



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

SUBJECT: Consideration of approval of a resolution consolidating Precincts 21 and 22 for the May 5, 2020 election.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On February 3, 2020, South Lyon Community Schools approved the placement of a bond proposal on the May 5, 2020 ballot. Since there are no other offices or proposals on the May 5th ballot, only Precincts 21 and 22 are affected. Precinct 22 is entirely within the South Lyon Community School district; however, there are only 97 affected voters in Precinct 21. Election Law allows for the temporary consolidation of precincts under MCL 168.659 for instances such as this. The two precincts would become one consolidated precinct for this election, called "Precincts 21 & 22," and would be located at Deerfield Elementary School. The Election Commission approved the consolidation at their meeting on February 12, 2020.

Consolidating these precincts for this specific election would eliminate the need to operate, supply, and staff two separate polling locations on Election Day and result in a cost savings of approximately \$2,000. The 97 affected voters would be notified of this temporary change by mail, and signage will be posted at Novi Middle School to remind voters of the temporary change that day.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a resolution consolidating Precincts 21 and 22 for the May 5, 2020 election.

CITY OF NOVI
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION REGARDING PRECINCT CONSOLIDATION FOR MAY 5, 2020

Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall of said City on February 24, 2020 at 7 o'clock P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember _____ and supported by Councilmember _____.

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2020 South Lyon Community Schools approved the placement of a ballot proposition on the May 5, 2020 ballot; and

WHEREAS, there are 97 voters in Precinct 21 with South Lyon Community Schools and 1,686 voters in Precinct 22 with South Lyon Community Schools; and

WHEREAS, consolidating these precincts for this specific election would eliminate the need to operate, supply, and staff two separate polling locations on Election Day and result in a cost savings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Novi City Council approves the consolidation of Precincts 21 and 22 for the May 5, 2020 Election.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held this 24th day of February 2020, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting have been kept and made available to the public as required by said Act.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
City of Novi

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.659 Consolidation of election precincts.

Sec. 659. (1) If a county, city, ward, township, village, metropolitan district, or school district is divided into 2 or more election precincts, the county, city, ward, township, or village election commissioners may, by resolution, consolidate the election precincts for a particular election that is not a general November election, primary election immediately before a general November election, or other statewide or federal election. In making the determination to consolidate election precincts for a particular election, the election commission shall take into consideration the number of choices the voter must make, the percentage of registered voters who voted at the last similar election in the jurisdiction, and the intensity of the interest of the electors in the jurisdiction concerning the candidates and proposals to be voted upon. Consolidated precincts shall not exceed 5,000 active registered electors.

(2) A consolidation under this section shall be made not less than 60 days before a primary, general, or special election.

(3) Unless the polling places for the election precincts to be consolidated are located in the same building, when a county, city, ward, township, or village consolidates election precincts for a particular election under subsection (1), the election commissioners or other designated election officials shall do both of the following:

(a) Provide notice to the registered electors of the affected election precincts of the consolidation of election precincts for the particular election and the location of the polling place for the election precinct or precincts for that election. Notice may be provided by mail or other method designed to provide actual notice to the registered electors.

(b) Post a written notice at each election precinct polling place stating the location of the consolidated election precinct polling place.

(4) If a county, city, ward, township, or village consolidates election precincts under this section, each affected election precinct shall be treated as a whole unit and shall not be divided during the consolidation.

History: Add. 2003, Act 302, Eff. Mar. 30, 2004;—Am. 2004, Act 296, Imd. Eff. July 23, 2004;—Am. 2012, Act 270, Eff. Aug. 15, 2012;—Am. 2012, Act 586, Imd. Eff. Jan. 7, 2013;—Am. 2014, Act 94, Imd. Eff. Apr. 3, 2014.

Compiler's note: Former MCL 168.659, which pertained to prohibition of change in election precincts within 60 days of primary or election, was repealed by Act 271 of 1955, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1955, and by Act 283 of 1955, Imd. Eff. July 19, 1955.

Popular name: Election Code

**CITY OF NOVI
ELECTION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE
PRECINCTS 21 AND 21 FOR THE MAY 5, 2020 ELECTION**

At a meeting of the City of Novi Election Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the City Hall at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, on the 12th day of February, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Clerk Hanson, Commissioner Superfisky

ABSENT: Commissioner Copes

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Commissioner Superfisky and supported by Clerk Hanson.

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2020 South Lyon Community Schools approved the placement of a ballot proposition on the May 5, 2020 ballot; and

WHEREAS, there are 97 voters in Precinct 21 with South Lyon Community Schools 1,686 voters in Precinct 22 with South Lyon Community Schools; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the voters to consolidate the precincts as one; and

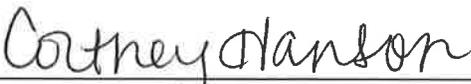
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Novi Election Commission approves the consolidation of Precincts 21 and 22 for the May 5, 2020 Election.

AYES: Superfisky, Hanson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Copes

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



CORTNEY HANSON, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I, Cortney Hanson, Clerk of the City of Novi, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by the City of Novi Election Commission at a meeting held on the 12th day of February, 2020.



CORTNEY HANSON, CITY CLERK