

ORDINANCE NO. 1740

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subparagraphs (c), (g), and (h) of Section 1-17 of Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which subparagraph (c) relates to the THIRD WARD AND ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES THEREIN; which subparagraph (g) relates to the SEVENTH WARD AND ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES THEREIN; which subparagraph (h) relates to the EIGHTH WARD AND ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES THEREIN; which Section 1-17 relates to ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES, and which Chapter 1 relates to GENERAL PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, is of the opinion that certain shifts and increases in centers of population within the City have made some election districts disproportionately larger than others within the seventh and eighth wards; and

WHEREAS, the said City Council is of the opinion that the number of registered voters in some election districts in the third, seventh and eighth wards has increased to the point where the facilities of the polling places are overtaxed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, is of the opinion that improvement should be made in the designation of election districts and voting places in the City by splitting some districts in the seventh and eighth wards into smaller districts with separate voting places, and by moving the voting place for one of the districts in the Third Ward from the Cameron Street Recreation Center to the adjacent Jefferson Houston School; and

WHEREAS, notices of changes proposed have been published in a newspaper published in the City and having general circulation in the affected election districts once a week for two successive weeks; therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subparagraph (c) of Section 1-17, Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(c) Third Ward. Jefferson Houston School Election District and voting place; Powhatan Election District and voting place.

The third ward shall be divided into Jefferson Houston School Election District and Powhatan Election District.

(1) The Jefferson Houston School Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the center line of King Street and the western right of way line of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad; thence northward along this right of way line to the center line of Oronoco Street; thence eastward along the center line of Oronoco Street to the center line of Washington Street; thence southward along the center line of Washington Street to the center line of King Street; thence westward along the center line of King Street to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the Jefferson Houston School Election District shall be at the Jefferson Houston School, located on the north side of Cameron Street at the intersection of Cameron Street and North West Street.

(2) The Powhatan Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the center line of the intersection of Oronoco Street and Washington Street; thence northward along the center line of Washington Street to the northern City boundary; thence westward on said boundary to the center line of Jefferson Davis Highway; thence southward on the center line of Jefferson Davis Highway to the center line of Monroe Avenue; thence southward along the western right of way line of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad to the center line of Oronoco Street; thence eastward along the center line of Oronoco Street to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the Powhatan Election District shall be at the Engine Company Number 4 Fire House located at the intersection of Powhatan and Second Streets.

Section 2. That subparagraph (g) of Section 1-17, Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(g) Seventh Ward. Minnie Howard School Election District and voting place; Francis Hammond High School Election District and voting place; James K. Polk School Election District and voting place; Patrick Henry School Election District and voting place; Southport Gardens Election District and voting place; Temple Beth El Election District and voting place.

The seventh ward shall be divided into the Minnie Howard School Election District, the Francis Hammond High School Election District, the James K. Polk School Election District, the Patrick Henry School Election District, the Southport Gardens Election District, and the Temple Beth El Election District.

(1) The Minnie Howard School Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the center line of the intersection of North Quaker Lane and Seminary Road; thence northward along the center line of Quaker Lane to the Arlington County line; thence westward along the Arlington County line to the center line of Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway; thence southward along the center line of such highway to the center line of Seminary Road; thence eastward along the center line of Seminary Road to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the Minnie Howard School Election District shall be the Minnie Howard School, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Braddock Road and North Early Street.

(2) The Francis Hammond High School Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of the intersection of the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway with the center line of Seminary Road; thence eastward along the center line of Seminary Road to a point on a line fifty feet west of the center line of North Pickett Street and parallel with North Pickett Street; thence southward following the line fifty feet

west of the center line of North Pickett Street and parallel with North Pickett Street to the intersection of the said line with a line fifty feet north of and parallel with the center line of North Pegram Street; thence westward and southward along said line running parallel with the center line of North Pegram Street to a point on an imaginary line fifty feet south of and parallel to the eastward extension of the center line of Maris Avenue; thence westward along said imaginary line running fifty feet south of and parallel to the center line of Maris Avenue to the intersection of the westward extension of said imaginary line and the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway; thence northward along the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the Francis Hammond High School Election District shall be the Francis Hammond High School, 4646 Seminary Road.

Those persons whose residences abut on the southerly side of Maris Avenue, and who have Maris Avenue mailing addresses, are included within the Francis Hammond High School Election District, even though a portion of their residence is not within the boundary of that district.

(3) The James K. Polk School Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of Seminary Road with the center line of North Jordan Street; thence southward along the center line of North Jordan Street to a point on a line fifty feet north of the center line of Taney Avenue and parallel with Taney Avenue; thence westward along the line fifty feet north of the center line of Taney Avenue and parallel with Taney Avenue to the east boundary of the Patrick Henry School property; thence northward along the east boundary of the Patrick Henry School property to the northeast corner of such property; thence westward along the north boundary of the Patrick Henry School property to the northwest corner of such property; thence southward along the west boundary of the Patrick Henry School property to its intersection with the center line of Taney Avenue; thence westward along the center line of Taney Avenue to the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway; thence northward along the center line of such highway to its intersection with an imaginary line fifty feet south of and parallel to the westward extension of the center line of Maris Avenue; thence eastward along said imaginary line running fifty feet south of and parallel to the center line of Maris Avenue to the intersection of the eastward extension of said imaginary line and the line fifty feet west of and parallel with the center line of North Pegram Street; thence northward and eastward along said line running parallel with the center line of North Pegram Street to the line fifty feet west of North Pickett Street and parallel with the center line of North Pickett Street; thence along the line fifty feet west of and parallel to the center line of North Pickett Street to the intersection of the said line with the center line of Seminary Road; thence eastward along the center line of Seminary Road to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the James K. Polk School Election District shall be the James K. Polk School, 5000 Polk Avenue.

