

ORDINANCE NO. O-106-2003

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH
COUNCIL CHANGING SPECIFIED POLLING LOCATIONS
AND MAKING PRECINCT SPLITS AS RECOMMENDED
BY THE LAFAYETTE PARISH BOARD OF ELECTION
SUPERVISORS**

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Board of Election Supervisors has recommended certain changes in polling locations and has recommended that certain precincts be split with reference to Lafayette Parish polling locations; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Board of Election Supervisors has made these recommendations based on expressed voter concerns, election worker observations and in order to remain in compliance with Election Code laws; and

WHEREAS, the four (4) precinct polling location changes recommended make use of new public buildings which can be utilized very near the same area as the current locations and which new locations offer more convenience to voters; and

WHEREAS, it is not feasible to continue the use of certain buildings which are no longer available (Duson Police Station) or present security problems (Lafayette Field Operations) or where there is overcrowding within limited space (Comeaux High School and Edgar Martin Middle School); and

WHEREAS, due to the upcoming major elections this fall with anticipated large voter turnouts expected, it has been recommended by the Lafayette Parish Board of Election Supervisors that certain precincts be split into two (2) precincts by a voter last name alphabetical split, thus creating two (2) precincts out of one (1) large precinct where voters are currently crowded and waiting in long lines; and

WHEREAS, these precinct splits would facilitate easier voting for voters and would aid election workers where precincts currently have 2,000 or more registered voters; and

WHEREAS, these changes recommended by the Lafayette Parish Board of Election Supervisors in no way affect current election districts of any elected official; nor do the proposed changes change any election district boundary; nor do the proposed changes dilute the minority voting strength; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes of polling locations from no longer usable locations or crowded locations to more convenient locations within close proximity of the current location and the other proposed changes by splitting precincts are proposed merely to ease crowded conditions by eliminating long lines to better accommodate voters and election workers; and

WHEREAS, permission has been obtained to use the new proposed locations and voters would be notified of the new polling locations during implementation; and

WHEREAS, based upon the unanimous recommendation of the Lafayette Parish Board of Election Supervisors, the Lafayette City-Parish Council does agree with said recommendations and does enact this Ordinance to accomplish the same under the hereinafter set forth terms and conditions; and accordingly

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette City-Parish Council:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: The following precinct changes are made:

- Precinct 27 is changed from the Duson Police Station at 806 First Street in Duson, Louisiana to the Duson Council Chambers at 300 Second Street, Duson, Louisiana.
- Precincts 10 and 24 are changed from the Lafayette Field Operations Complex at 1314 Walker Road, Lafayette, Louisiana to the J. Wallace James School at 1500 W. Willow in Lafayette, Louisiana, (mailing address 1500 W. Willow in Scott, Louisiana, 70583).
- Precincts 67 and 86 are changed from the Edgar Martin Middle School at 401 Broadmoor Blvd. in Lafayette, Louisiana, to Fire Station #13 at 6507 Johnston St. in Lafayette, Louisiana.
- Precincts 91 and 104 (which will be new precinct 104Y and new precinct 104Z) are changed from Comeaux High School at 100 W. Bluebird in Lafayette, Louisiana to Fire Station #12 at 2856 Verot School Rd. in Lafayette, Louisiana.

SECTION 3: The following precincts are alpha split by last names of the registered voters who vote in said precincts:

- Precinct 2 Carencro Middle School West becomes Precinct 2Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 2Z (last names K-Z).
- Precinct 4 Carencro Middle School East becomes Precinct 4Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 4Z (last names K-Z).
- Precinct 29 Scott Middle School becomes Precinct 29Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 29Z (last names K-Z).
- Precinct 85 Edgar Martin Middle School becomes Precinct 85Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 85Z (last names K-Z).
- Precinct 87 Plantation Middle School becomes Precinct 87Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 87Z (last names K-Z).
- Precinct 95 Comeaux High School becomes Precinct 95Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 95Z (last names K-Z).
- Precinct 96 South Park Fire Station #10 becomes Precinct 96Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 96Z (last names K-Z).
- Precinct 104 (proposed new location Fire Station #12 at 2856 Verot School Rd.)

currently Comeaux High School becomes Precinct 104Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 104Z (last names K-Z).

- Precinct 105 Milton Elementary School becomes Precinct 105Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 105Z (last names K-Z).
- Precinct 107 Youngsville Middle School becomes Precinct 107Y (last names A-J) and Precinct 107Z (last names K-Z).

SECTION 4: The Lafayette City-Parish Attorney, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit to the U.S. Attorney General, through the U.S. Department of Justice, a copy of this Ordinance and any other information regarding the changes made herein which affect voting and said Lafayette City-Parish Attorney, or his designee, is authorized to submit this Ordinance to the U.S. Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, in order that these changes may be pre-cleared and approved by the U.S. Department of Justice in accordance with its procedures.

SECTION 5: In the event that the U.S. Department of Justice grants pre-clearance of the changes set forth in this Ordinance pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, in time for the fall elections, these changes shall be implemented for said fall elections.

SECTION 6: All Ordinances or Resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall become effective upon the signature of the Lafayette City-Parish President, the lapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette City-Parish President without signature or veto, or upon override of any veto, whichever occurs first, but subject to the pre-clearance and approval of the changes by the U.S. Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

DISPOSITION OF ORDINANCE NO. O-106-2003

1. This ordinance was introduced: May 6, 2003
YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams,
Broussard, Trumps, Mouton,
Stevenson, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Benjamin,
RECUSED/ABSTAINED: None
AMENDMENT:
- Final disposition by Council:
May 20, 2003
YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams,
Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps
Mouton, Stevenson, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED/ABSTAINED: None

2. Notice of Public Hearing: This ordinance was published by Title and Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Advertiser on May 9, 2003
3. This ordinance was presented to the President for his approval on May 21, 2003 at 11:55 o'clock 9 .m.

Norma A. Dugas
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

4. Disposition by President:

I hereby:

- A. Approve this ordinance, the 22 day of MAY, 2003, at 10:30 o'clock A .m.
- B. Veto this ordinance, the _____ day of _____, 2003, at _____ o'clock _____ .m., veto message is attached.
- C. Line item veto certain items this _____ day of _____, 2003 at _____ o'clock _____ .m., veto message is attached.

Mike Stoyan
PRESIDENT

5. Returned to Council office with/without veto message on May 22, 2003, at 11:00 o'clock 9 .m.

6. Reconsideration by Council (if vetoed):

On _____, 2003, the Council did/refused to adopt this ordinance after the President's veto.

Norma A. Dugas
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

7. Full Publication:

Full publication of this ordinance was made in the Advertiser on May 23, 2003.

NOTE: If no approval nor veto of President appears, and ten days have elapsed since this ordinance was presented to him for action, same has been automatically approved.