

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
6:30 p.m.
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the July 1st and July 8th Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Preparation for the September 1, 2020 State Primary.**
- 2. Preparation for In-Person and Mail-In Early voting for the State Primary.**
- 3. Discussion regarding the proposed Early Voting locations for the upcoming September 1st and November 3rd elections.**
- 4. Discussion regarding counting mail in ballots on the weekend before the September 1st and November 3rd Elections in the Levi Lincoln Chamber- City Hall.**
- 5. Discussion concerning the recent legislation pertaining to Covid-19.**
- 6. Discussion concerning poll workers for the September 1, 2020 Election.**
- 7. Discussion concerning road construction near polling locations for September 1st and November 3rd.**

HELD ITEMS:

- 1. Moving polling location Ward 5 - Precinct 4 to the Mass Audoban Society, Learning Center, 414 Massasoit Road**
- 2. Moving polling location Ward 7 - Precinct 2 to the Stearns Tavern, 140 Mill Street**

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE MEETING:

PHONE NUMBER: 415-655-0001

ACCESS CODE: 160-935-9156#

ATTENDEE ID: #

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
6:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

Chairperson Commissioner Kimberly Vanderspek
Vice Chairperson Commissioner Winifred Octave
Commissioner John Stewart, **Absent**
Commissioner Danaah McCallum
Commissioner Richard Duffy

City Clerk Nikolin Vangjeli

Call to Order by Chairperson Commissioner Vanderspek, Roll Call: 4 Yeas 0 Nays

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes- The Board of Election Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the Election Commissioners Meeting of June 22, 2020, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Public Hearing

Chairperson recognized the City Clerk who spoke on the special legislation for the upcoming elections. The City Clerk stated that it is still pending, and no updates to announce at this time.

Chairperson Vanderspek recommended setting up additional meeting to discuss the held Items on this agenda due to the pending legislation.

Motion to Adjourn, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2020
6:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

Chairperson Commissioner Kimberly Vanderspek
Vice Chairperson Commissioner Winifred Octave
Commissioner John Stewart, **Absent**
Commissioner Danaah McCallum
Commissioner Richard Duffy

City Clerk Nikolin Vangjeli
Director of Human Rights and Disabilities Jayna Turchek

Call to Order by Chairperson Commissioner Vanderspek, Roll Call: 4 Yeas 0 Nays

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes- The Board of Election Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the Election Commissioners Meeting of July 1, 2020, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Public Hearing

The Chairperson recognized the City Clerk who introduced Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning polling location Ward 5 Precinct 4.

Public Participation- Residents spoke concerning the move of the following polling locations.

Ward 2 Precinct 3:

1. Robert Dagnello and Candace Dagnello, spoke concerning the Item.
2. Timothy Giddens called and spoke concerning the Item.
3. Laura Wasowicz spoke in support of the Item.
4. George Keenan spoke concerning the Item.

Ward 1 Precinct 2:

1. Dan McCauliffe spoke concerning the Item, and shared his support.
2. Resident spoke concerning the Item, and shared his support.

Ward 3 Precinct 1

1. Tom Conroy spoke concerning the Item.
2. Joanie Sengaloune spoke concerning the Item.

Ward 5 Precinct 4

1. Maryann Dube spoke concerning the Item, and shared her support.
2. Amy Brown spoke concerning the Item.
3. Noah spoke concerning the Item, and shared his concerns involving the location change.
4. Resident spoke concerning the Item, and shared her concerns.

Ward 7 Precinct 2

1. David Stiller spoke concerning the Item, and shared his concerns.
2. Nellie Medina spoke concerning the Item, and shared her concerns.
3. Resident spoke concerning the Item.
4. Lisa spoke concerning the Item, and shared his concerns.
5. Dorothy Mahoney spoke concerning the Item, and shared her concerns.
6. Robert Moseley spoke concerning the Item, and shared his concerns.

Ward 10 Precinct 5

1. David Gonzales spoke concerning the Item, and shared his support.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the change of the precincts, and introduced the Director of Human Rights and Disabilities. The Director spoke on the accessibility of all of the location changes that were proposed during this hearing.

