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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator

DATE: June 16, 2025

RE: 1st Reading – Precinct Consolidation Ordinance

Background Brief: City staff have internally discussed the possibility of consolidating City voting precincts to increase the voting process efficiency and potentially reduce the cost to host elections. The City currently has two voting precincts, and changes to voting laws allow for the consolidation of precincts, permitting the number of voters per precinct up to 4,999.

MCL 168.658 requires that a consolidation of precincts must be made at least 120 days before an election, which is July 8th. That means that the Notice of Adoption would have to be published no later than June 29th, so a special meeting would have to be scheduled at the end of June in order for the 2nd reading and adoption to occur timely.

By consolidating precincts, the City could save an estimated \$2,000 - \$5,000 per election in wages, along with savings from election equipment replacement and required testing. It also grants more efficiency in the in-person voting process. It will make it easier for staff to provide a better flow for voters and deploy and retrieve equipment.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact: ~\$2,000 - \$5,000 per election.

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to approve the 1st reading a schedule a 2nd reading.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Council Member ______ seconded by Council Member _____

to conditionally approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #2025-02 - An Ordinance to Amend the City of Lathrup Village Code of Ordinances, by Amending Section 22-1. Division of City Into Precincts & schedule a 2nd reading during a special meeting on ______, pending formal approval of the Election Commission.