

CHAPTER 7

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

SECTION 7-1. DIVISION OF CITY INTO WARDS.

The City shall be divided into four wards. (Code 1959, §24-2; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 032-2004, 8-10-04)

Charter reference--City divided into four wards, §4.

State Law Reference—Va. Const. Art. 7, §5

SECTION 7-2. CITY WARDS DESCRIBED.

A. FIRST WARD

The first ward of the City shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the point of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks, west of Pennsylvania Avenue, where Fairmont Avenue meets the northern corporate limits; thence southward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Wyck Street; thence eastward along the middle of Wyck Street to the middle of its intersection with Kern Lane; thence southward along the middle of Kern Lane to the middle of its intersection with Clark Street; thence eastward along the middle of Clark Street to the middle of its intersection with Cameron Street; thence southward along the middle of Cameron Street to the middle of its intersection with Boscawen Street; thence westward along the middle of Boscawen Street to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue and Gerrard Street; thence southward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Winchester and Western Railroad tracks; thence westward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks until they intersect with the western corporate limits; thence northward along the western corporate limits to the northern corporate limits; thence eastward along the northern corporate limits to the point of beginning.

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(Code 1959, §§24-3, 24-4; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 024-81, 9-8-81; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 045-2001, 11-28-01; Ord. No.032-2004, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 2009-01, 1-13-09; Ord. No. 2009-07; 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11)

B. SECOND WARD

The second ward of the City shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the northernmost point of the City at the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks, west of Pennsylvania Avenue, where Fairmont Avenue meets the northern corporate limits; thence southward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Wyck Street; thence eastward along the middle of Wyck Street to the middle of its intersection with Kern Lane; thence southward along the middle of Kern Lane to the middle of its intersection with Clark Street; thence eastward along the middle of Clark Street to the middle of its intersection with Cameron Street; thence southward along the middle of Cameron Street to the middle of its intersection with Boscawen Street; thence westward along the middle of Boscawen Street to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue and Gerrard Street; thence eastward along the middle of Gerrard Street to the middle of its intersection with Kent Street; thence northward along the middle of Kent Street to the middle of its intersection with Pall Mall Street; thence eastward along the middle of Pall Mall Street to the middle of its intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Cork Street; thence eastward along the middle of Cork Street to the middle of its intersection with Pleasant Valley Road; thence northward along the middle of Pleasant Valley Road to the middle of its intersection with National Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of National Avenue and continuing eastward on Orchard Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Elm Street; thence southward along the middle of Elm Street to the middle of its intersection with Franklin Street; thence eastward along the middle of Franklin Street to the middle of its intersection with Allen Drive; thence southward along the middle of Allen Drive to the middle of its intersection with Woodstock Lane; thence eastward along the middle of Woodstock Lane to its intersection with the eastern corporate limits; thence northward along the eastern corporate limits to northern corporate limits; thence westward along the northern corporate limits to the point of beginning.

(Code 1959, §24-4; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 032-2004, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 2009-01, 1-13-09; Ord. No.2009-07, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11)

C. THIRD WARD

The third ward of the City shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the point where the middle of Woodstock Lane intersects with the eastern corporate limits; thence southward along the eastern corporate limits to its intersection with the southern corporate limits; thence westward along the southern corporate limits to its intersection

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with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Jubal Early Drive; thence westward along the middle of Jubal Early Drive to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence northward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Bellview Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Bellview Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Henry Avenue; thence northward along the middle of Henry Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Burton Street; thence westward along the middle of Burton Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue; thence northward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street and Gerrard Street; thence eastward along the middle of Gerrard Street to the middle of its intersection with Kent Street; thence northward along the middle of Kent Street to the middle of its intersection with Pall Mall Street; thence eastward along the middle of Pall Mall Street to the middle of its intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Cork Street; thence eastward along the middle of Cork Street to the middle of its intersection with Pleasant Valley Road; thence northward along the middle of Pleasant Valley Road to the middle of its intersection with National Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of National Avenue and continuing eastward on Orchard Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Elm Street; thence southward along the middle of Elm Street to the middle of its intersection with Franklin Street; thence eastward along the middle of Franklin Street to the middle of its intersection with Allen Drive; thence southward along the middle of Allen Drive to the middle of its intersection with Woodstock Lane; thence eastward along the middle of Woodstock Lane to the point of beginning.

(Ord. No. 032-2004, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 2009-01, 1-13-09; Ord. No. 2009-07, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11)

D. FOURTH WARD

The fourth ward of the City shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the point where the western corporate limits intersects with the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks; thence eastward along the middle of the Winchester and Western railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Valley Avenue; thence northward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Burton Street; thence eastward along the middle of Burton Street to the middle of its intersection with Henry Avenue; thence southward along the middle of Henry Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Bellview Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of Bellview Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Jubal Early Drive; thence eastward along the middle of Jubal Early Drive to the middle of its intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence southward along the CSX Railroad tracks to the southern corporate limits; thence westward along the southern corporate limits to the western corporate limits; thence northward along the western corporate limits to the point of beginning.

