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Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution establishes potential in-person absentee voting locations for the 2021 Spring Primary and Election. The 2021 Adopted Budget includes \$915,550 in funding for the Clerk's Office for these elections.

Title

Establishing potential in-person absentee voting locations for the 2021 Spring Primary and Spring Election.

Body

WHEREAS, voting is both a right and the vital core of a healthy democracy; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated an increased interest in absentee voting, with 62.40% of ballots cast in the City of Madison General Election being absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, voting by mail is not necessarily the best option for every voter; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to facilitating the right to vote while minimizing the risk of exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Madison City Clerk's Office is that each eligible voter will be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted; and

WHEREAS, it is inequitable to limit in-person absentee voting to Madison residents who are able to obtain transportation and pay for parking downtown; and

WHEREAS, offering in-person absentee voting at multiple sites throughout the City may further racial equity for residents who have not historically been involved in the voting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison chooses to make in-person absentee voting more accessible and equitable by establishing multiple locations for in-person absentee voting, dependent on public safety considerations and the guidance of Public Health Madison & Dane County.

If facilities are open to the public and Public Health Madison & Dane County approves the safety precautions in place, the following in-person absentee voting locations may be used for the 2021 Spring Primary and Spring Election:

- City Clerk's Office, 210 Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard
- 2. Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N High Point Road
- 3. Goodman South Madison Library, 2222 S Park Street
- 4. Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Road
- 5. Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Road
- 6. UW-Madison Union South, 1308 W Dayton Street
- 7. UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street

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- 8. UW-Madison Student Activity Center, 333 E Campus Mall
- 9. UW-Madison Health Services Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue
- 10. Blackhawk Church, 9620 Brader Way
- 11. Madison College Commercial Avenue Campus, 2125 Commercial Avenue
- 12. Madison College South Campus, 2429 Perry Street
- 13. Goodman Parks Maintenance Facility, 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway
- 14. Fleet Service, 4151 Nakoosa Trail
- 15. Olbrich Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave
- 16. Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Drive
- 17. East Madison Community Center, 8 Straubel Court
- 18. The University Club, 803 State Street
- 19. Hillel at the University of Wisconsin, 611 Langdon Street
- Edgewood College, 1000 Edgewood College Drive

If Public Health Madison & Dane County advises that curbside voting would be a safer option for voters, given the county's COVID-19 data and metrics, the Clerk's Office will work with other city agencies, community centers, the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Edgewood College, and places of worship to establish curbside voting locations throughout the City of Madison, weather permitting.