

**RESOLUTION TO COMBINE WARDS FOR VOTING PURPOSES AND THE REPORTING OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR PARTISAN PRIMARY AND FALL GENERAL ELECTIONS**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR STOCKS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Watertown conducts elections at four polling locations within the City, including City Hall, Madison College, Watertown Senior Center, and the Watertown Public Library; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.15(6)(b), the governing body of a municipality may, by resolution adopted no later than 30 days before an election, combine two or more wards for voting purposes to facilitate the use of a common polling place; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to simplify election administration and election-night reporting for Partisan Primary Elections and Fall General Elections by combining wards that already utilize a common polling place; and

**WHEREAS**, the reporting-unit structure established herein is an administrative election-management configuration used for election programming and the reporting of election returns and does not affect polling locations, ward boundaries, ballot content, or the manner in which an elector casts or has their ballot counted; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN**, that for Partisan Primary Elections and Fall General Elections, the following wards are combined for voting purposes and the reporting of election returns pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.15(6)(b):

1. City Hall Polling Place:
  - Wards 1 through 7 and Ward 23 shall be combined and reported as one reporting unit.
2. Madison Area Technical College Polling Place:
  - Ward 8 shall remain a separate reporting unit for Dodge County.
  - Wards 9 and 10 shall be combined and reported as one reporting unit for Jefferson County.
3. Watertown Senior Center Polling Place:
  - Wards 11 through 15 and Wards 20 through 22 shall be combined and reported as one reporting unit.
4. Watertown Public Library Polling Place:
  - Wards 16 through 19 shall be combined and reported as one reporting unit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the original ward numbers and ward boundaries shall continue to be utilized for all official purposes as required by Wisconsin law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect for the next Partisan Primary Election and all subsequent Partisan Primary and Fall General Elections unless modified or rescinded by future action of the Common Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Jefferson County Clerk and the Dodge County Clerk as required by Wis. Stat. § 5.15(6)(b).

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BERG		
NITECKI		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
ARNETT		
HAASE		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR STOCKS		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED July 7, 2026

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED July 7, 2026

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MAYOR

MEMO

The purpose of this resolution is to combine wards that already vote at the same polling place for the administration and reporting of Partisan Primary and Fall General Elections, as authorized by Wis. Stat. § 5.15(6)(b). This administrative change is intended to simplify election programming and election-night reporting while maintaining existing polling locations, ward boundaries, and voting procedures.