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Board Adopts New Precinct Boundaries and Polling Places

During its January 17, 2023, meeting, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County, <u>Chapter 209, Voting Precincts and Polling Places</u>, which revise the county's precinct boundaries and polling places. The revised ordinance will now be submitted to Virginia's Attorney General for a "Certificate of No Objection," which is a certification process required by law.

Once certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration will implement the precinct and polling place changes later this year. As a result, some Loudoun voters will cast their in-person ballots in new locations beginning in the next election. The Office of Elections and Voter Registration will notify voters by mail of changes in their precincts and polling places prior to the next election.

The changes to the ordinance, which are highlighted in the <u>January 17 staff report</u>, include:

- Precinct changes to accommodate new Senate, House of Delegates, and County election district lines.
- Precinct divisions related to an increase in the number of registered voters.
- Precinct names, polling places, and boundary corrections.

These changes are taking place as a result of the implementation of <u>new election districts</u> that the Board of Supervisors and Commonwealth of Virginia approved following a redistricting process that was informed by the 2020 U. S. census and input from the public. The adopted local redistricting plan redrew the election districts to help maintain districts in which the number of residents is balanced over the next decade. In addition, the Board previously established the new Little River District covering southwest Loudoun while retiring the Blue Ridge District's name.

To accommodate the changes that resulted from the local redistricting plan, the county needed to:

- Redraw the boundaries of forty-nine existing precincts.
- Add eleven new precincts.
- Eliminate two precincts.
- Rename four precincts.
- Establish or change the polling places of seventeen precincts.
- Relocate two early voting satellite locations.

The next election, if held, will be the June 20, 2023 primary, The first general election for Board of Supervisors and School Board representatives in the redrawn election districts will be in November 2023. Until then, Loudoun County residents will continue to be represented by their current Board of Supervisors and School Board members.

More information for voters is posted at <u>loudoun.gov/vote</u>.