### CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL MARCH 14, 2022



# **SUBJECT:** Approval of a resolution to revise the boundaries of Precincts 12 and 13 in the City of Novi.

#### SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In December 2021, the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission approved a redistricting plan for US Congressional, State Senate, and State House representatives. Additionally, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Apportionment Commission approved newly drawn County Commissioner districts. As a result, the City is now represented by two members of congress, two state senators, two state house representatives, and two county commissioners.

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Precinct boundary changes must receive approval from the Election Commission and City Council (per the Charter) prior to being submitted to the Bureau of Elections by April 4, 2022 for implementation. The Election Commission unanimously approved the proposal during their March 1st meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of a resolution to revise the boundaries of Precincts 12 and 13 in the City of Novi.

### MEMORANDUM

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TO:	MAYOR GATT AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM:	CORTNEY HANSON, CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	PRECINCT CHANGES DUE TO REDISTRICTING
DATE:	MARCH 3, 2022

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The proposed changes are minor compared to the impacts of following the Congressional map. The new boundary line between Congressional Districts 6 and 11 goes through Precinct 14, which will necessitate two ballot styles during Congressional elections. The Congressional map divides a subdivision, which would cause confusion for voters if half of the subdivision was moved into a different precinct. Additionally, reallocating Precinct 14 voters to other precincts would raise the number of registered voters in those precincts to more than 2,600, increasing precinct traffic and wait times, as well as requiring voters to travel longer distances to their polling locations. Lastly, moving a portion of voters from Precinct 14 to another precinct would still create the need for two ballot styles due to school district boundary lines. Staff has no concern about having two ballot styles as Clerk's Office staff and election workers are well trained and have the resources to handle such situations.

On March 1, 2022, the Election Commission approved a resolution to adjust the boundaries for Precincts 12 and 13 as recommended. Election Law requires precinct boundaries to be finalized by April 4, 2022; therefore, a resolution will be presented to City Council at the March 14, 2022, meeting for approval.

Subsequently, the Bureau of Elections will update the Qualified Voter File to reflect these changes, the changes to the Congressional, State Senate, and State House representatives, as well as County Commissioner Districts. Once those changes are finalized, new voter ID cards will be mailed to every registered voter in the City of Novi.

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES FOR VOTING PRECINCTS

**WHEREAS**, The City of Novi has 25 voting precincts and 21 polling locations, as established in 2019;

**WHEREAS**, All planned precinct boundary changes were granted by the local Election Commission and must be approved by the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, The rearrangement of precinct boundaries are governed under Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.654-661, and must be submitted to the Michigan Department of State by April 4, 2022; and

