

RESOLUTION CONCERNING EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATION(S)

WHEREAS, Public Act 23-5, *An Act Implementing Early Voting* (the “Act”), establishes a framework for early, in-person voting for all general elections, primaries and special elections held on or after January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires every municipality to designate at least one early voting location and the discretion to designate more than one early voting location; and

WHEREAS, the period of early voting varies from four days for special elections and presidential preference primaries, seven days for most primaries, and fourteen days for general elections, and the hours of operation vary from eight hours per day to twelve hours per day; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that early voting locations have access to the online Centralized Voter Registration System and be adequately staffed and supervised, and that every ballot submitted be subject to the same procedures relating to ballot custody, control and counting under existing election laws; and

WHEREAS, the Registrars of Voters have considered the anticipated need for additional early voting locations and the related administrative processes and costs and recommend that West Hartford designate only one early voting location at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut provides a one-time grant in the amount of \$10,500 to every municipality to partially fund the cost of operating an early voting location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT only one polling location is designated for early voting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the one-time grant in the amount of \$10,500 is hereby accepted and the fiscal year 2023-2024 General Fund budget has been amended as follows:

Increased Estimated Revenues:

01-91100000-9071	Miscellaneous State Revenue	\$10,500
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Increased Estimated Expenditures:

01-14010002-2007	Office Supplies	\$10,500
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February 13, 2024