INTRODUCED: June 14, 2021

#### A RESOLUTION No. 2021-R037

To approve the General Registrar to apply to the State Board of Elections for a waiver to administer certain precincts as split precincts for elections held in 2021.

Patron – President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 28 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 24.2-307 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the precincts of counties and cities within the Commonwealth of Virginia "shall be wholly contained within a single congressional district, Senate district, House of Delegates district, and election district used for the election of one or more members of the governing body or school board for the county or city;" and

WHEREAS, section 24.2-307 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, also requires that, in each year ending in one, the governing body of each county and city within the Commonwealth of Virginia establish the boundaries of that county's or city's precincts to be consistent with the boundaries of any congressional district, Senate district, House of Delegates district, and local election district that was adopted by the appropriate authority by June 15 of that year; and AYES:

9 NOES:

0 ABSTAIN:

ADOPTED: JUN 28 2021 REJECTED: STRICKEN:

WHEREAS, section 24.2-307 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, further provides that if a governing body is unable to establish a precinct with the minimum number of registered voters without splitting the precinct between two or more congressional districts, Senate districts, House of Delegates districts, or local election districts, such governing body shall apply to the State Board of Elections for a waiver to administer a split precinct; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 24.2-307 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, "[i]f congressional districts, Senate districts, House of Delegates districts, or local election districts have not been adopted by the appropriate authority by June 15 of a year ending in one, the governing body [responsible for establishing precinct boundaries] may use the congressional districts, Senate districts, House of Delegates districts, or local election districts as such districts existed on June 15 of that year as the basis for establishing the precinct boundaries to be used for the elections to be held in November of that year;" and

WHEREAS, because the City does not reasonably anticipate receiving the requisite 2020 population data from the United States Census Bureau before late August, 2021, the Council of the City of Richmond has concluded that the Council will be "unable to establish [certain precincts] with the minimum number of registered voters without splitting [those precincts] between two or more congressional districts, Senate districts, House of Delegates districts, or local election districts" within the meaning of section 24.2-307 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and take all steps necessary to establish new polling places consistent with such precincts prior to September 3, 2021, the deadline set by section 24.2-306(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, for making any change in any local election district, precinct, or polling place preceding the November 2, 2021, general election; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council approve the application of the General Registrar to the State Board of Elections for a waiver to administer certain split precincts for elections held in 2021 in accordance with section 24.2-307 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended;

### NOW, THEREFORE,

#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council hereby approves the General Registrar of the City of Richmond to apply to the State Board of Elections for a waiver pursuant to section 24.2-307 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to administer the following 26 precincts, set forth in Chapter 9, Article III of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, as split precincts for any elections held during 2021:

- 1. Precinct 101
- 2. Precinct 102
- 3. Precinct 104
- 4. Precinct 106
- 5. Precinct 111
- 6. Precinct 204
- 7. Precinct 215
- 8. Precinct 301
- 9. Precinct 303
- 10. Precinct 304
- 11. Precinct 307
- 12. Precinct 308

- 13. Precinct 309
- 14. Precinct 412
- 15. Precinct 505
- 16. Precinct 604
- 17. Precinct 606
- 18. Precinct 607
- 19. Precinct 701
- 20. Precinct 705
- 21. Precinct 706
- 22. Precinct 708
- 23. Precinct 806
- 24. Precinct 811
- 25. Precinct 812
- 26. Precinct 908

A TRUE COPY: TESTE:

City Clerk

### Office of the Council Chief of Staff

# **Council Ordinance/Resolution Request**

TO Haskell Brown, Interim Richmond City Attorney

**FROM** Joyce L. Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

**COPY** Cynthia Newbille, Council President

Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

Candice Reid, City Clerk

Sam Patterson, 7th District Liaison

**DATE** May 27, 2021

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TITLE Resolution for General Registrar to Apply for Waiver to Administer Split Precincts

This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution

#### REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Cynthia Newbille, Council President

### SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Government Operations

#### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Resolution for General Registrar to submit a waiver application to administer a split precinct required by the State Board of Elections for localities.

### **BACKGROUND**

This O&R is to request a Resolution for City Council to support application by the Richmond General Registrar's Office to apply for a waiver to administer an existing split precinct. Submission of a waiver application is required by the State Board of Elections for localities to request a waiver to administer a split precinct.

Pursuant to §24.2-307, the governing bodies of localities are required to establish precincts that are contained within a single congressional district, Senate district, House of Delegates district, and local election district. The Department of Elections notified all General Registrars that, pursuant to 24.2-307 of the Code of Virginia, split precincts should be eliminated starting with the November 2021 election. However, if split precincts are unavoidable (and because of the delay in census data it will be), then each locality may apply for a waiver. The deadline to apply for this waiver is 60 days prior to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election.

