



MEMORANDUM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM

TO: City Council

FROM: Laura Kasper, Interim City Clerk

SUBJECT: Early In-Person Voting - Resolution 31-2023

With last year's passing of Proposal 22-2, the State now requires an early voting period of nine (9) days for all State and Federal elections. Early voting must take place for eight (8) hours per day, from the second Saturday before the election thru the Sunday before the election.

Local Clerks are required to submit their plans to the County by the end of September. Area jurisdictions have been looking into options of shared voting sites or stand-alone sites. With much of our County's jurisdiction being rural and spread out, Allegan County has opted out of serving as a central early voting site.

The Allegan County Clerks Association has been meeting to discuss information and details with early voting plans. Alongside the information from the State and County, the needs of the registered voters in the City of Douglas have been taken into consideration as priority, with the option that will best serve them.

The proposed adoption of Resolution 31-2023 approves the establishment of the City of Douglas Early Voting Precinct which will be located at Douglas City Hall, 86 West Center Street, Douglas, Michigan 49406, for the City of the Village of Douglas' registered voters for nine (9) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday before election day through the Sunday before election day during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that an Early Voting Grant Application was submitted to the State by Allegan County on September 8th, 2023. While the Secretary of State only has \$30 million to send statewide to help cover the costs of early voting, and the State did not guarantee any aspect of the reimbursements, I was able to provide a detailed list requesting reimbursement for the City.

Motion to adopt Resolution 31-2023 approving the early voting plan for the City of the Village of Douglas.