

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10**

**RESOLUTION REVISING THE ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY AS A  
RESULT OF THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM HELENE  
FOR THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

- WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024, the Governor of North Carolina issued Executive Order No. 315, declaring a State of Emergency in response to Tropical Storm Helene in anticipation of significant impact and damage to the State of North Carolina.
- WHEREAS, on September 28, 2024, the President of the United States issued a Federal Major Disaster Declaration, FEMA-4827-DR, for the State of North Carolina in response to Tropical Storm Helene for 25 counties in western North Carolina.
- WHEREAS, on October 7, 2024, the North Carolina State Board of Elections adopted a resolution regarding the conduct on Early voting, Election Day voting, Absentee Voting and Voter Registration for the thirteen (13) counties most effected by Tropic Storm Helene.
- WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, the Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 was signed into law by Governor Cooper.
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County is one of the thirteen (13) counties effected by Tropical Storm Helene.
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County has conducted an inspection of all the current polling sites and made a damage assessment.
- WHEREAS, based on the assessment, several sites are unusable based on damages to the building, inability to access the site or repurposed for other disaster mitigation roles.
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County Election Services staff recommends that the Board consider an amendment the County's voting plan due to Storm Helene and its impact to Buncombe County.
- WHEREAS, in making these changes, the Board has focused on maintain voting access as close to existing polling places as possible.
- WHEREAS, based on several sites being unusable and staff unable to find usable buildings within certain precincts, the Board finds that it is necessary to establish polling places outside of certain precincts.


WHEREAS, in accordance with 2024 N.C. Sess. Law 51, § 9.1(a)(5), based on the extensive damage to roads, buildings and infrastructure in Buncombe County; in order to maintain voting access to its residents, it is Buncombe County Board of Elections belief that it is in the best interest of Buncombe County to adopt a revised General Election Plan for the 2024 Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:


1. The Election Day Polling Places for the 2024 General Election are hereby amended as shown in the attached Exhibit A.
2. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-130.2, the Director shall submit the proposed changes to the Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections for approval.
3. Once the Executive Director approves the changes, Election Services staff shall provide notice of the changes shall be given to any impacted voter by mail or other forms of communication including email or phone based on what information Election Services has on the voter. Election Services' staff shall immediately deliver notice of the changes to all local media and the chairs of the pollical parties. Election Services staff shall also cause notice to be posted on the Buncombe County Board of Elections website as soon as possible.

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

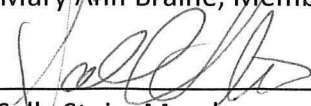
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## Resolution No. 2024-10: Exhibit A

Temporary Transfer/Move	Precinct Number	Previous Polling Location	Voters in precinct	Transfer Precinct Number	Temporary Transfer/Move Polling Location	In-precinct/Out-of-precinct	Reason for Relocation
Transfer	2.1	Tempie Avery Community Center, 34 Pearson Drive, Asheville 28801	3,395	3.1	St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10 N. Liberty Street, Asheville 28801	Out-of-precinct (3.1)	Other: Downed tree on building
Transfer	19.1	Skyland Fire Department, 9 Miller Road South, Asheville 28803	1,966	54.2	Skyland First Baptist Church, 2115 Hendersonville Road, Arden 28704	Out-of-precinct (18.2)	Fire department
Transfer	24.1	Crossroads Assembly, 20 South Bear Creek Road, Asheville 28806	2,709	15.1	Lucy S. Herring Elementary School, 98 Sulphur Springs Road, Asheville 28806	Out-of-precinct (15.1)	Flood damage
Transfer	27.2	Beaverdam Fire Department, 450 Beaverdam Road, Asheville 28804	865	5.1	St. Eugene Catholic Church, 72 Culvern Street, Asheville 28804	Out-of-precinct (5.1)	Flood damage
Transfer	34.1	Lakeview Center, 401 Laurel Circle Drive, Black Mountain 28711	1,243	35.1	Black Mountain Montessori School, 10 Carver Avenue, Black Mountain 28711	Out-of-precinct (35.1)	Flood damage
Transfer	36.1	First Baptist Church-Black Mountain, 130 Montreat Road, Black Mountain 28711	2,119	33.2	Black Mountain Primary School, 301 State Street, Black Mountain 28711	Out-of-precinct (33.3)	Disaster relief hub
Move	37.1	Garren Creek Fire Department, 10 Flat Creek Road, Fairview 28730	1,603		FEMA Tent, 1722 NC 9 Highway, Black Mountain, NC 28711	In-precinct (37.1)	Fire department
Move	39.2	Spring Mountain Community Center, 807 Old Fort Road, Fletcher 28730	1,726		Fairview Library, 1 Taylor Road, Fairview 28730	Out-of-precinct (39.3)	Disaster relief hub
Move	41.1	French Broad Fire Department, 572 Fletcher Martin Road, Alexander 28701	3,476		Alexander Baptist Church, 1 Curtis Parker Road, Alexander 28701	In-precinct (41.1)	Fire department
Move	49.1	Pole Creek Baptist Church, 96 Snow Hill Church Road, Candler 28715	4,495		Liberty Baptist Church, 875 Monte Vista Road, Candler 28715	Out-of-precinct (48.1)	Disaster relief hub
Transfer	57.1	Emma's Grove Baptist Church, 417 Emmas Grove Road, Fletcher 28732	3,043	38.3	Trinity of Fairview, 646 Concord Road, Fletcher 28732	Out-of-precinct (38.3)	Flood damage
Move	60.2	Reynolds Fire Department, 1 Charles Lytle Lane, Asheville 28803	1,518		Reynolds Middle School, 2 Rocket Drive, Asheville 28803	Out-of-precinct (60.4)	Fire department
Transfer	60.4	Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 801 Charlotte Highway, Fairview 28730	1,767	39.3	Fairview Community Center, 1357 Charlotte Highway, Fairview 28730	Out-of-precinct (38.3)	Flood damage
Move	61.1	Riceville Community Center, 2251 Riceville Road, Asheville 28805	2,544		Warren Wilson College, 124 Lower College Road, Swannanoa 28778	Out-of-precinct (66.1)	Flood damage
Transfer	64.1	First Baptist of Swannanoa, 503 Park Street, Swannanoa 28778	2,207		Artspace Charter School, 2030 US 70 Highway, Swannanoa 28778	Out-of-precinct (66.1)	Disaster relief hub
Move	66.1	Bee Tree Fire Department, 510 Bee Tree Road, Swannanoa 28778	1,911		Warren Wilson College, 124 Lower College Road, Swannanoa 28778	In-precinct (66.1)	Fire department