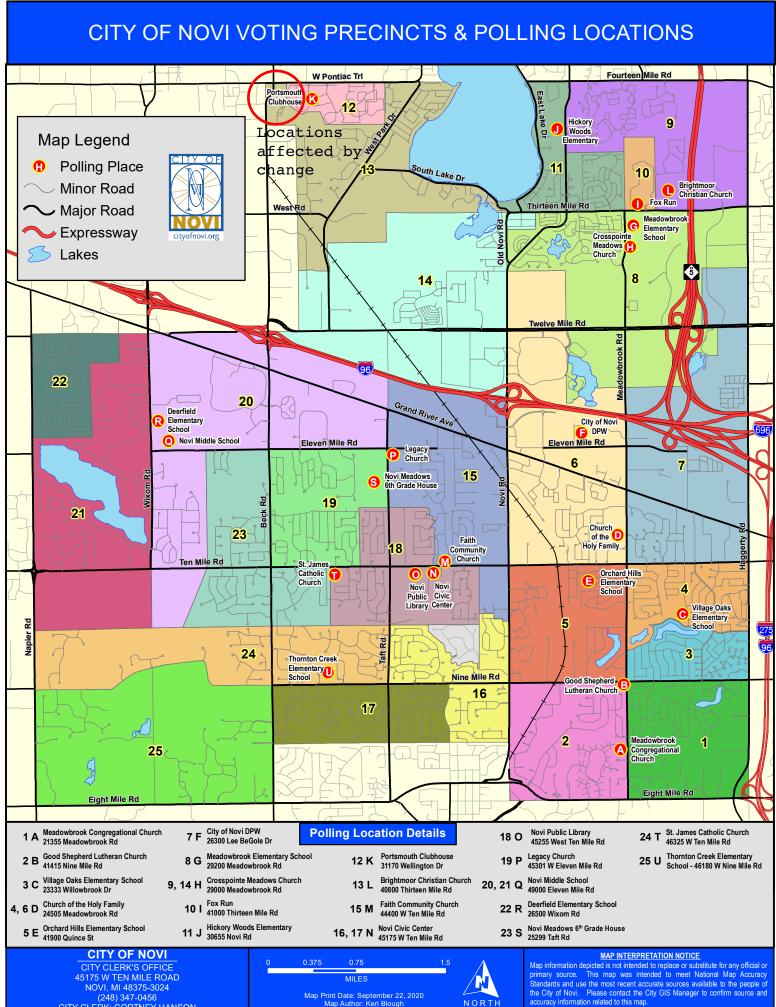
**WHEREAS**, The proposed changes are a result of changing the district boundary lines in the State Senate districts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, after review of all precinct boundary changes, the Novi City Council approves the following voting precinct changes:

PRECINCT	BOUNDARY	POLLING LOCATION
12	Pontiac Trail from Beck Road to State	Portsmouth Clubhouse
	Senate District 12 boundary.	31170 Wellington Drive
		Novi, MI 48377
13	Northern City limit from State Senate District	Brightmoor Christian Church
	12 boundary to Walled Lake; along Walled	40800 W. 13 Mile Road
	Lake to Novi School boundary; Novi School	Novi, MI 48377
	boundary from Walled Lake to City limits;	
	City limits from Novi School boundary to	
	State Senate District 12 boundary.	

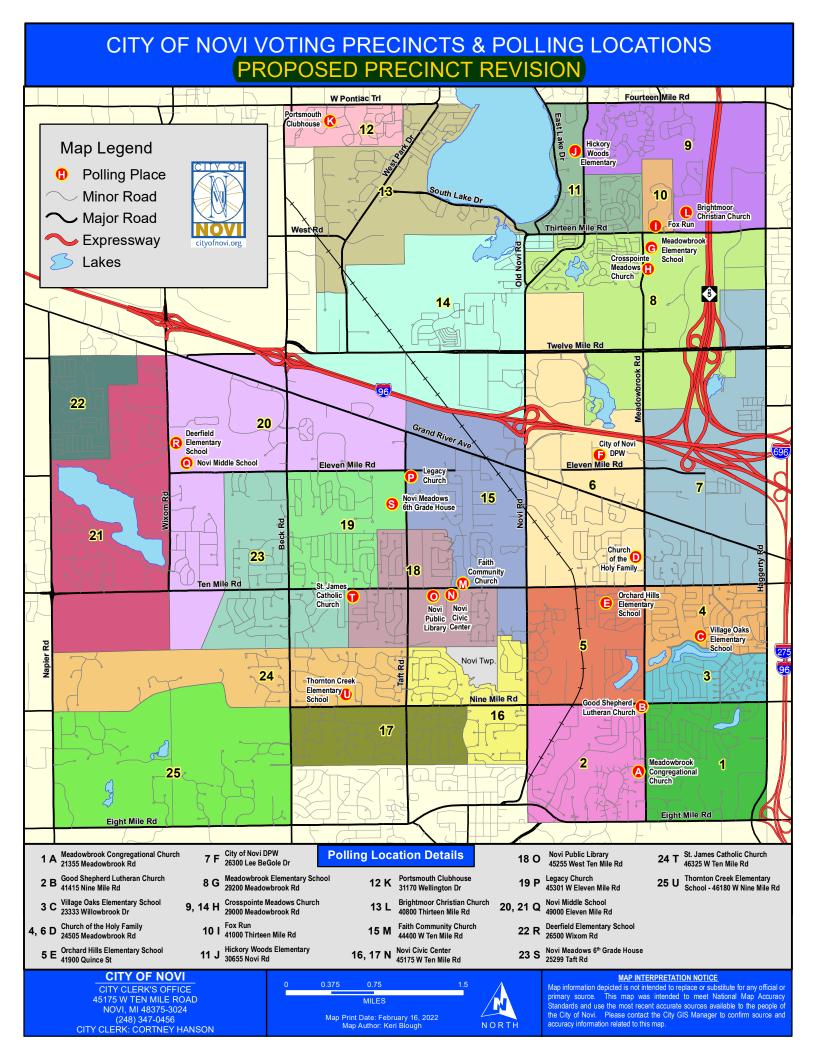
I, Cortney Hanson, duly appointed Clerk of the City of Novi do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by Novi City Council at a regular meeting held on Monday, March 14, 2022, the original of which is on file in my office.