Commissioner McCallum made a Motion to move Ward 1 Precinct 2 to the new location, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Commissioner Duffy made a Motion to move Ward 2 Precinct 3 and Ward 3 Precinct 1 to the new location, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Held vote to move Ward 5 Precinct 4 for one week, with the plan of commission to tour locations.

Commissioners discussed the location move of Ward 7 Precinct 2. They decided they would Hold the Item, after touring the locations within the next week.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the Director of Human Rights and Disabilities who spoke concerning the location change of Ward 10 Precinct 5. Commissioner Octave made a Motion to move the location, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Motion to Adjourn, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of the Election Commissioners

FROM: Niko Vangjeli, City Clerk

DATE: July 13, 2020

RE: Changes to State Election Laws: Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020

The purpose of this memo is to provide information on changes to the Massachusetts state election laws. As you may be aware, House Bill 4820, An Act relative to voting options in response to COVID-19, was passed by the House and Senate last week and was just signed into law as Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020.

VOTER REGISTRATION

- The voter registration deadline for any election held on or before December 31, 2020 shall be 10 days before the election.
- The deadline to register to vote for the September 1st State Primary will be **Saturday, August 22nd**.
- The deadline to register to vote for the November 3rd election will be **Saturday, October 24th**.

VOTING BY MAIL

- The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or mail-in early ballot will be 5 p.m. on the 4th business day before an election.
- For the Tuesday, September 1, 2020 State Primary the deadline is **August 26th at 5 P.M.**
- For the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Presidential Election the deadline is **October 28th at 5 P.M.**

RETURNING VOTING BY MAIL BALLOTS

- Mail-in ballots may be returned in person, by mail, or by secured drop box outside **City Hall, 455 Main St, Worcester, MA 01608**.
- All State Primary ballots still need to be returned by **8 p.m. on September 1st, 2020** in order to be counted.
- Early ballots for the State Election must be postmarked by **November 3rd, 2020 and received no later than 5 p.m.** on November 6th in order to be counted.

VOTE IN-PERSON AT AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION

- You can vote early in-person. A schedule of the early voting locations is on the city website at www.worcesterma.gov.

<u>Sept. 1st State Primary EV</u>	<u>Nov. 3rd Presidential Election EV</u>
Saturday, August 22 nd through Friday, August 28 th	Saturday, October 17 th through Friday, October 30 th

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

- You can vote on Election Day at your assigned polling location. To find your polling location, visit www.worcesterma.gov. Look for the "Where do I Vote?" link.

<u>Sept. 1st State Primary</u>	<u>Nov. 3rd Presidential Election</u>
Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 Polls open 7:00 AM through 8:00 PM	Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 Polls open 7:00 AM through 8:00 PM

COUNTING BALLOTS BY MAIL

- Ballots cast by mail may be opened and inserted into a tabulator or ballot box before the day of the primary or election.
- Any voter who has returned an early or absentee ballot that has been accepted cannot vote in person on Election Day.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO WORCESTER VOTERS

*MASSACHUSETTS STATE LEGISLATURE HAS ADOPTED SPECIAL LEGISLATION
REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER 1ST & NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTIONS*

Dear Voter,

Massachusetts passed a law making it easier and safer to vote during the Covid-19 pandemic. For the September 1, 2020 State Primary and November 3, 2020 Presidential Elections, voters may choose one of these options:

- **Early Vote by Mail.**
- **Early Vote in-person.**
- **Vote in-person on Election Day at your assigned polling location.**

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

The Secretary of the Commonwealth will mail an Early Voting (EV) by Mail application to all registered voters by July 15, 2020. **Complete and return the EV application as soon as possible.**

Mail to:	Deliver to the EV drop box outside:
Worcester Election Commission, 455 Main St, Room 208 Worcester, MA 01608	Worcester City Hall 455 Main St (City Hall Garage Entrance) Worcester, MA 01608

If you have already signed up for Absentee Voting for the 2020 elections, you do not have to do anything. If you have not applied for Absentee Voting, you can take advantage of Early Voting by Mail.

