

Polling Locations for May 2019 Election

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

May 2018 Polling Locations

- Two polling locations per Council District

District	Location
1	MLK Recreation Center
	Pecan Creek Elementary
2	North Branch Library
	Billy Ryan High
3	North Lakes Recreation Center
	Fire Station 7
4	Denia Recreation Center
	LA Nelson Elementary

- Additional polling locations in 2018 cost the City a combined total of approximately \$6,000

May 2019 Elections

- Election Day for municipal elections is May 4, 2019
- Early voting will take place April 22-27 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and April 29-30 from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Denton County determines early voting locations, locations will be confirmed on March 13
 - ❖ The Denton Civic Center will serve as an early voting location
 - Early voting will not take place at the Civic Center on April 27 due to the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival
- The City is required to have 4 polling locations, one per City Council District
 - The four primary polling locations include:
 - ❖ District 1 – MLK Recreation Center;
 - ❖ District 2 – North Branch Library;
 - ❖ District 3 – North Lakes Recreation Center; and
 - ❖ District 4 – Denia Recreation Center.

Proposed May 2019 Polling Locations

- During the January 7 Work Session on polling locations, Council provided general consensus that there should be two polling locations per district.
- Using that feedback, staff confirmed the availability of the following polling locations:

District	Location
1	MLK Recreation Center
	Pecan Creek Elementary
2	North Branch Library
	DISD Annex*
3	North Lakes Recreation Center
	Fire Station 7
4	Denia Recreation Center
	LA Nelson Elementary

*Located near Ryan High School

Feedback Received

- Desire for a location on or near the University of North Texas (UNT)
 - ❖ Denton County Elections Office expressed logistical concerns with UNT based on past experience
- Consider using the Civic Center as a “Voting Center” on Election Day (single location where all precincts can vote)
 - ❖ A voter can vote early at any location in the County but on election day must vote in the district he/she resides
 - ❖ Per the Election Code, Denton County cannot have “Voting Centers,” until it all voting equipment is fully electronic
- Consider a polling location at TWU
 - ❖ Due to TWU’s proximity to the Civic Center, the County Election’s Office recommends use of the Civic Center in lieu of the TWU campus because of parking availability and other logistics
 - TWU and the Civic Center are within the same precinct, each precinct can only be assigned one polling precinct
 - ❖ The Civic Center will serve as an early voting location
 - ❖ The Civic Center is located in District 1

Options

- Continue with the eight polling locations confirmed by staff
- Consider alternate polling locations to address concerns expressed by the community