Cortney Hanson, MMC, MiPMC II, City Clerk



(248) 347-0456 CITY CLERK: CORTNEY HANSON

Standards and use the most recent accurate sources available to the people of the City of Novi. Please contact the City GIS Manager to confirm source and accuracy information related to this map.



#### CITY OF NOVI

#### COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

#### RESOLUTION OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO REVISE THE BOUNDARIES OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN THE CITY OF NOVI

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Hanson, Superfisky

ABSENT: Copes

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

WHEREAS, the City of Novi has 25 voting precincts and 21 polling locations,

as established in 2019; and

WHEREAS, due to the redistricting of Michigan's State Senate districts, it is necessary and reasonable to change precinct boundary lines in Precincts 12 and 13 to follow the State Senate district boundary line which would prevent two ballot styles within Precinct 13; and

WHEREAS, the rearrangement of precinct boundaries are governed under Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.654-661, and must be submitted to the Michigan Secretary of State by April 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, all planned precinct boundary changes must be approved by the local Election Commission and by the City Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Novi Election Commission

approves the precinct boundary changes to Precincts 12 and 13.

AYES: Hanson, Superfisky (2)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Copes (1)

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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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 regular meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2022.

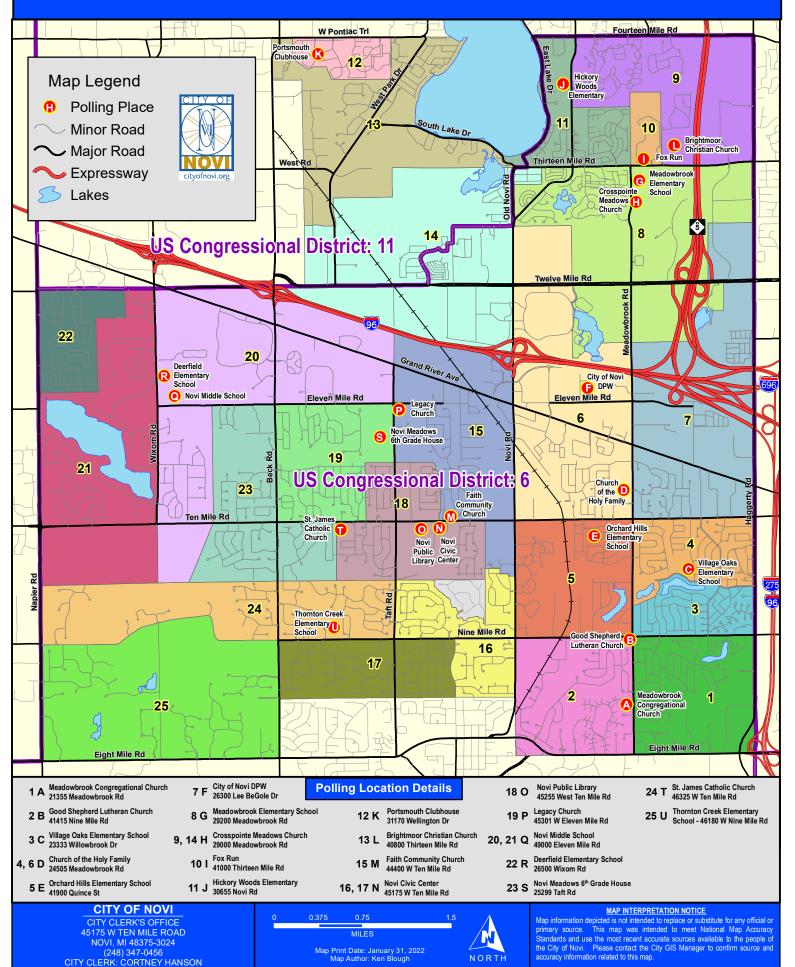
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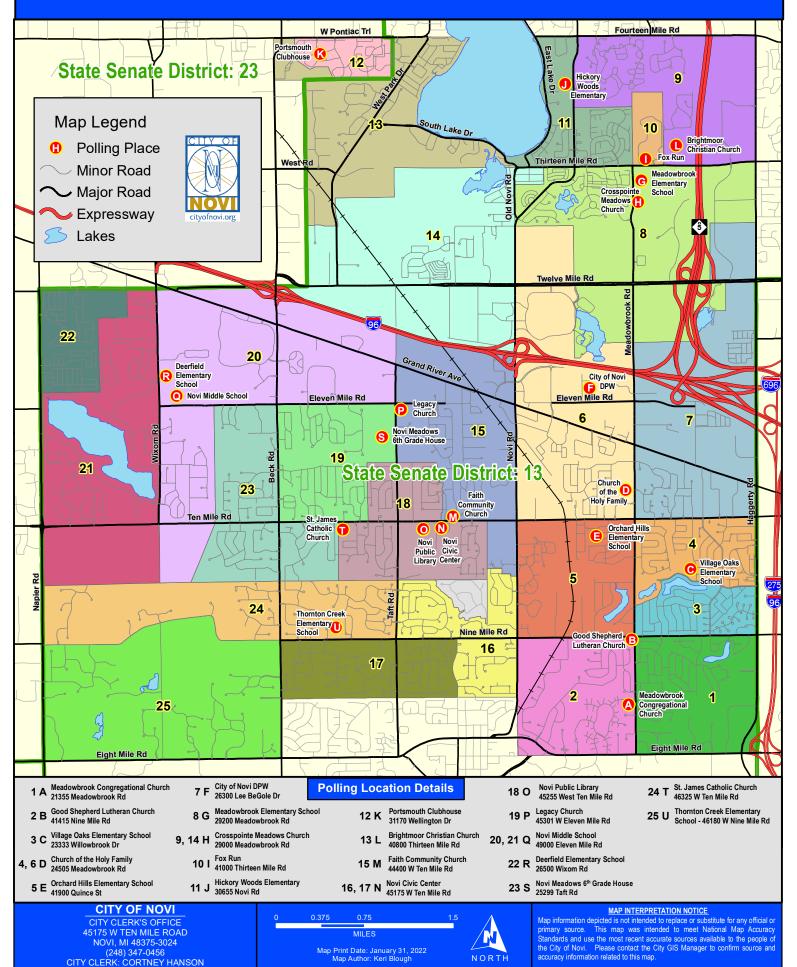
Newly approved district boundary maps for:

- Congress
- State Senate
- State House
- County Commissioner

## **CITY OF NOVI VOTING PRECINCTS & 2022 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**



### **CITY OF NOVI VOTING PRECINCTS & 2022 STATE SENATE DISTRICTS**



### **CITY OF NOVI VOTING PRECINCTS & 2022 STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS**

