

City of Waukesha, Wisconsin

Ordinance No. 2020 - 5

**An Ordinance Creating Section 1.07 of the Waukesha Municipal Code,
Regarding Designation of Polling Place for the April 7, 2020 Election**

Whereas the State of Wisconsin and the City of Waukesha have declared a state of emergency in response to the increasing coronavirus pandemic; and

Whereas the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued Emergency Order #12, Safer at Home Order, which generally orders all persons in the State of Wisconsin to remain at home, with certain stated exemptions; and

Whereas there are exemptions in Emergency Order #12 for Essential Government Functions, and for persons to travel to and from Essential Government Functions; and

Whereas Emergency Order #12 directs all Wisconsin government bodies to determine their Essential Government Functions; and

Whereas elections and voting are among the most basic and essential of government functions in the United States; and

Whereas due to the coronavirus pandemic, a large number of the City's usual polling-place volunteers are not showing up for duty, and have notified the City Clerk that they will not report for duty at the April 7 election, leaving the City Clerk unable to conduct the election in the usual manner at the usual number and location of polling places; and

Whereas the shortage of polling-place workers necessitates the consolidation of polling places into one location so the limited number of available volunteers are better able to manage the election; and

Whereas the Mayor determined that it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of the citizens of Waukesha that polling places be consolidated into one location for the April 7, 2020 election, and issued an Emergency Order on March 27, 2020, temporarily suspending Waukesha Municipal Code §1.03 for the April 7, 2020 election, designating the Schuetze Recreation Center as the sole polling place for the City of Waukesha, and declaring voting in public elections to be an Essential Government Function;

Now, therefore, the Common Council of the City of Waukesha do ordain as follows: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §323.14(4)(a) and (b), the Mayor's March 27, 2020 Emergency Order consolidating polling places and suspending Waukesha Municipal Code §1.03 is hereby ratified and approved in all respects, and §1.07 of the Waukesha Municipal Code is created to read in its entirety as follows:

1.07 Temporary Consolidation of Polling Places. Waukesha Municipal Code §1.03 is suspended for the April 7, 2020 election, and the sole polling place for the April 7, 2020 election in the City of Waukesha shall be at the Schuetze Recreation Center, 1120 Baxter Street, in the City of Waukesha.

All ordinances, or portions of ordinances, inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall be effective the day after its publication.

Passed the 9th day of April, 2020.


Shawn Reilly (Apr 13, 2020)

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor



Attest: Gina L. Kozlik, City Clerk