

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

TITLE	Precinct Consolidation 2025
SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT	City Clerk
PRESENTER	Melanie Halas
MEETING DATE	July 14, 2025
SECOND READING REQUIRED	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY *(include history of previous Commission action/discussion, background, scope of work, etc.):*

In December of 2023, Governor Whitmer signed Senate Bills 572 and 573 to allow the expansion of precinct sizes from 2,999 voters to 4,999 voters. When this happened, I brought forward a recommendation to the city commission to approve a reduction of the city's precincts from 24 to 18. Since that time, we have had three elections held including the presidential election last November. There have been no issues with decreasing the number of precincts.

After doing a second evaluation of the number of precincts, I have realized that we can consolidate even more precincts bringing the total number down from 18 to 15. The three changes would include having one precinct at the Salter Community Center (instead of 2), one precinct at Jane Addams (instead of 2) and one precinct at Northwood (instead of 2). Every ten years we purchase new voting equipment. The state is going out for RFP's soon for new election equipment vendors in 2026 for the changeover in 2027. The Bureau of Elections is recommending that we budget \$15,000 per precinct for the new equipment. Eliminating the proposed three precincts will save the city \$45,000 for new equipment.

It is a good time to make these additional consolidation changes as our State Senate district has just changed from district 8 to district 10. With this change, all voters in the city of royal oak must receive a new voter id card showing the new district change. In doing this they will be made aware of their new precinct number and their new senate district number. This recommendation was also brought forward to the Election Commission and unanimously approved on June 16, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

BUDGET SUMMARY	
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	
AMOUNT CURRENTLY BUDGETED	
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED	\$0.00 (BA between dept; net -0- effect on FB)
FUNDING SOURCE/ GL NUMBER	
WAS THIS A BUDGETED EXPENSE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

OTHER FISCAL IMPACTS: (Select all that apply.)

☐ No fiscal impact

☐ Workload impact (details below)

☐ Revenue impact (details below)

☐ Operations Impact (details below)

REVENUE IMPACT: N/A

WORKLOAD IMPACT: N/A

OPERATIONS IMPACT: N/A

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMISSION APPROVED PLANS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BOARD AND COMMISSION FEEDBACK

LEGAL COMMENTS

PROPOSED COMMISSION RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved, the city commission hereby approves the proposed new precinct map as presented; and

Be it further resolved, the city commission approves the proposed renumbering of the 15 precincts in the city of royal oak; and

Be it finally resolved, the city commission directs the city clerk to notify all voters of the new senate district change and new precinct number change by sending new voter identification cards to all voters.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Precinct Map

Current Precinct Map