

RESOLUTION
R 228 - 07/08

EMERGENCY VOTING PRECINCT LOCATION CHANGE
DURING THE OCTOBER 7TH 2008 MUNICIPAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
from Old National Guard Armory to Memorial Stadium

WHEREAS, the City of Selma, Alabama is charged with conducting elections in the City of Selma, Alabama and the City, pursuant to Ala. Code §11-46-21 held a municipal election on August 26, 2008, and a run-off election is scheduled to be held October 7th 2008; *and*

WHEREAS, the Selma City Council has eight (8) single member wards and seventeen (17) precincts, whereby the two (2) precincts within Ward 1 are the Old National Guard Armory and Memorial Stadium; *and*

WHEREAS, the Selma City Council is in receipt of a letter notifying the City of Selma, Alabama that the Central Alabama Fair will be held at the Old National Guard Armory during the week of the run-off election and that the event cannot be cancelled; *and*

WHEREAS, the Old National Guard Armory representatives desire to accommodate the election by rerouting traffic and requesting voters to place a sign on the dash to indicate that they are voters and in an effort to direct them to a designated temporary parking space additional officers shall be on duty to accommodate voters; *and*

WHEREAS, the Selma City Council appreciates Old National Guard Armory desire to accommodate the voters, however the City Council is of the opinion that the crowd that attends the Central Alabama Fair will cause a major traffic congestion and further problems on the day of election; *and*

WHEREAS, the Selma City Council is further of the opinion that instructions to place a sign in the windshield will be very confusing and may cause voters to be discouraged and not vote on election day due to the voter wanting to avoid the large crowds and congestion on the streets; *and*

WHEREAS, there are two (2) precincts within Ward 1 and it is the City Council 's desire to temporarily have the voting precinct at the Old National Guard Armory temporarily changed to Memorial Stadium whereby the Memorial Stadium would accommodate voters of both precincts within Ward 1 for the run-off election to be held October 7, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) That due to the Central Alabama Fair being scheduled on the run-off election day and the traffic problems that arise from large crowds attending the fair, the Old National Guard Armory precinct shall be temporarily changed to Memorial Stadium whereby the facility shall accommodate both precincts, the Old National Guard Armory precinct and the Memorial Stadium precinct; *and*
- (2) That the City Attorney is hereby requested to seek preclearance from the U.S. Department of Justice to temporarily change the voting precinct for the October 7, 2008 run-off.

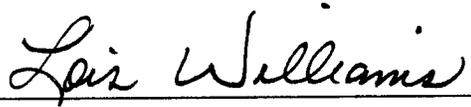
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that citizens and voters residing within the Old National Guard Armory precinct shall be duly notified of the change for the upcoming run-off election upon the adoption of this resolution and preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA,
on this the 8th day of September, 2008.



GEORGE P. EVANS, *President*

ATTEST:



LOIS WILLIAMS, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



JAMES PERKINS, JR., *Mayor*