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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager
FROM: Wesley Russ, Deputy City Attorney
DATE: February 19, 2026
RE: Ordinance Amendment Temporarily Changing Certain Voting Precincts

Summary: Proposal to adopt an ordinance temporarily changing certain voting precincts for the April 21, 2026 special election.

Background: City Code Section 1-1-12 establishes election districts and voting precincts across the city. Due to the unusual number of snow days so far this academic year, Harrisonburg City Public Schools is unable to cancel school for the special election; therefore, three of the voting precincts are not able to accommodate polling on April 21, 2026.

For this special election, the Registrar and Electoral Board have determined the following changes are appropriate:

1. Ward No. 1, Precinct No. 2 (East Central): Moved from Spotswood Elementary School to City Hall
2. Ward No. 2, Precinct No. 2 (Southwest): Moved from Keister Elementary School to the Heritage Oaks Golf Course
3. Ward No. 2, Precinct No. 3 (West Center): Moved from Thomas Harrison Middle School to the Price Rotary Senior Center.

After approving this ordinance, a Certificate of No Objection from the Office of the Attorney General must be sought.

Key Issues:

Environmental Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Prior Actions: N/A

Alternatives: (a)

Community Engagement: N/A



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Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance as presented.

Attachments: Ordinance

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.