

ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: July 23, 2013		DATE SUBMITTED: July 2, 2013	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: City Secretary		SUBMITTED BY: Mary Lynne Stratta	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING	<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST READING	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC SAFETY
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 2ND READING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE
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<input type="checkbox"/> WORKSHOP	<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR		<input type="checkbox"/> INFRASTRUCTURE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE
AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Resolution – Change in Polling Place for Precincts 11 and 22			
Adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas, establishing a new election polling place for county voting precincts 11 and 22 as the College Heights Assembly of God Church. <i>(La adopción de una resolución del consejo de la ciudad de Bryan, Texas, el establecimiento de un nuevo lugar de votación para las elecciones del condado de precinctos electorales 11 y 22 como el College Heights montaje de dios iglesia.)</i>			
SUMMARY STATEMENT: The previous polling location for county voting precincts 11 and 22 was Cavitt Church of Christ located on Cavitt Street. We have been notified that this facility will no longer be available for use as a polling place. Brazos County has selected the College Heights Assembly of God Church located at 4100 Old College Road as the new polling location for county voting precincts 11 and 22. College Heights was previously used as a polling location by both the City of Bryan and Brazos County. The facility is ADA accessible, has more than ample parking and space for voting, and is a location that should be familiar to voters. State law requires municipalities that conduct their general elections on the uniform election date in November jointly with the county election to utilize the same polling locations. This provides convenience to voters and saves costs of multiple polling locations for the same precincts.			
STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval. State law would require the City to utilize the same polling location as Brazos County on the November election date; however, utilizing the same polling locations increases voter convenience, lessens voter confusion and saves money for participating governmental entities. The recommended facility meets state and federal requirements for use as a polling location. Elections address the Council's strategic initiatives of service and quality of life.			
OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the change in order to allow timely notice to voters, etc. 2. Postpone consideration. 			
ATTACHMENTS:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolution 2. Order from Brazos County 			
FUNDING SOURCE: City Secretary's Election Budget			
APPROVALS: Mary Lynne Stratta 7-2-13; Hugh R. Walker. 07/03/2013			
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER			
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY Janis K. Hampton, 07-15-2013			

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A NEW ELECTION POLLING PLACE FOR COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS 11 AND 22 AS COLLEGE HEIGHTS ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas, holds its general municipal elections annually in November; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryan and Brazos County hold joint elections on the uniform November election date; and

WHEREAS, Brazos County and the City of Bryan had utilized the Cavitt Church of Christ on Cavitt Street as the polling place for county voting precincts 11 and 22; and

WHEREAS, this facility is no longer available for use; and

WHEREAS, the College Heights Assembly of God Church located at 4100 Old College Road is readily accessible and convenient for voters with its ample parking and its location along a public transit route; and

WHEREAS, the College Heights Assembly of God Church meets all provisions of state and federal laws regarding access by the disabled; and

WHEREAS, the College Heights Assembly of God Church was used in the past as a polling location by both the City of Bryan and Brazos County; and

WHEREAS, the Brazos County Commissioners Court ordered this change; and

WHEREAS, per the Texas Election Code, cities holding elections on the November general election date must use county polling locations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, THAT:

Section 1.

The City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas, hereby establishes the College Heights Assembly of God Church located at 4100 Old College Road as the polling location for county voting precincts 11 and 22.

Section 2.

The City Secretary is hereby directed to publicize the change in location of polling place for the benefit of the voting public residing within county voting precincts 11 and 22.

Section 3.

This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 2013.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN:

Mary Lynne Stratta
City Secretary

Jason P. Bienski
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janis K. Hampton
City Attorney