

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING POLLING PLACE RULES FOR THE UPCOMING
MARCH 15, 2016 ELECTION**

24 February 2016

Resolution No. 2016-03

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Aurora Election Commission (“ELECTION COMMISSION”) is a body politic and corporate, organized and existing pursuant to the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the ELECTION COMMISSION is authorized and empowered, pursuant to the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1, *et seq.*, to pass resolutions for the purpose of carrying out its statutorily enumerated duties and responsibilities and those powers reasonably inferred therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the ELECTION COMMISSION, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/6-21, has control over all elections within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the ELECTION COMMISSION is responsible for operating and overseeing all the Polling Places within its jurisdiction during the March 15, 2016, General Primary Election and Subsequent Elections; and

WHEREAS, the ELECTION COMMISSION finds that it is in the best interests of the voters of the City of Aurora to have all Polling Places operating under the same rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the ELECTION COMMISSION seeks to implement a set of rules entitled, “Polling Place Rules”, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit “A”.; and

WHEREAS, the “Polling Place Rules” shall apply to all Polling Places that are within the ELECTION COMMISSION’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the “Polling Place Rules” will ensure fairness, orderliness, uniformity and consistency relative to the operating and oversight of all polling places within the ELECTION COMMISSION’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in preparation of the March 15, 2016, General Primary Election and Subsequent Elections the ELECTION COMMISSION seeks to adopt and implement the “Polling Place Rules.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Election

Commission as follows:

1. That the recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
2. That the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the "Polling Place Rules," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".
3. That the "Polling Place Rules" shall apply to all Election Polling Places under the jurisdiction of the ELECTION COMMISSION.
4. That all resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in the manner provided for by law.

APPROVED:

BY:

Leah Anderson, Chairman

Mike McCoy, Vice Chair

Lillian Perry, Secretary

ATTEST:

BY:

Lillian Perry, Secretary

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Aurora Election Commission, Aurora, Illinois, and that the foregoing is a true, complete and exact copy of Resolution No. 2016-03, passed and approved on February 24, 2016, as the same appears from the official records of the Aurora County Election Commission.

Lillian Perry, Secretary

AURORA ELECTION COMMISSION

POLLING PLACE RULES

In order to protect the rights of Voters and to preserve the integrity of the Electoral process, the Aurora Election Commission has adopted rules to govern the conduct of individuals within the Polling Place during elections. These Polling Place Rules are to be uniformly administered and shall be enforced without regard to political affiliation or any criteria other than protecting the sanctity of the Polling Place.

ABSENTEE VOTERS:

Any individual who requests an Absentee Ballot and did not receive the Ballot or return the Ballot to the Election Commission:

- May vote a “Provisional Ballot”
- Under no circumstance may the Voter cast a Ballot on the Optical Scan Tabulator or the AccuVote-TSX touch screen unit.

If an individual delivers a voted Absentee Ballot to the Polling Place, the Judge accepting the voted Absentee Ballot:

- Initials the sealed absentee envelope, and
- Writes “DELIVERED TO POLLING PLACE” on the envelope.
- Places voted Absentee Ballot into the *PROVISIONAL BALLOT CARRIER POUCH* for return to the Election Commission on Election Night.

RIGHTS OF A POLLWATCHER:

All accredited Pollwatchers are allowed in the Polling Place before the polls open, throughout voting hours, and after the polls close, unless requested to leave by the Judges of Election because of overcrowding in the polling place. A Pollwatcher wanting to be in the polling place after the polls close must be in City precinct before the Judges of Election lock the door.

Pollwatchers who believe there is an error in the administration of the election process in the Polling Place should not engage in disputes with the Judges of Election, but should contact the Election Commission with their concerns.

POLLING PLACE RULES

If a Pollwatcher requests a copy of the election results printed on the AccuVote Optical Scan Tabulator and the AccuVote TSX, the Judges of Election must provide them a copy.

PROHIBITED POLLWATCHER CONDUCT:

NO POLLWATCHER SHALL:

- Touch any election supplies or materials or any Ballot, Ballot Box, or equipment.
- Interfere with Judges of Election when they are processing Voters unless challenging an individual's right to vote.
- Electioneer, solicit votes or engage in any political discussion with another person or by telephone.
- Be in any voting booth or positioned to see within a voting booth when occupied by a Voter.
- Shout, argue, disrupt the voting process, or otherwise become disorderly.

JUDGES OF ELECTION MARKING VOTER LISTS:

Judges of Election are permitted, but not required, to check off a *Polling Place List of Registered Voters*, or other lists provided, the names of individuals who have voted. Judges, by law, must announce in a loud clear voice the names of the individuals applying to vote. Marking a list of who has voted and making it available to all Pollwatchers may be substituted for the public announcement of names.

DISQUALIFICATION OF ELECTION JUDGE:

In the event any Election Judge is either a candidate, or an immediate family member of a candidate, whose name appears on the Official Ballot in the precinct or Polling Place in which that individual is acting in his or her capacity as an Election Judge, then that Election Judge shall not be eligible to serve in that precinct or Polling Place.

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NO ELECTIONEERING:

No person shall electioneer or solicit votes or engage in any political discussion within the Polling Place or the marked "Campaign Free" zone around the entrance to the Polling Place.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES PROHIBITED IN VOTING BOOTHS:

Voters are strictly prohibited from using any electronic device, including cell phones or smart phones, while in the act of voting. Photographing, video recording, or any other form of visual recording including the use of cell phone cameras is strictly prohibited in the Polling Place, without prior approval from the Aurora Election Commission.

USE OF CELL PHONES IN POLLING PLACE:

Judges of Election, Pollwatchers, and other persons may not engage in telephone conversations on political subjects, within the Polling Place or the marked "Campaign Free" zone around the entrance to Polling Place.

ANY PERSON VIOLATING THESE RULES SHALL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE POLLING PLACE AND THE "CAMPAIGN FREE" ZONE AND, UPON REFUSAL TO DO SO, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO FORCEABLE REMOVAL AND, POSSIBLE ARREST.

AURORA BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
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