CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

SUBJECT:

Amending Early Voting and Election Day Polling Sites for the May 7,

2005 General Election

DATE:

March 10, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance will amend Ordinance No. 100412 passed on February 10, 2005 to reflect changes in Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the General Election scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2005.

The Office of the City Clerk recommends approval of this ordinance in order to submit the changes to the U.S. Department of Justice.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Due to voters' preference, accessibility issues, school testing issues, as well as on-going construction at several sites, changes in both Early Voting and Election Day polling sites are necessary.

Additionally, Section 5 of Ordinance 100412 shall be amended to reflect a change in the Early Voting Clerk.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The calendar leading up to the May 7, 2005, election is as follows:

Thursday, February 10, 2005

City Council approved the original ordinance calling the

Election

Friday, February 18, 2005

First submission to U.S. Department of Justice

Thursday, March 10, 2005

City Council approves amendment to ordinance calling the

Election

Friday, March 18, 2005 Amendment submitted to U.S. Department of Justice

Wednesday, April 20, 2005 First day of Early Voting by personal appearance

Tuesday, May 3, 2005 Last day of Early Voting by personal appearance

Saturday, May 7, 2005 Election day from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

FINANCIAL IMPACT

An ordinance contracting with the Bexar County Elections Administrator for election services will be presented to City Council on Thursday, March 24, 2005 at which time the final cost will be presented.

COORDINATION

The Office of the City Clerk has coordinated this proposed ordinance with the City Attorney's Office, the Planning Department as well as the Bexar County Election Administrator's Office.

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC