DATE: June 22, 2006

SUBJECT: Amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Approve** the advertised proposed amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places, as follows:
   
   A. Change the polling place for the Fairlington Precinct 012 from Fairlington Center, 3308 South Stafford Street, to the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 South Abingdon Street.
   
   B. Change the polling place for the Nottingham Precinct 037 from Tuckahoe School, 6550 North 26th Street, back to its permanent location at Nottingham School, 5900 Little Falls Road.
   
   C. Amend the boundaries of the Barcroft Precinct 005 and the Glen Carlyn Precinct 013 to move a small number of voters along Edison Street from Barcroft to Glen Carlyn.

2. **Do not approve** the advertised proposed amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places to amend the boundaries of the current Virginia Square 040, Oakland 046, and Monroe 049 precincts and change the polling place for the Oakland Precinct from St. George’s Episcopal Church, 915 North Oakland Street, to the Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 Fairfax Drive.

ISSUES: None.

SUMMARY: The General Registrar and Arlington County Electoral Board recommend two polling place changes for existing precincts and a precinct boundary change, and have withdrawn several additional recommendations as previously advertised.

DISCUSSION: In order to accommodate construction and renovation schedules at some polling places, the General Registrar and the Arlington County Electoral Board recommend the following changes to the County ordinance, attached in part, establishing precinct boundaries and polling places. The proposed changes will take effect with the November 7, 2006 General and
Special Election, pending approval from the U.S. Department of Justice. Virginia law requires polling places and precincts be established by County ordinance. The proposed amendments are:

I. Proposed Polling Place Changes Without Boundary Changes

A. **Fairlington Precinct (012)** currently votes the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street. The center will close for major renovations in the fall of 2006 and is expected to be closed for about a year. The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend the County Board move the polling place for Fairlington Precinct to the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 South Abingdon Street. Arlington County would also provide financial assistance to Fairlington Villages in making necessary repairs to the sidewalk and ramp at the center to meet accessibility standards for polling place use. The funding source is a grant allocated to the Virginia State Board of Elections through the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to assist localities in assuring polling places meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.

It is expected that Fairlington voters will be able to move back to the Fairlington Community Center in 2008.

B. **Nottingham Precinct (037)** has been voting at Tuckahoe School, 6550 North 26th Street, while their permanent polling location, Nottingham School, has been undergoing renovations. Nottingham School will reopen in the fall of 2006. The General Registrar and the Electoral Board recommend the County Board move the polling place for Nottingham Precinct back to Nottingham School, 6500 Little Falls Road. Voting will be in the gym.

II. Proposed Precinct Boundary Change

In 2005, it was brought to the General Registrar’s attention that a small number of voters physically located on South Edison Street in the **Barcroft Precinct 005** had been erroneously coded on the voter registration database as being in the **Glen Carlyln Precinct 013**. The General Registrar was unable to identify the source of the error but believes it originated with the initial automation of the database in the mid-1980s. Once the error was discovered, the General Registrar was obligated to correct it and inform the voters of their correct polling place, Barcroft School, which is less convenient to their homes than the erroneous Glen Carlyln polling place, Kenmore School, where they had been voting for nearly 20 years.

The General Registrar and Electoral Board recommend the County Board make a technical adjustment to the boundaries between the two precincts along Lubber Run to its intersection with Arlington Boulevard to move this portion of the Barcroft Precinct to the Glen Carlyln Precinct. Approximately 25 voters are affected, and these voters should welcome the move back to Kenmore School for voting.
III. Withdrawal of Advertised Proposed Change

The Electoral Board and General Registrar have withdrawn their recommendation as previously advertised for a proposed polling place and boundary change for the Oakland Precinct 046. The proposed advertised change would have adjusted the precinct’s boundaries as well as the boundaries of the Virginia Square 040 and Monroe 049 Precincts and relocated the polling place from St. George’s Episcopal Church, 915 North Oakland Street, to the Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 Fairfax Drive. Following the original recommendation, several complications with implementing this proposal have arisen. The Electoral Board and General Registrar believe they can find a better solution by delaying any changes to 2007.
ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOUNDARIES OF VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, that:

1. Pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 3 of Title 24.2, Elections, of the Code of Virginia, the boundaries of voter election precincts and polling place locations, are as follows:

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   005

   BARCROFT PRECINCT

   Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Arlington Boulevard and Four Mile Lubber Run; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of Lubber Run to its intersection with the centerline of Four Mile Run; thence in a southwesterly direction with the centerline of Four Mile Run to its intersection with the centerline of Columbia Pike; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Columbia Pike to its intersection with the centerline of South George Mason Drive; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of South George Mason Drive to its intersection with the centerline of the driveway entrance to the Arlington Hall Reservation in the vicinity of 6th Street South; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of the driveway entrance to its intersection with the south boundary of the Arlington Hall Reservation; thence following the south boundary of the Arlington Hall Reservation in an easterly direction to the east boundary of the Arlington Hall Reservation; thence in a northerly direction with the east boundary line of the Arlington Hall Reservation to the north boundary line of the Arlington Hall Reservation; thence in a westerly direction with the north boundary line of the Arlington Hall Reservation to its intersection with the centerline of Arlington Boulevard; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Arlington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Four Mile Lubber Run, the point of beginning.

   The polling place is located at Barcroft Elementary School, 625 South Wakefield Street.
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FAIRLINGTON PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of Route 7 and Quaker Lane (Arlington County Boundary); thence in a northwesterly direction on the Arlington side of Route 7 to its intersection with the centerline of Shirley Highway; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Shirley Highway to its intersection with the Arlington County Boundary; thence in a southerly direction with the aforementioned boundary line to its intersection with the Arlington County Boundary at Route 7 and Quaker Lane, the point of beginning.

The polling place is the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 South Abingdon Street.

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GLEN CARLYN PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of the southwest County line with the centerline of Arlington Boulevard; thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of Arlington Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Four Mile Lubber Run; thence in a southerly direction with the centerline of Lubber Run to its intersection with the centerline of Four Mile Run; thence in a southwesterly direction with the centerline of Four Mile Run to its intersection with the centerline of Columbia Pike; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of Columbia Pike to its intersection with the centerline of South Dinwiddie Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of South Dinwiddie Street to its intersection with the centerline of 7th Road South; thence in a westerly direction with the centerline of 7th Road South to its intersection with the southwest County line; thence in a northwesterly direction with the County line to its intersection with the centerline Arlington Boulevard, the point of beginning.

The polling place is Kenmore Middle School, 200 South Carlin Springs Road.

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NOTTINGHAM PRECINCT

Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Lee Highway and North Sycamore Street; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of North Sycamore Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Powhatan Street; thence in a northwesterly direction with the centerline of North Powhatan Street to its intersection with the Arlington County Boundary line; thence in a northeasterly direction with the Arlington County Boundary line to its intersection with the centerline of John Marshall Drive; thence in a southeasterly direction with the centerline of John Marshall Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Little Falls Road; thence in a northeasterly direction with the centerline of Little Falls Road to its intersection with the centerline of North Lexington Street; thence in a southeasterly direction with the centerline of North Lexington Street to its intersection with the centerline of Lee Highway; thence in a southwesterly direction with the centerline of Lee Highway to its intersection with the centerline of North Sycamore Street, the point of beginning.

The polling place is Tuckahoe School, 6550 26th Street North. Nottingham School, 6500 Little Falls Road.

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All other precincts and polling places shall remain as previously established by ordinance.
Appendix B

I: Proposed Polling Place Changes Without Boundary Changes

A. Fairlington Precinct 012

This proposal is to move the polling place for the Fairlington Precinct 012 from the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street, to the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 South Abingdon Street. The County-owned Fairlington Center will undergo renovations beginning in the fall of 2006 and is expected to be unavailable for voting until 2008. The Fairlington Villages Community Center is a privately-owned facility.
B. Nottingham Precinct 037

This proposal would relocate the Nottingham Precinct 037 back to its permanent polling place at Nottingham School, 6500 Little Falls Road. The precinct’s voters have been voting at Tuckahoe School, 6550 26th Street North, while Nottingham School has been closed for renovations. The school will reopen in the fall of 2006.
II: Proposed Precinct Boundary Change

Barcroft 005 and Glen Carlyn 013 Precincts

This proposal shifts the boundary between Barcroft and Glen Carlyn Precincts from Four Mile Run intersecting with Arlington Boulevard to Four Mile Run intersecting with Lubber Run intersecting with Arlington Boulevard. This change would correct an apparent long-standing error in database entry in which voters living on South Edison Street in the Barcroft Precinct were incorrectly assigned to the Glen Carlyn Precinct.

The current precinct map is shown in part below, drawn to the specifications of the legal precinct boundary definitions as approved by the County Board and the U.S. Department of Justice. Edison Street is the small area circled at the top center of the map. These voters have incorrectly been assigned to vote at Kenmore Middle School for an unknown period of time.
Following is a closer view of the South Edison Street area, showing the legal boundary between the precincts, defined as Four Mile Run.

The proposed change would redefine the boundary to follow Four Mile Run to its intersection with Lubber Run, which would legally place the residents of Edison Street in the Glen Carlyn Precinct. This would enable them to continue voting at Kenmore Middle School.