory Hill Community Center:
3000 Belt Boulevard,
Richmond, Virginia