The City cannot establish a precinct with the minimum number of registered voters without splitting the precinct, and that new precinct boundaries that are consistent with congressional, Senate, House of Delegate, and local election district boundaries cannot be established by the November election.

This Resolution is to approve the submission of the application. Once approved by the governing body, the General Registrar can submit the waiver application with their adopted

Resolution and meeting minutes.				
The attachment provides a list of the precincts.				
This O&R is requested for introduction at the June 14, 2021.				
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT				
Fiscal Impact	Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$			
Budget Amendment Required	Yes 🗌 No 🛛			

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Attachment/s Yes ⊠ No □

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

Richmond City Council Ordinance/Resolution Request Form/updated 1.10.2019/srs

CITY OF RICHMOND POLLING PLACES					
Precinct	Location	Address	House District	Senate District	Congress. District
	ELE	CTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS			
		6 AM to 7 PM		ı	
101	Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond	442 Westhampton Way	68 & 73	10	4
102	St. Giles Church	5200 Grove Avenue (enter from Tuckahoe Blvd.)	68 & 73	10	4
104	First Presbyterian Church	4602 Cary Street Road	68 & 73	09 & 10	4
105	Mary Munford Elementary School	211 Westmoreland Street	68	09	4
106	Grace Baptist Church	4200 Dover Road, Windsor Farms	68	09 & 10	4
111	Church of the Holy Comforter	4819 Monument Ave	68 & 73	10	4
112	Thomas Jefferson High School	4100 W. Grace Street	68	10	4
113	Albert H. Hill Middle School	3400 Patterson Avenue	68	10	4
114	Humphrey Calder Community Center	414 North Thompson Street	68	10	4
115	Maple Avenue Fire Station	311 Maple Avenue	68	10	4
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203	Arthur Ashe Center	3017 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard	71	10	4
204	First Baptist Church	N. Boulevard at Monument Avenue	71	09 &10	4
	'	(enter from N. Mulberry)			
206	VCU Institute for Contemporary Art	601 West Broad Street	71	09	4
207	Museum of History and Culture	428 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard	68	09	4
208	Tabernacle Baptist Church	1925 Grove Avenue	71	09	4
213	Geo. Washington Carver Elem. Schl.	1110 West Leigh Street	71	09	4
214	University Student Commons	907 Floyd Avenue (Cherry & Main Sts. Entrance)	71	10	4
215	Arthur Ashe Center	3017 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard	71 & 73	10	4
301	John Marshall High School	4225 Old Brook Road (south entrance)	71 & 74	09	4
302	Atlee Church	3121 Moss Side Avenue	71	09	4
303	Barack Obama Elementary School	3101 Fendall Street	71 & 74	09	4
304	Richmond Community High School	201 East Brookland Park Boulevard	71 & 74	09	4
305	Albert V. Norrell Elem. School	2120 Fendall Street	71	09	4
306	Police Academy	1202 West Graham Road	71	09	4
307	Ginter Park Presbyterian Church	3601 Seminary Avenue	71	09 & 10	4
308	Linwood Holton Elementary School	1600 West Laburnum Avenue	71 & 74	09	4
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CITY OF RICHMOND POLLING PLACES							
Precinct	Location	Address	House District	Senate District	Congress. District		
	ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS  6 AM to 7 PM						
309	Acca Shriner's Center	1712 Bellevue Avenue	71 & 74	10	4		
310	Calhoun Center	436 Calhoun Street	71	09	4		
402	Forest Hill Presbyterian Church	4401 Forest Hill Avenue	69	10	4		
404	Jahnke Road Baptist Church	6023 Jahnke Road	69	10	4		
409	J.B. Fisher Elementary School	3701 Garden Road	68	10	4		
410	Thompson Middle School	7825 Forest Hill Avenue	69	10	4		
412	Lucille M. Brown Middle School	6300 Jahnke Road	27 & 69	10	4		
413	St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church	7757 Chippenham Pkwy. (enter from Custis Rd.)	68	10	4		
414	Southampton Elementary School	3333 Cheverly Road	68	10	4		
415	Christ the King Lutheran Church	9800 West Huguenot Road	68	10	4		
501	John B. Cary Elementary School	3021 Maplewood Avenue	69	09	4		
503	Maymont Elementary School	1211 South Allen Avenue	69	10	4		
504	Randolph Community Center	1415 Grayland Avenue	69	09	4		
505	Clark Springs Elementary School	1101 Dance Street	69 & 71	10	4		
508	Woodland Heights Baptist Church	31st Street and Springhill Avenue	69	10	4		
509	George Wythe High School	4314 Crutchfield Street	69	16	4		
510	Swansboro Elementary School	3160 Midlothian Turnpike	69	16	4		
602	Whitcomb Court Recreation Room	2302 Carmine Street	71	09	4		
603	Fire Engine House	2614 First Avenue	71	09	4		
604	5th Street Baptist Church	2800 Third Avenue	71 & 74	09	4		
606	Hotchkiss Community Center	701 East Brookland Park Boulevard	71 & 74	09	4		
607	Main Library	101 East Franklin Street	71	09 & 10	4		
609	Fire Engine House	Albany Ave. and Commerce Rd.	71	16	4		
610	Bellemeade Community Center	1800 Lynhaven Avenue	71	16	4		
701	Woodville Elementary School	2000 North 28th Street	70 & 74	16	4		
702	Sarah Garland Jones Center	2600 Nine Mile Road	70	16	4		