VOTE IN-PERSON AT AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION

You can vote early in-person. A schedule of the early voting locations will be available on July 16th on the city website at www.worcesterma.gov.

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**REGISTERING TO VOTE OR MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR
REGISTRATION BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

The new state law allows voters to register up to 10 days before Election Day.
VOTERS CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.REGISTERTOVOTEMA.COM.



MENSAJE IMPORTANTE PARA LOS VOTANTES DE WORCESTER

LA LEGISLATURA ESTATAL DE MASSACHUSETTS ADOPTO UNA LEGISLACION ESPECIAL
CONCERNIENTE A LAS ELECCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE 1 & NOVIEMBRE 3, 2020

Estimado Votante:

Massachusetts aprobó una ley para facilitar y proteger votar durante la pandemia Covid-19. Para las elecciones estatales primarias de Septiembre 1, y las elecciones presidenciales de Noviembre 3, 2020, los votantes podrán seleccionar una de las opciones siguientes:

- **Votar anticipadamente por correo**
- **Votar anticipadamente en persona**
- **Votar en persona el día de la elecciones en su lugar asignado de votación**

VOTAR ANTICIPADAMENTE FOR CORREO

El Secretario de Estado enviará solicitudes de voto anticipado por correo (EV) a todos los votantes registrados, el 15 de Julio, 2020. **Complete y devuelva la solicitud EV lo mas pronto posible.**

Por correo:	Al recipiente EV de la Municipalidad:
Worcester Election Commission, 455 Main St, Room 208 Worcester, MA 01608	Worcester City Hall 455 Main St (City Hall Garage Entrance) Worcester, MA 01608

Si usted ya está inscrito para **Votar en Ausencia** en las elecciones de 2020, **nó tiene que hacer nada.** Sin embargo, si usted no ha solicitado **Votar en Ausencia**, usted puede aprovechar **votar por correo anticipadamente.**

VOTE EN PERSONA EN LUGARES DE VOTACION ANTICIPADA

Usted puede votar en persona anticipadamente. El website de la ciudad www.worcesterma.gov provee un listado de los lugares para votar anticipadamente.

<u>Sept. 1 Elección Primaria EV</u>	<u>Nov. 3 Elección Presidencial EV</u>
Sábado, Agosto 22 a viernes, Agosto 28	Sábado, Octubre 17 a Viernes Octubre 30

VOTO EL DIA DE ELECCIONES

El día de las elecciones, usted puede votar en su lugar asignado para votar. Para saber la ubicación de su lugar de votación, visite www.worcesterma.gov Busque el link "Dónde puedo votar"

<u>Sept. 1 Elección Primaria Estatal</u>	<u>Nov. 3 Elección Presidencial</u>
Martes, Sep 1, 2020 Votación de 7:00 AM a 8:00 PM	Martes, Nov 3, 2020 Votación de 7:00 AM 8:00 PM

INSCRIPCION PARA VOTAR O HACER CAMBIOS DE REGISTRO ANTES DE LAS ELECCIONES

La nueva ley estatal permite a los votantes registrarse hasta 10 días antes del día de las elecciones. **VOTANTES PUEDEN REGISTRARSE EN LINEA EN WWW.REGISTERTOVOTEMA.COM.**

September 1st, 2020

State Primary

In-person Early Voting Schedule

If you are registered to vote in the City of Worcester, you may take advantage of Early Voting Saturday, August 22nd through Friday, August 28th at any of the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, August 22nd	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Nelson Place Elementary School 35 Nelson Place, Worcester, MA 01605
Sunday, August 23rd	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor 3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester, MA 01607
Monday, August 24th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Tuesday, August 25th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Wednesday, August 26th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	YMCA Central Branch 766 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608
Thursday, August 27th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	May St Bldg. Worcester State University 280 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602
Friday, August 28th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	May St Bldg. Worcester State University 280 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602

For more information visit www.worcesterma.gov.

