

**RESOLUTION
R161-08/09**

**ESTABLISHING NEW LOCATIONS FOR THE NORTH PRECINCT OF WARD 2;
THE EAST AND WEST PRECINCTS OF WARD 6 AND THE NORTH PRECINCT OF WARD 3**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code §11-46-24, the Selma City Council may when it orders an election, designate one or more places of voting in each ward; *and*

WHEREAS, the Selma City Council has eight (8) single member wards and seventeen (17) precincts whereby all have been pre-cleared by the U.S. Department of Justice on March 31, 2004; *and*

WHEREAS, the Selma City Council desires to change several of the designated voting precincts used in the prior municipal elections; *and*

WHEREAS, the North Precinct of Ward 2 located at the old Kentucky Fried Chicken building on Highland Avenue is not suitable to continue having municipal elections on its premises and the owner of said building has notified the City of Selma that said building is due to be demolished due to the hazardous condition of the building and the amount of money it would take to bring the building in compliance with city codes; *and*

WHEREAS, the Selma Church of God located at 2004 Highland Avenue is within Ward 2 and would be an adequate location for a voting precinct to replace the Old Kentucky Fried Chicken voting precinct. Permission from the church officials and pastor for use of the church as a voting precinct has been given to the City of Selma; *and*

WHEREAS, the West Precinct of Ward 6 located at Northern Heights Presbyterian Church on Marie Foster is no longer available to the City of Selma as a precinct for municipal elections due to the unavailability of members being able to have the church available, ready and open on voting day. The congregation of said church respectfully requests the governing body of the City of Selma to designate another precinct other than Northern Heights Presbyterian Church; *and*

WHEREAS, Selma's Fire Station #3 at 1500 Broad Street is located within Ward 6 and would be an adequate location for a voting precinct to replace Northern Heights Presbyterian Church as a voting precinct. This location is presently being used as a voting precinct by Dallas County for all of its elections; *and*

WHEREAS, the East Precinct of Ward 6 located at Ford's Grocery, 2600 Etheridge Avenue, has proven, from previous elections being held at this site, that the site does not adequately accommodate the citizens during and on election day along with citizens and election officials complaining about the building; *and*

WHEREAS, polling officials have complained to the governing body of the City of Selma that the location is very small and during the summer months, the location is unbearable without air conditioning; *and*

WHEREAS, the New St. John Baptist Church located at 1717 Plant Street is located in Ward 6 and is an adequate location to replace Ford's Grocery as a voting precinct. Permission from the church officials for use of the fellowship hall as a voting precinct has been given to the City of Selma.

WHEREAS, the North Precinct of Ward 3 located at Byrd Elementary School at 625 Lapsley Street is no longer available to the City of Selma as a precinct for municipal elections due to the principle having concerns about the safety of the children while voters are within the school; the lack of additional security while heated elections are held; and the limited amount of parking spaces for citizens who want to vote and parents who are picking up and dropping off children in the morning and evening; *and*

WHEREAS, the Christian Outreach Alliance of Dallas County Inc. facility located at 700 Jeff Davis Avenue is within Ward 3 and is an adequate location to replace Byrd Elementary School as a voting precinct. Permission from the Board to use the facility as a voting precinct has been given to the City of Selma.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. North Precinct of Ward 2.

The location of the North Precinct of Ward 2 is hereby changed from the old Kentucky Fried Chicken building on Highland Avenue to the Selma Church of God located at 2004 Highland Avenue. **The Selma Church of God located at 2004 Highland Avenue is hereby designated as and shall be the North Precinct of Ward 2.**

SECTION TWO. West Precinct of Ward 6 .

The location of the West Precinct of Ward 6 is hereby changed from the Northern Heights Presbyterian Church on Marie Foster Street to Selma's Fire Station #3 located at 1500 Broad Street. **The Selma's Fire Station #3 located at 1500 Broad Street is hereby designated as and shall be the West Precinct of Ward 6 .**

SECTION THREE. East Precinct of Ward 6.

The location of the East Precinct of Ward 6 is hereby changed from Ford's Grocery at 2600 Etheridge Avenue to the New St. John's Baptist Church located at 1717 Plant Street. **The New St. John's Baptist Church located at 1717 Plant Street is hereby designated as and shall be the East Precinct of Ward 6.**

SECTION FOUR. North Precinct of Ward 3.

The location of the North Precinct of Ward 3 is hereby changed from Byrd Elementary School at 625 Lapsley Street to the Christian Outreach Alliance of Dallas County Inc. located at 700 Jeff Davis Avenue. **Christian Outreach Alliance of Dallas County Inc. located at 700 Jeff Davis Avenue is hereby designated as and shall be the North Precinct of Ward 3.**

SECTION FOUR. Other Voting Precincts.

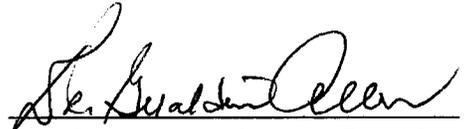
The voting precincts for all other wards shall remain the same as those

locations used in previous municipal elections.

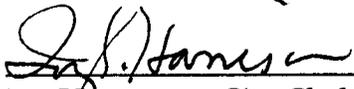
SECTION FIVE. Effective Date.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon receiving pre-clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA,
on this 13th the day of January, 2009.


DR. GERALDINE ALLEN, *President*

ATTEST:


IVY HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


GEORGE P. EVANS, *Mayor*