

ORDINANCE NO. 1768 - 2025

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 – Elections, Article II – Voting Wards, Section 8-17 -Polling Places Designated to Reflect the Change of the Polling Place for Ward 7 from the Oak Park Field House to the Oak Park Alumni Building

WHEREAS, by City Council order of September 20, 2022, the City of Laurel amended the Code of Ordinances to reflect the new legal descriptions and changes of ward lines in the City following redistricting based on the results of the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2025, the City seeks to change the Ward 7 polling place from the Oak Park Field House to the Oak Park Alumni Building; the Oak Park Alumni Building, which is owned by the City, is in close proximity to the current Ward 7 polling place and has been recently remodeled providing more parking, better accessibility, a larger voting space, nicer restroom facilities, and is overall a more suitable building to use as a polling place; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it in the best interest of the public to change the Ward 7 Polling Place from the Oak Park Field House to the Oak Park Alumni Building located at 114 Jeff Rockette Drive, directly behind Oak Park Elementary School, to become effective July 1, 2025

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi, that effective July 1, 2025, Chapter 8 of the Laurel Code of Ordinances – *Elections, Article II- Voting Wards, Section 8-17 Polling Places Designated* be changed so that it reads as follows:

Section 8-17. Polling Places Designated

The following voting places for each Ward shall be as follows:

- Ward 1---The Church of Christian Unity, 1000 South Nineteenth Avenue
- Ward 2---Parkview Baptist Church Family Life Center, 930 North Tenth Avenue
- Ward 3---Old AmSouth Bank Building at 2908 Audubon Drive
- Ward 4---Christ Church, 1301 North Second Avenue
- Ward 5---L.T. Ellis Center, 610 Munson Street
- Ward 6---Fire Station #1 (One), 314 Ellisville Boulevard
- Ward 7---Oak Park Alumni Building, 114 Jeff Rockette Drive (behind Oak Park Elementary School)

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after thirty (30) days following its second reading and adoption.

The above and foregoing Ordinance having been first reduced to writing was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council on **FEBRUARY 4, 2025**.
Councilperson Jordan , moved for approval of the Second reading of said Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilperson Capers .

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Thaxton, Ellis, Amos, Jordan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kelly, Carmichael

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Second reading of this Ordinance approved, this the 4th day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE _____

VETOED () DATE _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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