

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-E()**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CHANGING THE POLLING PLACE FOR  
THE BRANCLANDS PRECINCT OF THE RIO MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, *Virginia Code* § 24.2-307 requires that each polling place be established by ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, *Albemarle County Code* § 2-101(E) establishes the Hillsdale Conference Center, 550 Hillsdale Drive, as the polling place for the Branchlands Precinct of the Rio Magisterial District;

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale Conference Center has recently declined further service as a polling place;

**WHEREAS**, the Harvest Church of God, 1025 Rio Road East has very recently agreed to make its buildings available as a polling place;

**WHEREAS**, after a polling place is changed by an ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the County is required to meet additional requirements of *Virginia Code* § 24.2-129 before changing a polling place;

**WHEREAS**, under normal circumstances, such a change would be submitted at least 90 days prior to an election to allow the Virginia Attorney General to review the request and to allow the Albemarle County General Registrar sufficient time to notify voters of the polling place change;

**WHEREAS**, primary elections will be held on June 17, 2025 and there is inadequate time to provide the notice required by *Virginia Code* § 15.2-1427 before adopting an ordinance changing the polling place, obtaining expedited Attorney General review, and notifying voters of the polling place change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that an emergency exists requiring the adoption of this Ordinance without prior public notice pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 15.2-1427.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:**

**Section 1. Amendment of *Albemarle County Code* § 2-101(E).**

*Albemarle County Code* § 2-101(E) is hereby amended to read: “Branchlands Precinct is comprised of census blocks 510030106031000 through 510030106031004, and 510030106032000 through 510030106032013, and has its polling place at Harvest Church of God, 1025 Rio Road East.”

**Section 2. Change of polling place for the Branchlands Precinct.**

The polling place for the Branchlands Precinct of the Rio Magisterial District is changed from the Hillsdale Conference Center, 550 Hillsdale Drive to the Harvest Church of God, 1025 Rio Road East.

**Section 3. Immediate effect; emergency.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, being adopted under emergency procedures pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 15.2-1427, except that Section 2 above will be given effect after completion of the procedures set forth in *Virginia Code* § 24.2-129. This Ordinance shall remain in effect not longer than 60 days unless readopted in conformity with the applicable provisions of the *Virginia Code*.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on April 2, 2025.

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Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Andrews	_____	_____
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Mr. Pruitt	_____	_____