(Ord. No. 032-2004, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11)

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Charter references--Election of mayor and councilmen, §4; Authority of council to issue certificates of debt or bonds, §18; Authority of council to issue bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds; election of city treasurer, §22; election to fill vacancies in city council, §23.

State Law References--Establishment of precincts, Code of Virginia, §24.1-36, *et seq.*; Elections, Code of Virginia, Title 24.2.

SECTION 7-3. RESERVED.

SECTION 7-4. WARDS TO CONSTITUTE PRECINCTS.

Each of the wards of the City as described in Section 7-2, shall constitute at least one precinct as provided in Article II of this chapter. (Code 1959, §24-5; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 023-2005, 7-12-05; Ord. No. 2009-01, 1-13-09; Ord. No. 2009-07, 3-10-09)

SECTION 7-5. HOUSE OR LOT SITUATED IN TWO WARDS.

When any house or lot in the City shall be situated partly in two (2) wards, it shall be considered as lying in that ward in which the greater part thereof shall be. (Code 1959, §24-1; Ord. No. 023-2005, 7-12-05)

SECTIONS 7-6 - 7-16. RESERVED.

ARTICLE II. DESIGNATION OF PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

SECTION 7-17. FIRST WARD, FIRST PRECINCT – (“MERRIMAN’S PRECINCT”) POLLING PLACE.

The First Ward, First Precinct shall be comprised of all of that area described as follows: Beginning at the point of the western corporate limits and the middle of Amherst Street; thence eastward along the middle of Amherst Street to the middle of its intersection with Boscawen Street; thence eastward along the middle of Boscawen Street to middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to its intersection with Valley Avenue and Gerrard Street; thence southward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks; thence westward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks until it intersects with the western corporate limits; thence northward along the western corporate limits to the point of beginning. The polling place

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for this precinct shall be the First Christian Church of Winchester located at 75 Merrimans Lane.

(Code 1959, §24-6; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. of 6-1-76; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 004-2002, 2-12-02; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04; Ord No. 06-2007, 4-10-2007; Ord. No.

2009-01, 1-13-09; Ord. No. 2009-07, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11; Ord. No. 2011-52, 10-11-11)

SECTION 7-17A. FIRST WARD, SECOND PRECINCT - (“OLD TOWN PRECINCT”) POLLING PLACE.

The First Ward, Second Precinct shall be comprised of all of that area described as follows: Beginning at the point of the northern corporate limits and Winchester and Western Railroad tracks, west of Pennsylvania Avenue, where Fairmont Avenue meets the northern corporate limits; thence southward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Wyck Street; thence eastward along the middle of Wyck Street to the middle of its intersection with Kern Lane; thence southward along the middle of Kern Lane to the middle of its intersection with Clark Street; thence eastward along the middle of Clark street to the middle of its intersection with Cameron Street; thence southward along the middle of Cameron Street to the middle of its intersection with Boscawen Street; thence westward along the middle of Boscawen Street to the middle of its intersection with Amherst Street; thence westward along the middle of Amherst Street to the western corporate limits; thence northward along the western corporate limits to the northern corporate limits; thence eastward along the northern corporate limits to the point of beginning. The polling place for this precinct shall be the Christ Episcopal Church located at 114 West Boscawen Street.

(Code 1959, §24-6; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. of 6-1-76; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 004-2002, 2-12-02; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04; Ord No. 06-2007, 4-10-2007; Ord. No. 2009-01, 1-13-09; Ord. No. 2009-07, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11; Ord. No. 2011-52, 10-11-11)

SECTION 7-18. SECOND WARD, FIRST PRECINCT – (“VIRGINIA AVENUE PRECINCT”) POLLING PLACE.

The Second Ward, First Precinct of the City shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the northernmost point of the City at the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks, west of Pennsylvania Avenue, where Fairmont Avenue meets the northern corporate limits; thence southward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Wyck Street; thence eastward along the middle of Wyck Street to the middle of its intersection with Kern Lane; thence southward along the middle of Kern Lane to the middle of its intersection with Clark Street; thence eastward along the middle of Clark Street to the middle of its intersection with Cameron Street; thence southward along the middle of Cameron Street to the middle

