



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Date: July 13, 2015  
To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager  
From: M. Aileen Dickson, City Clerk  
Subject: Relocation of Election Precincts 19 and 28

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### **History**

In a letter dated April 14, 2015, Ms. MaryAnn Farrell of Christ, Our Light! Catholic Church informed the City of Troy that the May 5, 2015 Special Election would be their last election as a polling location. During a phone conversation, Ms. Farrell explained that since two parishes were consolidated into one at their location, the schedule for usage of the buildings has doubled, causing numerous conflicts with the annual election schedule. Previously, Christ Our Light! housed precincts 19 and 28.

Fortunately, Pastor Paul Walters of Lutheran Church of the Master, located on Coolidge about one mile north of Christ, Our Light!, has offered their facility as a polling location.

On July 2, 2015, I met with Pastor Walters for a tour of the Activities Center at Lutheran Church of the Master. It's my opinion that their facility is ideal for the relocation of the two precincts for a number of reasons. There is ample parking for voters on election days. Pastor Walters explained that on election days, there would be no other activities scheduled so the parking lot and activities center would be completely dedicated to Troy voters. Also, the interior of the facility is large enough to accommodate the equipment, workers and voters of both precincts even during an election with a large turnout such as a Presidential Election.

Lutheran Church of the Master is also ideal for precincts 19 and 28 due to its convenient location on the eastern border of precinct 19, just north of the northern border of precinct 28. Attached to this memo is a map detailing the previous and proposed new polling locations for precincts 19 and 28. The voters in these two precincts will not experience any significant traveling burden to the proposed new location.

If City Council should approve this relocation of precincts 19 and 28, the City Clerk's Office will issue new voter identification cards to the affected voters once the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections processes our change in polling location request. The City Clerk's Office will also issue press releases informing voters of the change in location prior to the November 2015 General Election.

### **Financial**

The cost of printing and mailing new voter identification cards to 3,355 voters will be paid from the Elections budget.



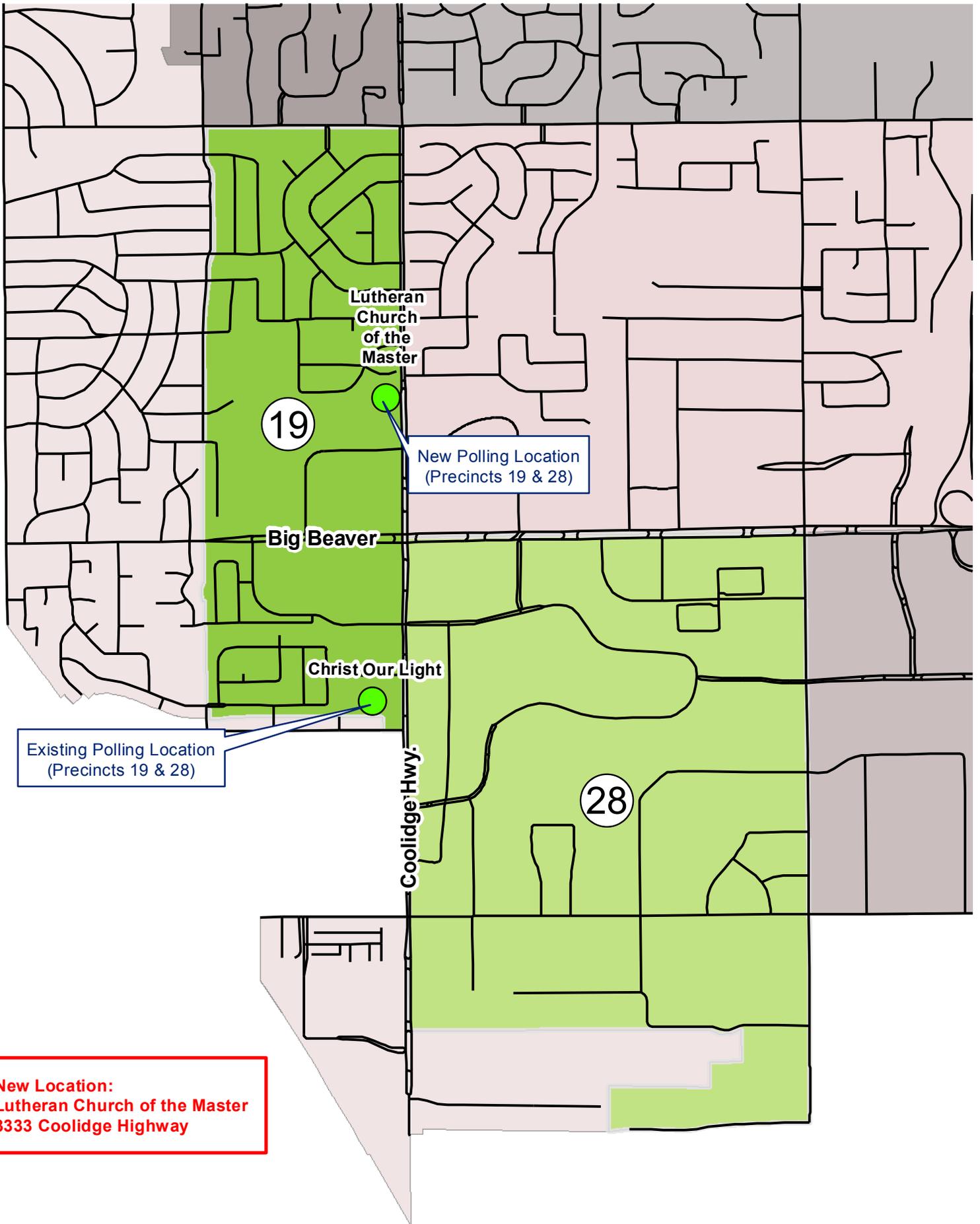
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### Recommendation

City Management recommends approval of the relocation of precincts 19 and 28 from Christ Our Light! Catholic Church, 3077 Gloucester, to Lutheran Church of the Master, 3333 Coolidge Highway.

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## Polling Location Change Precinct 19 and 28