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Consent Agenda - *Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk*

Title

Annual Polling Place Designations

Executive Summary
Council is asked to adopt the proposed resolution designation polling places for 2022.

Background
State Statute requires the governing body of each municipality to designate polling place locations annually, even when no elections are regularly scheduled as the requirement would apply to any special elections that may arise. The attached map identifies the city's current 24 polling locations. Even though the redistricting process will likely result in precinct changes, cities still need to pass this annual polling place resolution for 2022 by December 31, 2021. Adoption of this resolution fulfills the statutory requirement and ensures that designations are accurate for any possible special elections in early 2022. Once wards/precincts are established during redistricting, staff will bring forward a resolution establishing polling places that will take effect starting with the August 9, 2022 primary election. It is the intention of the legislature to complete congressional and legislative redistricting no later than February 15, 2022, after which cities reestablish all precincts. Staff has begun preliminary work in preparation of this process which will include the charter commission and opportunities for public input to assist council as you consider any proposed changes.

A certified copy of the adopted resolution will be forwarded to both county auditors.

Strategic Plan Relationship
This item relates to the effective communication strategic priority that ensures polling places are planned for and established.

Board/Commission Review
N/A

Financial Impact
N/A

Public Outreach/Input
N/A

Staff Recommendation
Adopt the proposed resolution designating polling places for the 2022 election cycle.

Attachment List
Precinct map

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 204B.16, subd 1 requires the City Council, by ordinance or resolution, to designate polling places for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, changes to the polling places locations may be made at least 90 days before the next election if one or more of the authorized polling places becomes unavailable for use; and

WHEREAS, changes to the polling place locations may be made in the case of an emergency when it is necessary to ensure a safe and secure location for voting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blaine City Council, in compliance with the terms and provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.16, hereby designates the following polling places for elections conducted in the City in 2021:

Ward 1 Precincts	Polling Place	Address
W1-P1	University Avenue Elementary School	9901 University Avenue NE
W1-P2	Mary Ann Young Center	9150 Central Avenue NE
W1-P3	St. Timothy's Catholic Church	707 89th Avenue NE
W1-P4	Christ Lutheran Church	641 89th Avenue NE
W1-P5	National Sports Center -Welcome Center	1750 105th Avenue NE
W1-P6	Infinite Campus	4321 109th Avenue NE
W1-P7	Our Saviors Lutheran Church	9185 Lexington Avenue NE
W1-P8	Centennial Senior High - Performing Arts	4757 North Road
W1-P9	Blaine City Hall (Mail Ballot)	10801 Town Square Drive
Ward 2 Precincts	**Polling Place**	**Address**
W2-P1	King of Glory Church	10103 University Avenue NE
W2-P2A	Madison Elementary School	650 Territorial Road NE
W2-P2B	Hope Church	1264 109th Avenue NE
W2-P3	Jefferson Elementary School	11331 Jefferson Street NE
W2-P4A	Abundant Life Community Church	1105 117th Avenue NE
W2-P4B	National Sports Center -Welcome Center	1750 105th Avenue NE
W2-P5	Oak Park Community Church	12050 Aberdeen Street NE
W2-P6	Blaine City Hall	10801 Town Square Drive
Ward 3 Precincts	**Polling Place**	**Address**
W3-P1	Blaine United Methodist Church	621 115th Avenue NE
W3-P2	Fire Station #3	11920 Ulysses Street NE
W3-P3	Roosevelt Middle School	650 125th Avenue NE
W3-P4	Way of the Lord Church	804 131st Avenue NE
W3-P5	Johnsville Elementary School	991 125th Avenue NE
W3-P6	Northpoint Elementary School	2350 124th Court NE
W3-P7	Muslim American Society (MAS) MN	12175 Aberdeen Street NE
W3-P8	Bridgewood Community Church	11670 Lexington Avenue NE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city clerk is hereby authorized to designate a replacement meeting the requirements of the Minnesota Election Law for any polling place designated in this resolution that becomes unavailable for use by the city;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city clerk is hereby authorized to designate an emergency replacement polling place meeting the requirements of the Minnesota Election Law for any polling place designated in this resolution when necessary to ensure a safe and secure location for voting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution and any subsequent polling place designations to the Anoka and Ramsey County Elections Offices.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Blaine this 18th day of October, 2021.

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