

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: IGNACIO B. PESSOA *IBP/S-R*  
CITY ATTORNEY

STEVEN L. ROSENBERG *S-R*  
SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

SUBJECT: GEORGE WASHINGTON SCHOOL/IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ELECTION DISTRICT

Issue: Adoption of an ordinance to establish the Immanuel Lutheran Church Election District in replacement of the George Washington School Election District.

Recommendation: That City Council pass the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing and final passage on Saturday, September 14.

Discussion: City Council previously established the George Washington School Election District, and designated the George Washington Middle School, located at 1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue, as the voting place for the precinct. As Council is aware, there is currently a major, long-term renovation project underway at George Washington Middle School. The construction will affect the ability of voters to use the school building and the adjacent parking for voting as they have in the past. The construction constraints would require the use of the south end of the gymnasium for voting and a different parking lot (the new teachers' parking lot on the east side of the property) and would further require new measures to enable persons with disabilities to vote at the precinct.

As a result of the impact of the construction at George Washington Middle School, the Electoral Board has identified another location within the boundaries of the precinct and proposes to utilize the property of Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 1801 Russell Road, as a voting place for this precinct. The Board has requested that the Council approve this change, which would be in effect for the November 5 election.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes this change. No change is made to the existing boundaries of the election district. However, in accordance with the practice of naming the election districts after the associated voting place, the name of the district is changed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Election District.

Upon completion of the renovation project at George Washington Middle School, the Electoral Board intends to make arrangements to relocate the voting place for this precinct to the school.

cc: Philip Sunderland  
City Manager

Michele Evans  
Assistant City Manager

Tom Parkins  
Registrar of Voters

Introduction and first reading:	9/10/02
Public hearing:	9/14/02
Second reading and enactment:	9/14/02

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (h) (GEORGE WASHINGTON SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT) of Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES), and to amend and reordain "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 (MAP OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance changes the voting place within the George Washington School Election District from the George Washington School, located at 1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue, to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 1801 Russell Road. No change is made to the existing boundaries of the election district. However, in accordance with the practice of naming the election districts after the associated voting place, the name of the district is changed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Election District.

Sponsor

City of Alexandria Electoral Board

Staff

Tom Parkins, Registrar of Voters  
Eric Spicer, Elections Administrator  
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§ 24.2-712, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (h) of Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

(a) The ~~George Washington School~~Immanuel Lutheran Church Election District shall be bounded and described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district.

The voting place within the ~~George Washington School~~Immanuel Lutheran Church Election District shall be at the ~~George Washington School, located at 1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue~~Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 1801 Russell Road.

Section 2. That "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained as shown on Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated fully by reference, to reflect the designation and description of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Election District, in replacement of the George Washington School Election District.

Section 3. That the general registrar of voters be, and he hereby is, directed to record the foregoing amendments on the said map.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage; provided, however, that the changes in the Election District names and voting places herein made shall not be implemented until the changes are first submitted to the Attorney General of the United States and no objection is interposed within 60 days of the submission, as required pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

KERRY J. DONLEY  
Mayor

Introduction: 9/10/02  
First Reading: 9/10/02  
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Public Hearing:  
Second Reading:  
Final Passage:

N.B. Underlining is not part of the ordinance but denotes language that is new or amended.  
Strike-outs or dashes are not part of the ordinance, but denote material that is being deleted.

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
2001 Precinct Census Blocks**

ID TRACT BLKGRP BLOCK			ID TRACT BLKGRP BLOCK				
<del>George Washington School</del> Immanuel Lutheran Church			<del>George Washington School</del> Immanuel Lutheran Church				
603	201300	3	3000	659	201400	3	3004
607	201300	3	3004	660	201400	3	3005
608	201300	3	3005	661	201400	3	3006
609	201300	3	3006	662	201400	3	3007
611	201300	4	4001	663	201400	4	4000
612	201300	4	4002	664	201400	4	4001
613	201300	4	4003	665	201400	4	4002
614	201300	4	4004	666	201400	4	4003
615	201300	4	4005	667	201400	4	4004
616	201300	4	4006	668	201400	4	4005
617	201300	4	4007	669	201400	4	4006
618	201300	4	4008	670	201400	4	4007
619	201300	4	4009	671	201400	4	4008
646	201400	2	2000	672	201400	4	4009
647	201400	2	2001	673	201400	4	4010
648	201400	2	2002	674	201400	4	4011
649	201400	2	2003	675	201400	4	4012
650	201400	2	2004	676	201400	4	4013
651	201400	2	2005	677	201400	4	4014
652	201400	2	2006	678	201400	4	4015
653	201400	2	2007	679	201400	4	4016
654	201400	2	2008	680	201400	4	4017
655	201400	3	3000	681	201400	4	4018
656	201400	3	3001	682	201400	4	4019
657	201400	3	3002	683	201400	4	4020
658	201400	3	3003	684	201400	4	4021

- CITY SEAL -

Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 14, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described ordinance.

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THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS ORDINANCE OBTAIN A FREE FULL-TEXT COPY FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. BEVERLY I. JETT, CMC, CITY CLERK

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