



Request for City Council Committee Action

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To: Council Member Samuels

Committee: Elections Committee

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Subject: Designate boundaries of election precincts in Ward 2 and approve polling places.

Presenters in Committee: Susanne Griffin

Recommendation

Recommend passage of resolution revising the boundaries of the election precincts described on the attached map in Ward 2 of the City of Minneapolis, and to approve the attached list of polling places for the 131 precincts in the City for all elections in 2005.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

Pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 7 of the Minneapolis Charter and M. S. 204B.14

"The City Council shall, from time to time as it shall deem necessary, by a resolution adopted at least 90 days previous to the general City election, designate the boundaries of the several election districts of the City, and for that purpose, may divide the several wards into such number of precincts as it may deem necessary; but no election precinct shall cover any territory of more than one (1) ward. The City Council shall also designate the place of holding elections in each precinct...."

1. Adjustment to Ward 2 Voting Precinct Boundary:

In 2004 voting precincts were changed to accommodate the large number of voters in the University of Minnesota area. In reviewing the area for 2005 it is necessary and recommended that the voting precinct line be adjusted to more evenly split the precinct to better accommodate voters in the university area. The change is depicted on the attached map and is described as follows: on the easterly border of precinct 11, Harvard Street, proceeds one block north to Washington Avenue S.E. then east on Washington Avenue to Huron Boulevard.

2. Polling Places:

A total of nine polling places needed to be changed due to the unavailability of buildings used last year or because a more suitable location for conducting elections was obtained. Changes are reflected in the attached polling place list and specifically in the attached document entitled "2005 Polling Place Changes".