

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Amendments to Ordinance Regulating City Elections

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend amending §34.01, "Designation of Boundaries of Voting Precincts," and Paragraph (A) of §34.02 "Regular City Elections," of Chapter 34, "Elections," of Title III, "Administration," of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances, O-1. An Ordinance has been prepared and appears under the regular order of business.

**Justification:**

§34.01, "Designation of Boundaries of Voting Precincts," establishes the number of precincts within the City of Saginaw. With the dividing of two of the City's precincts, it is necessary to amend this ordinance to reflect the increase of precincts from twenty to twenty-two. In addition, the Election Law (MCL 168.644e) allows the City to adopt an ordinance to establish a filing date for nominating petitions for its general elections. The City's current ordinance, under Paragraph (A) of §34.02, has a filing date of the seventh Tuesday prior to the election. The ordinance is being amended to establish the date set forth in Election Law which requires nominating petitions to be filed by the twelfth Tuesday prior to the City's odd-year general election date.

**Council Action:**

This Council Communication is for explanation purposes, only of the ordinance to be introduced.