

A stylized, artistic representation of the American flag. The stars and stripes are rendered with a painterly, brushstroke effect. The stars are white on a blue field, and the stripes are red and white, though the white stripes are less distinct, appearing as light pinkish-red. The overall style is modern and graphic.

Elections Committee Report

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Proposal to Establish Voting Precincts

LEGAL PARAMETERS

- **Minneapolis City Charter, Chapter 2 §7**
- **Minn. Stat. §204B.14**
 - Subd. 3(d): Precinct boundaries must be re-established:
 - within 60 days after the legislature has been redistricted, or
 - at least 19 weeks before the state primary election in a year ending in two, whichever comes first.
 - State primary is set for Tuesday, August 14, 2012
 - 19 weeks prior to the State primary is Tuesday, April 3, 2012



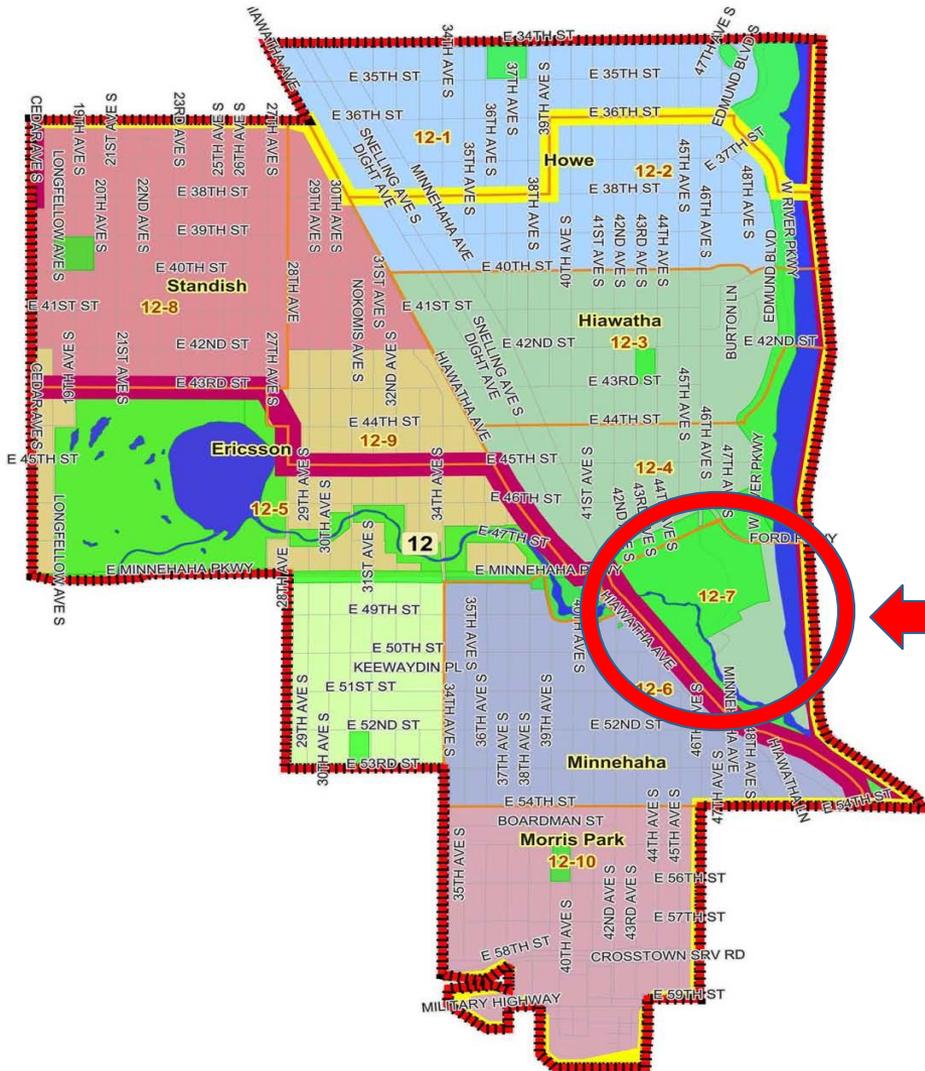
BUDGET PARAMETERS

- **“Harmonizing” precincts**
 - Planned reduction from 131 to 117 precincts
 - Budgetary savings of approx. \$30,000
 - Results in 9 precincts per ward, all factors being equal

- **All factors...not so equal**
 - Federal and state requirements
 - Example: **Minnesota Veterans Home (Ward 12)**

Wards adopted March 27, 2012
Precinct Plan proposed March 29, 2012

Ward 12



Precinct 7 contains the
Minnesota Veterans Home



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 - Example: **Seward Neighborhood (Ward 6)**



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 - Local deviation from state lines
 - Example: **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood (Ward 7)**

PROPOSED PRECINCT PLAN

See overheads for ward-by-ward details



NEXT STEPS

- Precincts become effective with publication: **April 3, 2012**
 - The goal is to notify voters of new precincts and polling places for the 2012 Presidential primary and general election
- New wards will become effective at the next regularly-scheduled municipal election: **November 2013**
 - Acknowledge a period of overlap between 2002 and 2012 wards
- Polling places: **Adopted April 2012**
- Park and School district boundaries: **Adopted by May 1, 2012**



SPECIAL THANKS

- Council Members
- Charter/Redistricting Clerk: Peggy Menshek
- Elections Team: Dani Connors-Smith, Carol Strong, and Judy Schwartau
- Other Clerk's Office Staff: Tina Sanz, Craig Steiner, Tim Schwarz, and Bob McCune

A stylized American flag with a blue field of white stars on the left and red and white horizontal stripes on the right. The stripes are rendered as thick, brush-stroke-like bands.

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