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Office of the City Clerk

To: Election Commission
From: Cheryl Rottmann, City Clerk
Date: November 7, 2025
RE: Precinct Changes

In 2020, the State of Michigan went through the Decennial Census and in 2022 underwent reapportionment of elected offices including U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate, State House Representative, and County Commissioner. Since the original reapportionment in 2022, both the Michigan Senate and Michigan House districts underwent legal challenges, resulting in legislative boundary changes for the City of Madison Heights. While the Michigan Representative Districts took effect in 2024, the Michigan Senate Districts will take effect in 2026. Every precinct in Madison Heights has been affected by these changes, and our new Michigan Senate number is 10. This will require the Clerk's office to send a new voter registration card to each registered voter in the city.

When making any changes to district maps, it is appropriate to review and make any changes to precinct boundaries at the same time. In addition, there have been legislative changes to Michigan Election Law, specifically allowing precinct size to increase from 2,999 to 4,999 active registered voters. This change has resulted from more voters choosing to vote early and having no-reason absentee voting. Further, in 2027/28 the State of Michigan will be requiring local governments to purchase new election equipment as our current equipment will be nearing its end of life. At the time of this memo, there is no clear funding allocated from the State or Federal governments for purchasing election equipment and consolidation will result in significant savings for the city. After review and analysis, I recommend the following precinct changes:

1. Change the number of precincts from 9 to 7. This is accomplished by:
 - a. Combining Precinct 6 & part of Precinct 8 (east of John R). These two precincts are geographically located next to each other. They will vote at John Page Middle School.
 - b. Combining part of Precinct 8 (west of John R) into Precinct 9. They will vote at John Page Middle School.

c. Combining a ½ of Precinct 2 (north of Eleven Mile Rd.) into Precinct 4. They will vote at Wilkinson Middle School.

2. Changing the precinct numbers of combined Precinct 6&8 to Precinct 6; Change the combined Precinct 8 & 9 to new Precinct 4; Changing the combined precinct 2 & 4 to new Precinct 2.

At the October 27, 2025 City Council meeting, Council requested that the Clerk consider consolidating voting locations for Precinct 7 (McCann Admin) and Precinct 5 (Library) in addition to the submitted changes. It is my recommendation that these two precincts be moved to the Active Adult Center. Due to this change occurring after the initial approval of the resolution by the Election Commission, and as required by MCL 168.661(3), the Election Commission is asked to approve a resolution with the proposed changes. According to the City of Madison Heights Charter, precinct changes also require an ordinance change. Council is scheduled to hear the Second Reading of the ordinance at their meeting on November 10, 2025. January 6th is the deadline to submit precinct changes to the State of Michigan for the August 2026 election.

I am recommending that the Election Commission adopt the amended Resolution to Approve Precinct Boundary Descriptions, Polling Locations, and Precinct Numbers.