STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF BULLOCH

RESOLUTION 2023 - 18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STATESBORO MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO PERMANENTLY CHANGE THE POLLING PLACE FOR THE STATESBORO ONE VOTING PRECINCT; TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES OF SAID CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Statesboro Mayor and Council is the Governing Authority for the City of Statesboro, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265(a) provides that the Governing Authority shall select and fix the polling place within each voting precinct, and may change the polling place within any precinct; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265(a) further provides that the Govering Authority shall not change any polling place until notice of the proposed change shall have been published for once a week for two consecutive weeks in the legal organ for the county in which the polling place is located; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265(f) provides that a polling place shall not be changed on a day in which a primary, election, or runoff is held, or during the 60 day period prior to any general primary or general election or runoff from such primary or election, nor shall a polling place be changed in the 30 day period prior to any special primary or special election or runoff from such special primary or special election, except, in the discretion of the superintendent, when an emergency or event occurs during such time period which renders the polling place unavailable; and

WHEREAS, the current polling place for the Statesboro One voting precinct is the William James Educational Complex, 150 Williams Road, Statesboro, Georgia 30458; and

WHEREAS, the City of Statesboro finds that the Luetta Moore Building is more suitable for a permanent polling place location than the William James Educational Complex in that the Luetta Moore Building will provide more space to adequately accommodate poll workers, election equipment, and voters, and the Statesboro Mayor and Council therefore desires to permanently relocate the polling place for the Statesboro One voting precinct to the Luetta Moore Building; and

WHEREAS, the Luetta Moore Building is located within the current boundaries of the Statesboro One voting precinct; and

WHEREAS, the notice of the proposed change attached hereto as Exhibit "A" has been published in the <u>Statesboro Herald</u>, which is the legal organ for Bulloch County, on Thursday, March 30, 2023 and again on Thursday, April 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there is no primary, election, or runoff scheduled within 60 days of April 18, 2023, nor is there any special primary or special election or runoff from such special primary or special election scheduled within 30 days of April 18, 2023, which is the date of this resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Statesboro Mayor and Council as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The City of Statesboro Mayor and Council, on its own motion, hereby permanently changes the location of the polling place for the Statesboro One voting precinct to the following location:

Luetta Moore Building 585 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Statesboro, Georgia 30458

Section 2. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265(a), the City of Statesboro Mayor and Council hereby authorizes and orders that, during the seven days before and on the day of the first election following such change, notice of the change in the polling place for the Statesboro One voting precinct shall be posted on the previous polling place and at three other places in the immediate vicinity thereof, with each notice posted stating the location to which the polling place has been moved and directing electors to the new location, and at least one notice at the previous polling place shall be a minimum of four feet by four feet in size.

<u>Section 3</u>. All resolutions, actions, or parts thereof previously approved and adopted by the City of Statesboro Mayor and Council that are in conflict with the provisions contained in this resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

<u>Section 4</u>. This resolution shall take effect commencing with the general election to be held on November 7, 2023 and shall remain in effect until repealed or superseded by further action of the City of Statesboro Mayor and Council.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2023.

CITY OF STATESBORO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

By:	
Jonathan McCollar, Mayor	
Attest:	
Leah Harden, City Clerk	

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLLING PLACE CHANGE

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265, notice is hereby given that the following permanent change in the location of the polling place for the Statesboro One (S1) voting precinct has been proposed, said change, if approved, to take effect commencing with the general election to be held on November 7, 2023, and to remain in effect thereafter until further action regarding same by the Statesboro City Council. Current STATESBORO ONE PRECINT Polling Place: William Jame Educational Complex, 150 Williams Road, Statesboro, GA 30458: Proposed New STATESBORO ONE PRECINT Polling Place: Luetta Moore Building, 585 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Statesboro, GA 30458. The Statesboro City Council will vote on this proposed change at a meeting to be held at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 50 East Main Street, Statesboro, Georiga 30458.

CITY OF STATESBORO, MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Newspaper Name: Statesboro Herald
Address: 1 Proctor Street, Statesboro, GA 30458

Phone: 912-764-9031 Fax: 912-489-8181

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF Bulloch

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Emmalee Jones, who, after being duly sworn, states under oath, of his/her own personal knowledge, the following:

1.

My name is <u>Emmalee Jones</u>, I am over the age of 18, and I am competent to make this Affidavit. I make this Affidavit voluntarily based on my personal knowledge and information and I understand that this Affidavit may be used in connection with litigation, and for any other purpose allowed by law.

2.

I am employed by <u>Statesboro Herald</u> (the "Newspaper"), the legal organ of <u>Bulloch</u> County Georgia, as its legal representative.

3.

The Newspaper published a Notice of Proposed Polling Place Change ran on the following dates:

March 30, 2023 and April 6, 2023

A true and accurate copy of these legal advertisements which ran in Newspaper are attached hereto.

4.

These documents were produced and kept by Newspaper in the ordinary course of business, constitute business records of Newspaper, and I am a custodian of the documents.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

Sworn to and subscribed before

me this 11 day of April 2023

[Affix Notary Seal]

Pamela Pollard

Notary Public

My commission expires: 2/15/2027

Comm. Exp.

02/15/27

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