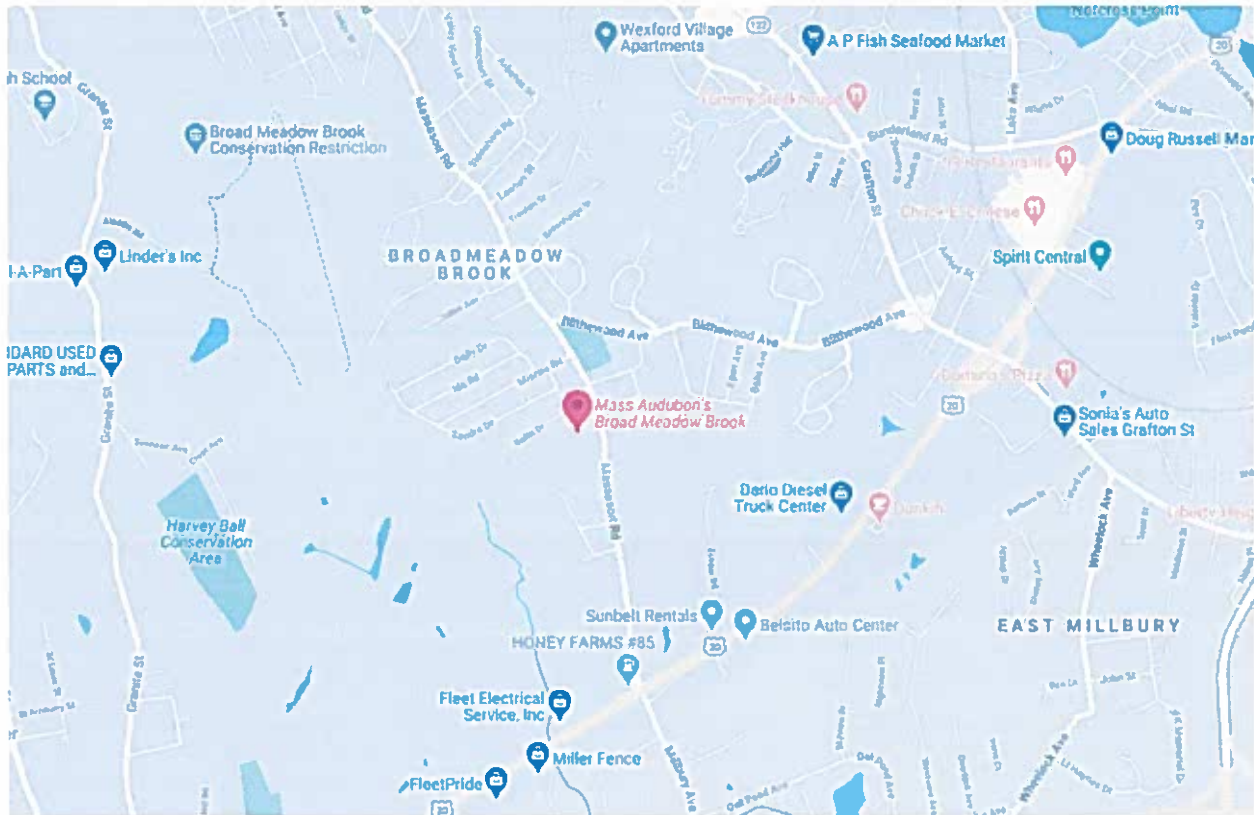
November 3rd, 2020 Presidential Election In-Person Early Voting Schedule

If you are registered to vote in the City of Worcester, you may take advantage of Early Voting Saturday, October 17th through Friday, October 30th at any of the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, October 17 th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor 3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester, MA 01607
Sunday, October 18 th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor 3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester, MA 01607
Monday, October 19 th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor 3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester, MA 01607
Tuesday, October 20 th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Wednesday, October 21 st	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Thursday, October 22 nd	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Friday, October 23 rd	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Central Community Branch YMCA 766 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608
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Wednesday, October 28 th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	May St Bldg. Worcester State University 280 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602
Thursday, October 29 th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	May St Bldg. Worcester State University 280 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602
Friday, October 30 th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	May St Bldg. Worcester State University 280 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602

