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Manager's Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as follows:

APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVING BOARDS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 GENERAL ELECTION

Council _____ offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a General Election will be held in the City of Saginaw on Tuesday, November 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, each of the City's twenty-two (22) precincts at the close of the polls, prepare the necessary paperwork to be sealed in specified envelopes, seal the ballots in the ballot box, and deliver the materials to the City Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, under Michigan law (MCL 168.679a), the legislative body of a City, by resolution, can authorize the Election Commissioners of the City to appoint receiving boards to accept and open the sealed envelopes and containers for review and verification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Election Commissioners for the City of Saginaw (consisting of the Chief of Police, City Attorney and City Clerk) are hereby authorized to appoint the necessary receiving boards to receive the materials (ballot boxes, poll books, and statement of votes) from the precincts at the close of the polls on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with MCL 168.679a, each board will consist of an equal number (or as near as possible) of inspectors from each major political party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the receiving boards will be authorized to

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open any sealed envelopes, transfer bags and ballot boxes to verify: (1) that the number of ballots issued equals the number of voters in the poll book and statement of votes; (2) confirm that the ballot box has been properly sealed and that nothing other than ballots are contained within; and (3) verify that all necessary documents have been properly signed by the election inspectors of each precinct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the receiving board, with the election inspectors, shall together take the necessary steps to correct any discrepancies, making notation of such correction in the poll book and shall notify the clerk of the board of canvassers of the corrective action taken. Upon review and correction, if necessary, the receiving board shall properly reseal the ballot boxes and envelopes.