CITY OF RICHMOND POLLING PLACES						
Precinct	Location	Address	House District	Senate District	Congress. District	
	ELE	CTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS				
		6 AM to 7 PM				
703	Fourth Baptist Church	2800 "P" Street	70	16	4	
705	Thirty-first Street Baptist Church	823 North 31st Street	70 & 71	16	4	
706	Powhatan Recreation Center	5051 Northampton Street	70 & 71	16	4	
707	City Hall East	25th & "M" Streets	71	16	4	
708	Main Street Station	1500 East Main Street	71	09 & 16	4	
802	Blackwell Community Center	300 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street	71	16	4	
806	Hickory Hill Community Center	3000 East Belt Boulevard	69, 70	16	4	
			& 71			
810	Celebration Church and Outreach	5501 Midlothian Turnpike	69	16	4	
	Ministry					
811	Hobson Masonic Lodge	801 Prince Hall Drive	69 & 71	16	4	
812	Branch's Baptist Church	3400 Broad Rock Boulevard	66, 69	16	4	
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814	Boushall Middle School	3400 Hopkins Road	69	16	4	
902	Cardinal Flamenton, Cabaal	1745 Catalina Drive	69	16	4	
	Cardinal Elementary School			_	4	
903	J.L. Francis Elementary School	5146 Snead Road	69	10	4	
908	Miles Jones Elementary School	200 Beaufont Hills Drive	27 & 69	10	4	
909	Elizabeth Redd Elementary School	5601 Jahnke Road	69	10	4	
910	G.H. Reid Elementary School	1301 Whitehead Road	69	10	4	
911	Community Building, Southside Regional Park	6255 Old Warwick Road	69	10	4	
PRE-ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS						
Starting 45 days before all elections						
8 AM to 5 PM, M-F, except holidays and 9 AM to 5 PM the two Saturdays before every election						
	Office of the General Registrar, City of	2134 West Laburnum Avenue		All distric	ts	
	Richmond					

PRE-ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS Starting the second Saturday before November General Elections only				
Same hours as the main location  City Hall  900 East Broad Street  All districts				
Hickory Hill Community Center	3000 East Belt Boulevard	All districts		

### Official ELECT Advisory

**DATE:** May 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Waiver to Administer an Existing Split Precinct

WHY THIS IS NEEDED: The Code of Virginia § 24.2-307 requires the elimination of split precincts for elections held in November, 2021 and all subsequent elections.

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU: The governing bodies of localities are required to establish precincts that are wholly contained within a single congressional district, Senate district, House of Delegates district, and local election district. If a governing body is unable to establish a precinct with the minimum number of registered voters without splitting the precinct, it may apply for a waiver. Additionally, if precinct boundaries that are consistent with any Congressional district, Senate district, House of Delegates district, and local election district that will be adopted by the appropriate authority, cannot be established before the 60 day precinct change prohibition pursuant to § 24.2-306, a governing body may request a waiver.

**ACTIONS NEEDED:** As delegated by the State Board of Elections on March 31, 2021, ELECT has created a simple waiver application for localities to request to administer a split precinct(s), which the governing body **must** approve to apply for.

Once approved by the governing body, a general registrar can fill out the waiver application and attach the governing body's meeting minutes or resolution. A locality may only administer a split precinct for elections held in the year the waiver is granted.

 $The \ waiver \ application \ can \ be \ accessed \ here: \ (https://fs28.formsite.com/vaelect/SplitWaiver/index.html).$ 

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