Those persons whose residences abut the west side of North Pegram Street between North Pickett Street and Taney Avenue and who have North Pegram Street mailing addresses, are included within the James K. Polk School Election District, even though a portion of their residence is not within the boundary of that district.

Those persons whose residences abut on the north side of Taney Avenue between the Patrick Henry School and North Jordan Street, but who do not have a Taney Avenue mailing address, are included within the James K. Polk School Election District, even though a portion of their residence is not within the boundary of that district.

(4) The Patrick Henry School Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway with the center line of Taney Avenue; thence eastward along the center line of Taney Avenue to the western boundary of the Patrick Henry School property; thence northward along such western boundary to the northwest corner of such property; thence eastward along the north boundary of such property to its northeast corner; thence southward along the eastern boundary of such property to its intersection with the line fifty feet north of the center line of Taney Avenue and parallel with Taney Avenue; thence eastward along such line to the center line of North Jordan Street; thence southward along the center line of North Jordan Street to the center line of Duke Street; thence westward along the center line of Duke Street to the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway; thence northward along the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the Patrick Henry School Election District shall be the Patrick Henry School, located on the north side of Taney Avenue between Latham Street and Howard Street.

All persons whose residences abut on the north side of Taney Avenue between the Patrick Henry School and North Jordan Street, and who have a Taney Avenue mailing address are included within the Patrick Henry School Election District.

(5) The Southport Gardens Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the north boundary of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad right of way and Cameron Run on the southern city boundary; thence westward along the southern city boundary and northward along the western city boundary to the center line of Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway; thence northward along the center line of such highway to the center line of Duke Street; thence eastward along the center line of Duke Street to the center line of South Jordan Street; thence southward along the center line of South Jordan Street to the center line of Holmes Run; thence southward along the center line of Holmes Run to the center line of Cameron Run; thence southward along the center line of Cameron Run to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the Southport Gardens Election District shall be at the Southport Gardens Apartments, 6112 Edsall Road.

(6) The Temple Beth El Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of South Quaker Lane and the southern boundary of the city; thence northward along the center line of South Quaker Lane to the center line of Duke Street; thence westward along the center line of Duke Street to the center line of North Quaker Lane; thence northward along the center line of North Quaker Lane to the center line of Seminary Road; thence westward along the center line of Seminary Road to the center line of North Jordan Street; thence southward along the center line of North and South Jordan Streets to the center line of Holmes Run; thence southward along the center line of Holmes Run to the center line of Cameron Run; thence southward along the center line of Cameron Run to the southern boundary of the city; thence eastward along the southern boundary of the city to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the Temple Beth El Election District shall be Temple Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road.

Section 3. That subparagraph (h) of Section 1-17, Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(h) Eighth Ward. St. James Methodist Church Election District and voting place; William Ramsay School Election District and voting place; John Adams Middle School Election District and voting place; Southern Towers Election District and voting place.

The eighth ward shall be divided into the St. James Methodist Church Election District, the William Ramsay School Election District, the John Adams Middle School Election District, and the Southern Towers Election District.

(1) The St. James Methodist Church Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of Seminary Road with the center line of North Beauregard Street; thence northward along the center line of North Beauregard Street to a point on a line eighty feet west of the center line of Braddock Road and parallel with Braddock Road; thence south along the line eighty feet west of the center line of Braddock Road and parallel with Braddock Road to the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway; thence northward along the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to the Arlington County line; thence westward along the Arlington County line to the western boundary of the city; thence southward along the western boundary of the city to the center line of Seminary Road; thence eastward along the center line of Seminary Road to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the St. James Methodist Church Voting District shall be the St. James Methodist Church, located at 5000 Echols Avenue.

All persons whose residences abut on the western side of Braddock Road between North Beauregard Street and the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway, and who have a Braddock Road mailing address are included within the St. James Methodist Church Election District, even though a portion of their residence is not within the boundary of that district.

(2) The William Ramsay School Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway with the western boundary of the city; thence northward along the western boundary of the city to the center line of Holmes Run; thence southward along the center line of Holmes Run to its intersection with the north property line of the William Ramsay School property site; thence eastward along the north property line to the center line of Sanger Avenue; thence eastward along the center line of Sanger Avenue to the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway; thence southward along the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the William Ramsay School Election District shall be at the William Ramsay School, located at 5700 Sanger Avenue.

(3) The John Adams Middle School Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway and Seminary Road; thence westerly along the center line of Seminary Road to the western boundary of the city; thence westerly along the present boundary line to the intersection of Holmes Run; thence southward along the center line of Holmes Run to its intersection with the north property line of the William Ramsay School property site; thence eastward along the north property line to the center line of Sanger Avenue; thence eastward along the center line of Sanger Avenue to the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway; thence northward along the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the John Adams Middle School Election District shall be at the John Adams Middle School on Rayburn Avenue.

(4) The Southern Towers Election District shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center lines of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway and Seminary Road; thence northward along the center line of the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to the line eighty feet west of the center line of Braddock Road and parallel with Braddock Road; thence north along the line eighty feet west of the center line of Braddock Road and parallel with Braddock Road to the center line of North Beauregard Street; thence southward along the center line of North Beauregard Street to the center line of Seminary Road; thence eastward along the center line of Seminary Road to the point of beginning.

The voting place within the Southern Towers Election District shall be at the Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road.

Section 4. That this ordinance, together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing, shall be published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City and having general circulation in the

affected election districts, and the first such publication shall be not later than five days following introduction of this ordinance. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the dates of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage. (Attention is called to the fact that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973 c, prohibits the enforcement of this ordinance until a determination has been made in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act, that denial or abridgment of the right to vote on account of race or color is not the purpose and will not be the effect of the changes made herein.)

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Mayor

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