## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

## Office of the City Clerk

## Memorandum

**DATE:** May 15, 2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Paul Antolin, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Precinct Consolidations and Polling Site Locations

In November 2022, Proposal 2022-2 was passed which allows a geographic precinct to increase the active registered voters from 2,999 to 4,999. This proposal was mainly due to the increase in absentee voters and the implementation of early voting. The Clerk's Office is proposing to reduce the number of precincts from 6 to 3.

In the attached, you will see the current precinct map along with 3 maps with the proposed consolidated precincts. During the consolidation process, the Clerk's office applied as much logic and practicality to appropriately recreate the precinct boundaries. One important factor was to totally contain the newly redistricted State House District 12 (Currently Precinct 2) within the proposed Precinct 1. This will limit multiple ballot styles to only Precinct 1.

With the new precinct boundaries in place, the following are the voter counts per precinct:

- Precinct 1 4,608 Active Voters
- Precinct 2 4,241 Active Voters
- Precinct 3 4,432 Active Voters

There are also benefits along with the precinct consolidations including the following:

- \*Cost Savings are realized due to reduction in election workers and equipment needed to operate polling locations
- \*Response times will improve with fewer locations to visit.
- \*Election preparation will be less tedious with fewer precincts

If approved, all voters will receive new Voter ID Cards and all households will receive notifications on any new polling locations.

Once the new precinct boundaries are approved, there will be a follow-up process to establish the polling site locations. Tentatively, the intent is to have the following locations as the polling sites:

- Precinct 1 St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park
- Precinct 2 GPW City Hall Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr.
- Precinct 3 GPW City Hall Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr.

These locations comply with all ADA requirements and provides adequate parking.

In order to remain compliant with state laws, an ordinance amendment will be required to consolidate the precincts and identify the new precinct boundaries.

Therefore, I am recommending City Council to approve the attached ordinance amendment to consolidate six (6) voting precincts into three (3) voting precincts and set a date of June 16, 2025, for a second reading and final adoption.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul P. Antolin

City Clerk