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of its intersection with Boscawen Street; thence westward along the middle of Boscawen Street to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue and Gerrard Street; thence eastward along the middle of Gerrard Street to the middle of its intersection with Kent Street; thence northward along the middle of Kent Street to the middle of its intersection with Pall Mall Street; thence eastward along the middle of Pall Mall Street to the middle of its intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracts to the middle of their intersection with Cork Street; thence eastward along the middle of Cork Street to the middle of its intersection with Pleasant Valley Road; thence northward along the middle of Pleasant Valley Road to the middle of its intersection with National Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of National Avenue and continuing eastward on Orchard Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Elm Street; thence southward along the middle of Elm Street to the middle of its intersection with Franklin Street; thence eastward along the middle of Franklin Street to the middle of its intersection with Allen Drive; thence southward along the middle of Allen Drive to the middle of its intersection with Woodstock Lane; thence eastward along the middle of Woodstock Lane to its intersection with the eastern corporate limits; thence northward along the eastern corporate limits to the northern corporate limits; thence westward along the northern corporate limits to the point of beginning. The polling place for this ward shall be Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary School located at 550 Virginia Avenue. (Code 1959, §24-7; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 009-82, 6-8-82; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 004-2002, 2-12-02; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04; Ord. No. 2009-07, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11; Ord. No. 2011-52, 10-11-11)

SECTION 7-19. THIRD WARD, FIRST PRECINCT – (“WAR MEMORIAL PRECINCT”) POLLING PLACE.

The Third Ward, First Precinct, shall be comprised of all that area described as follows: Beginning at the point where the middle of Woodstock Lane intersects with the eastern corporate limits; thence southward along the eastern corporate limits to its intersection with the southern corporate limits; thence westward along the southern corporate limits to intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Jubal Early Drive; thence westward along the middle of Jubal Early Drive to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence northward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Bellview Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Bellview Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Henry Avenue; thence northward along the middle of Henry Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Burton Street; thence westward along the middle of Burton Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue; thence northward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun and Gerrard Streets; thence eastward along the middle of Gerrard Street to the middle of its intersection with Kent Street; thence northward along the middle of Kent Street to the middle of its intersection with Pall Mall Street; thence eastward along the middle of Pall Mall Street to the middle of its intersection with the

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CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Cork Street; thence eastward along the middle of Cork Street to the middle of its intersection with Pleasant Valley Road; thence northward along the middle of Pleasant Valley Road to the middle of its intersection with National Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of National Avenue and continuing eastward on Orchard Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Elm Street; thence southward along the middle of Elm Street to the middle of its intersection with Franklin Street; thence eastward along the middle of Franklin Street to the middle of its intersection with Allen Drive; thence southward along the middle of Allen Drive to the middle of its intersection with Woodstock Lane; thence eastward along the middle of Woodstock Lane to the point of beginning. The polling place for this ward shall be the War Memorial Building located in Jim Barnett Park.

(Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord No. 014-2001, 4-10-01; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04; Ord. No. 2009-07, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11; Ord. No. 2011-52, 10-11-11)

SECTION 7-20. FOURTH WARD, FIRST PRECINCT – (“FREDERICK DOUGLAS PRECINCT”) POLLING PLACE.

The Fourth Ward, First Precinct shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the point where the middle of Jubal Early Drive intersects with the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks; thence southward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the southern corporate limits; thence westward along the southern corporate limits to its intersection with the middle of Valley Avenue; thence northward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Burton Street; thence eastward along the middle of Burton Street to the middle of its intersection with Henry Avenue; thence southward along the middle of Henry Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Bellview Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of Bellview Avenue to its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Jubal Early Drive; thence eastward along the middle of Jubal Early Drive to the point of beginning. The polling place for this ward shall be the Frederick Douglass Elementary School located at 100 West Cedarmeade Avenue.

(Code 1959, §24-8; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. of 3-9-77; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 004-2002, 2-12-02; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04; Ord. No. 2009-07, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11; Ord. No. 2011-52, 10-11-11)

SECTION 7-20A. FOURTH WARD, SECOND PRECINCT – (“ROLLING HILLS PRECINCT”) POLLING PLACE.

The Fourth Ward, Second Precinct shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the western corporate limits where it intersects with the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks; thence eastward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to their intersection with the middle of Valley Avenue; thence southward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the southern corporate limits; thence westward along the

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southern corporate limits to the western corporate limits; thence northward along the western corporate limits the point of beginning. The polling place for this precinct shall be the Victory Church located at 2870 Middle Road.

(Ord. No. 2011-26, 7-12-11; Ord. No. 2011-52, 10-11-11)

SECTION 7-21. REPEALED. (Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04)

ARTICLE III. CENTRAL ABSENTEE PRECINCT

SECTION 7-22. CENTRAL ABSENTEE PRECINCT.

There is hereby established a central absentee precinct for all elections held in the City of Winchester.

The location of this central absentee precinct shall be the Community Room at the Timbrook Public Safety Building, 231 East Piccadilly Street, Winchester, Virginia. (Ord. No. 022-91, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 049-95, 10-17-95; Ord. No. 022-98, 9-8-98; Ord. No. 014-2001, 4-10-2001; Ord. No. 036-2004, 08-10-2004; Ord. No. 07-2006, 3-14-06; Ord. No. 2009-07, 3-10-09)

State Law Reference--Code of Virginia, §24.1-233.1