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MEMORANDUM

TO: Grosse Pointe Woods City Council

FROM: Lisa A. Anderson, City Attorney

DATE: November 18, 2021

RE: Ordinance Amendment Regarding Designation of Polling Places

Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.662, provides that City Council must “designate and prescribe the place or places of holding an election” and “provide a suitable polling place in or for each precinct located in the city” for use at each election. City Code Section 2-515 designates Ferry School, Mason School, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Community Center, Monteith School, and Barnes School for the City’s six voting precincts.

On November 15, 2021, Council adopted the recommendation of the Election Commission to establish polling places beginning with the 2022 election cycle at the following locations:

Precincts 1 and 2: Ferry School
Precincts 3 and 4: Community Center
Precincts 5 and 6: Monteith School

The attached ordinance amends City Code Section 2-515 to remove references to specific voting locations and to provide that Council will designate a polling place for each election precinct, with notice of such locations provided as required by law. The ordinance will give Council the ability to designate polling locations for future elections without the need for an ordinance amendment. The public will be notified of polling locations in accordance with the Michigan Election Law. I recommend that Council adopt the proposed amendment to City Code Section 2-515 to revise terms related to the designation of polling places.

ORDINANCE # _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI, ELECTIONS, TO AMEND SECTION 2-515 TO REVISE THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACES.

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ordinance Amendment.

Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Elections, Section 2-515 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-515. – Boundaries; voting places.

The following shall constitute the election precincts in the city:

- (1) *Election precinct No. 1.* A precinct described as that area bounded on the south by the centerline of Anita Avenue from Marter Road to Wedgewood Drive; thence south on the centerline of Wedgewood Drive and thence easterly on the centerline of Vernier Road commencing northerly to the city limits line; to the west on the centerline of Marter Road to the northerly city limits line.; ~~designating Ferry School as the place of voting.~~
- (2) *Election precinct No. 2.* A precinct described as that area bounded by the northerly city limits line, commencing at Marter Road and going southerly on centerline of Marter Road to Anita Avenue; thence westerly on the centerline of Anita Avenue from Marter Road to Mack Avenue; thence northerly on the centerline of Mack Avenue to Ridgemont Avenue; thence west on the centerline of Ridgemont Avenue to the westerly city limits line.; ~~designating Mason School as the place of voting.~~
- (3) *Election precinct No. 3.* A precinct described as that area bounded on the north by the centerline of Ridgemont Avenue; thence south on the centerline of Mack Avenue; thence easterly on the centerline of Anita Avenue to Wedgewood Drive; thence southerly on the centerline of Wedgewood Drive to Vernier Road; thence westerly on the centerline of Vernier Road; thence southerly on the centerline of Fairway Drive; thence westerly on the centerline of South Oxford Road; thence westerly on the centerline of Oxford Road; thence northerly on the centerline of Mack Avenue; thence westerly on the centerline of Country Club; thence northerly on Jackson Avenue to Lancaster Avenue to the westerly city limits.; ~~designating First Evangelical Lutheran Church as the place of voting.~~
- (4) *Election precinct No. 4.* A precinct described as that area bounded on the south by the southerly city limits line; on the west by the westerly city limits line; on the north by the centerline of Huntington Boulevard commencing at the westerly city limits line and continuing easterly to the centerline of Mack Avenue; thence southerly on the centerline of Mack Avenue to the southerly city limits line respectively.; ~~designating the Municipal Community Center as the place of voting.~~

- (5) *Election precinct No. 5.* A precinct described as that area bounded by the northerly city limits line commencing easterly by the centerline of Lancaster Avenue to Jackson Avenue; thence southerly on the centerline of Jackson Avenue to Country Club Drive; thence easterly on the centerline of Country Club Drive to Mack Avenue; thence southerly on the centerline of Mack Avenue to Oxford Road; thence easterly on the centerline of Oxford Road to the centerline of South Oxford Road to Fairway Drive; thence southerly on the centerline of Fairway Drive to Fairford Road; thence westerly on the centerline of Fairford Road to Torrey Road; thence southerly on the centerline of Torrey Road to the easterly subdivision line of Torrey Woods No. 3 Subdivision (Liber 70, Page 27 of Plats), the easterly subdivision line of Edward Schultz Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Subdivision (Liber 71, Page 67 of Plats) and thence southerly by the centerline of Chalfonte Avenue to the southerly city limits line; thence commence westerly on the city limits line to the centerline of Mack Avenue going northerly to the centerline of Huntington Boulevard to the westerly city limits line.;~~designating Montietth School as the place of voting.~~
- (6) *Election precinct No. 6.* A precinct described as that area bounded on the south by the southerly city limits line; on the west by the centerline of Chalfonte Avenue, the easterly subdivision line of Edward Schultz Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Subdivision (Liber 71, Page 67 of Plats), the easterly subdivision of Torrey Woods No. 3 Subdivision (Liber 70, Page 25 of Plats); thence easterly on the centerline of Torrey Road; thence northerly on the centerline of Torrey Road; thence easterly on the centerline of Fairford Road; thence northerly on the centerline of Fairway Drive to Vernier Road; thence southerly on the centerline of Vernier Road to the southerly city limits line.;~~designating Barnes School as the place of voting.~~

The City Council shall designate a polling place for each election precinct, and shall give notice of the location of such polling places in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 2 of Ordinance. Repealer.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the City Code in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3 of Ordinance. Severability.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