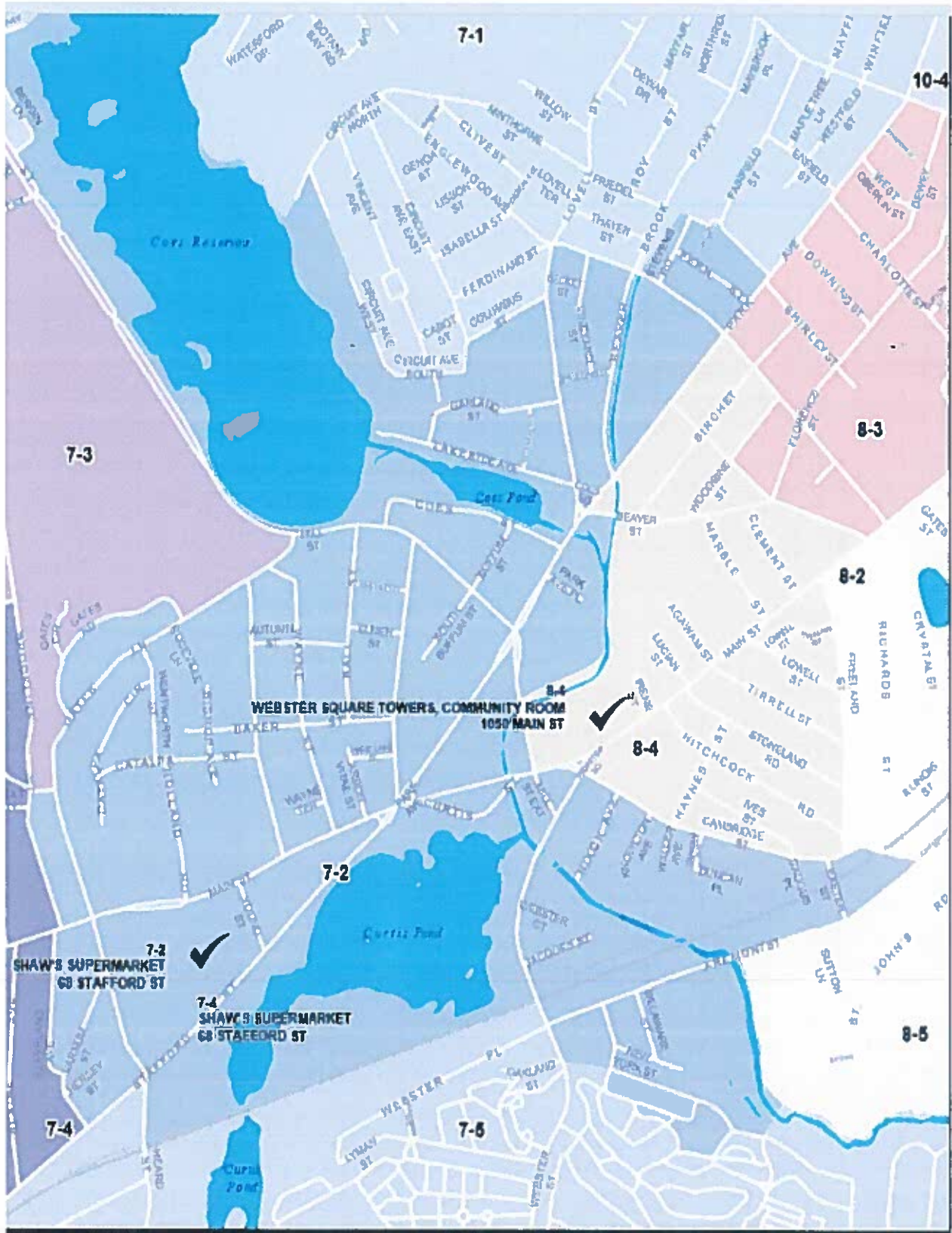
For more information visit www.worcesterma.gov.

