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Office of the City Clerk

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Cheryl Rottmann, City Clerk

Date: October 10, 2025

RE: Precinct Boundary and Polling Location Changes

In 2020, the State of Michigan conducted a Decennial Census, followed by the 2022 reapportionment of elected offices, including U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate, State House Representative, and County Commissioner districts. Since that time, both the Michigan Senate and Michigan House district maps have faced legal challenges, resulting in legislative boundary changes that affect the City of Madison Heights.

The revised Michigan House districts took effect in 2024; the new Michigan Senate districts will take effect in 2026. Every voting precinct in Madison Heights has been impacted by these changes. Our new Michigan Senate District is District 10, which will require the Clerk's office to mail updated voter registration cards to all registered voters in the city.

Whenever district boundaries are adjusted, it is appropriate to review precinct boundaries as well. In addition to the boundary changes, there have been legislative updates to Michigan Election Law now allowing precinct size to increase from 2,999 to 4,999 active registered voters due to expanded early voting and no-reason absentee voting.

Looking ahead, the State of Michigan will require local governments to replace election equipment in FY 2027/28 as our current equipment reaches the end of its service life. At this time, there is no State or Federal funding has been allocated for this purchase. Local governments are advised to budget approximately \$15,000 per in-person precincts for new equipment. Consolidating precincts will therefore result in long-term cost savings for the city.

Based on changes in voting patterns, updated legislation, and fiscal considerations, I recommend the following precinct adjustments:

1. Reduce the number of precincts from nine (9) to seven (7), as follows:

- a. Combining Precinct 6 and part of Precinct 8 (east of John R). These two precincts are geographically located next to each other. Voters will vote at John Page Middle School.
- b. Combining part of Precinct 8 (west of John R) with Precinct 9. Voters will vote at John Page Middle School.
- c. Combining the norther half of Precinct 2 (north of Eleven Mile Rd.) with Precinct 4. Voters will vote at Wilkinson Middle School.

2. Renumber the precincts, as follows:

- a. Combined Precinct 6 & 8 become Precinct 6
- b. Combined Precinct 8 & 9 become Precinct 4
- c. Combined precinct 2 & 4 become Precinct 2.

As required by MCL 168.661(3), the Election Commission approved a resolution with the proposed changes at their meeting on October 13, 2025 (attached). According to the City Charter, precinct boundary changes also require ordinance adoption. The deadline to submit these updates to the State of Michigan for the August 2026 election is January 6th.

Recommendation:

That City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2208, Amending Precinct Boundary Descriptions, Polling Locations, and Precinct Numbers, on First Reading, and schedule a Second Reading on November 10, 2025.