

City of Ann Arbor

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Legislation Text

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Resolution to Temporarily Relocate Precincts 1-2, 1-3 (Community High), 2-18 (Clague), 3-24, (Tappan) 3-27, 3-30 (Scarlett), 3-29 (Pittsfield Elementary), 5-43 (Bach), 5-47 (Eberwhite), 5-52 and 5-53 (Forsythe) for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 due to Construction Projects at the Ann Arbor Public Schools

The City Clerk's Office has been notified by the Ann Arbor Public Schools staff that eight buildings regularly used for Election Day polling places will not be available on August 2 due to ongoing renovation and construction work at these locations. These eight locations, Community High, Clague Middle School, Tappan Middle School, Scarlett Middle School, Pittsfield Elementary, Bach Elementary, Eberwhite Elementary and Forsythe Middle School regularly host eleven precincts. In consultation with AAPS, all locations were moved to a nearby public-school building, with the exception of the two precincts at Community High School, which were relocated to nearby Hands-On Museum. Scarlett Middle School voters are again temporarily housed at Mitchell Elementary, which was also utilized for the November 2021 Special Election.

Location changes are as follows:

1-2 and 1-3: Community High to Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum - 220 E. Ann St.

2-18: Clague Middle School to Thurston Elementary - 2300 Prairie St.

3-24: Tappan Middle School to Burns Park Elementary - 1414 Wells St.

3-27, 3-29 and 3-30: Scarlett and Pittsfield to Mitchell Elementary - 3550 Pittsview Dr.

5-43: Bach Elementary to Pioneer High School - 601 W. Stadium Blvd.

5-47: Eberwhite to Slauson Middle School - 1019 W. Washington

5-52 and 5-53: Forsythe Middle School to Ann Arbor Open - 920 Miller Ave.

It is expected that all affected voters will be able to return to their usual polling place on November 8, 2022.

Pursuant to Michigan Election Law, City Council approval is required for a polling place location change, which occurs less than 60 days prior to an election due to unforeseen circumstances, such as "....because a polling place has been damaged, destroyed, or rendered inaccessible or otherwise unusable as a polling place."

Upon approval by City Council, the City Clerk's Office will begin promotion of the temporary change, such as press releases, website posting, social media, etc. Signage will also be posted at entrances to all affected locations alerting voters of the change.

The City Clerk's Office is requesting that City Council authorize the City Clerk and the City Administrator to take any necessary action to implement this resolution.

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Reviewed by: John Fournier, Assistant City Administrator Approved by: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator

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Whereas, Michigan Election Law, 168.662 (1), requires that the legislative body in each city shall designate and prescribe the place or places of holding an election in the city, and shall provide a suitable polling place for each precinct for use at each election:

Whereas, Michigan Election Law, 168.662 (4), requires that a determination of a polling place change less than 60 days prior to an Election requires City Council approval and the change must be necessary because the current polling place has been damaged, destroyed, or rendered inaccessible or unusable;

Whereas, The City Clerk's Office has recently been notified by the Ann Arbor Public Schools staff that Precincts 1-2, 1-3 (Community High), 2-18 (Clague), 3-24, (Tappan) 3-27, 3-30 (Scarlett), 3-29 (Pittsfield Elementary), 5-43 (Bach), 5-47 (Eberwhite), 5-52 and 5-53 (Forsythe) will not be available for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election due to ongoing construction projects;

Whereas, The City Clerk has located suitable temporary polling place locations for these precincts, focusing on accessible, public facilities and close proximity to the permanent site, to minimize any adverse impacts to voters;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve the following temporary relocation of precincts for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election:

1-2 and 1-3 Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum - 220 E. Ann St.

2-18 Thurston Elementary - 2300 Prairie St.

3-24 Burns Park Elementary - 1414 Wells St.

3-27, 3-29 and 3-30 Mitchell Elementary - 3550 Pittsview Dr.

5-43 Pioneer High School - 601 W. Stadium Blvd.

5-47 Slauson Middle School - 1019 W. Washington

5-52 and 5-53 Ann Arbor Open - 920 Miller Ave.

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator and the City Clerk be authorized to take all action necessary to implement this resolution.