



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL

MAY 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of two resolutions to update precinct boundaries and polling locations, and to temporarily consolidate precincts for 2025 elections.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Precinct 23 would move permanently from Novi Meadows to St. James Catholic Church.
- Precincts 16 and 17 would be permanently combined into one precinct.
- Temporary consolidation of Precincts 4 & 6, 9 & 14, 20 & 21, and 23 & 24 for the August 5, 2025 Special Election and November 4, 2025 Election.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Precinct boundary changes must receive approval from the Election Commission and City Council prior to being submitted to the Bureau of Elections for implementation. The Election Commission unanimously approved the proposal during their April 30th meeting.

Novi Meadows has served as a polling location for many years. Due to the years of construction, we have continually had to temporarily relocate the precinct to St. James. After hearing feedback from voters and St. James agreeing to continue hosting a second precinct, I am proposing we permanently move to polling location for Precinct 23 to St. James Catholic Church. New voter ID cards would be mailed to affected voters.

Due to the passing of Proposal 2 by the electors in November 2022, significant changes have been made to Michigan Election law and how we conduct elections. This includes the implementation of nine (9) days of Early Voting, increasing the number of registered voters assigned to a single precinct from 2,999 to 4,999 and the growing popularity of the permanent ballot list. I am proposing we permanently combine Precincts 16 and 17 into one single precinct called Precinct 16. Voters previously in

Precinct 17 will be mailed new voter ID cards alerting them that the polling location is still at the Novi Civic Center, but their precinct number has changed.

The last proposal is to temporarily consolidate precincts for the August and November elections in 2025. Temporarily consolidating these precincts will have no effect on voters as their polling location does not change. I am proposing we temporarily consolidate Precincts 4 & 6, 9 & 14, 20 & 21, and 23 & 24 for the August 5, 2025 Special Election and November 4, 2025 Election. This would eliminate the need to operate, supply, and staff four additional precincts on Election Day and result in cost savings of more than \$5,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of two resolutions to update precinct boundaries and polling locations, and to temporarily consolidate precincts for 2025 elections.