Proposed Location for Ward 5 – Precinct 4 414 Massasoit Rd, Worcester, MA 01604





Proposed Location for Ward 7 - Precinct 3 Stearns Tavern, 140 Mill Street, Worcester



All Routes Serve:

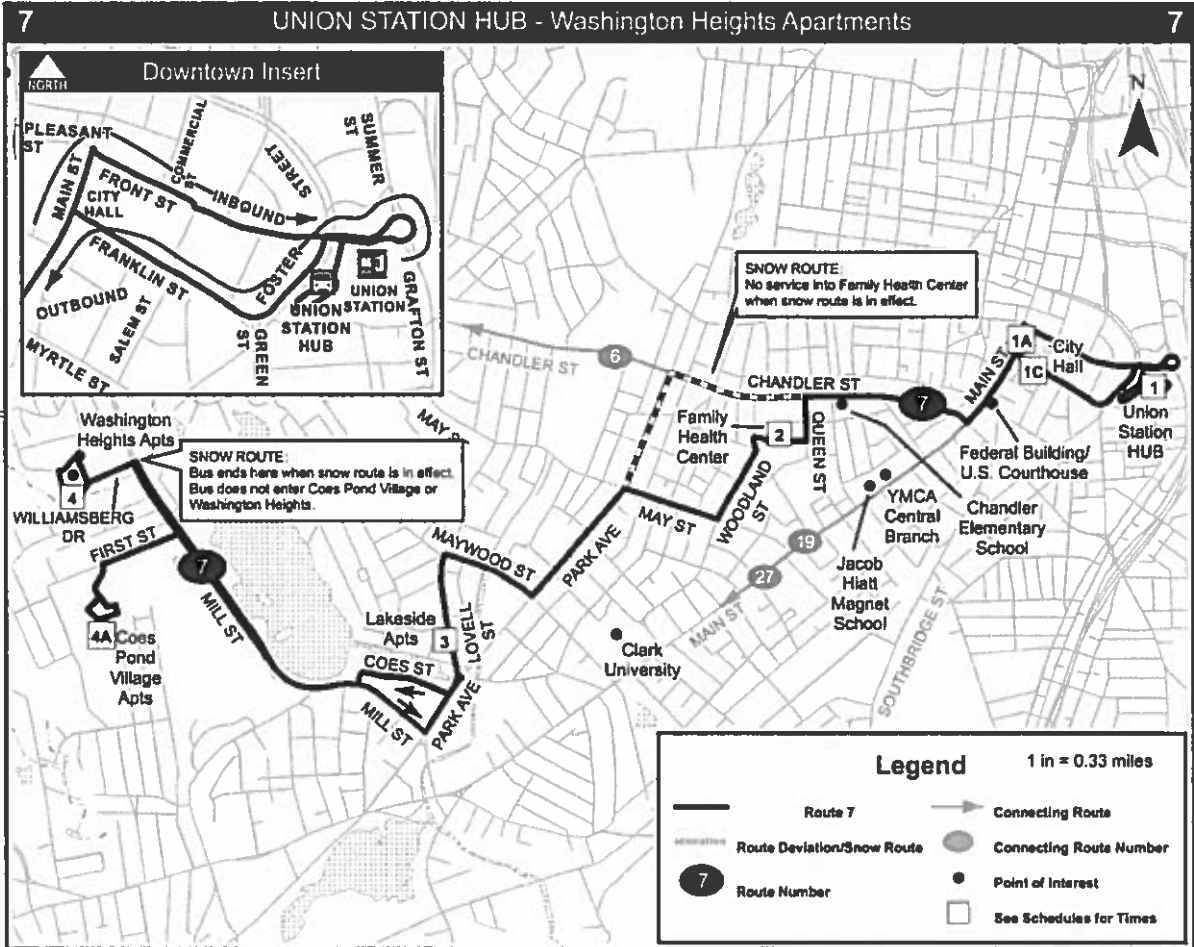
- Union Station
- WRTA Customer Service Center

Route 7 Serving:

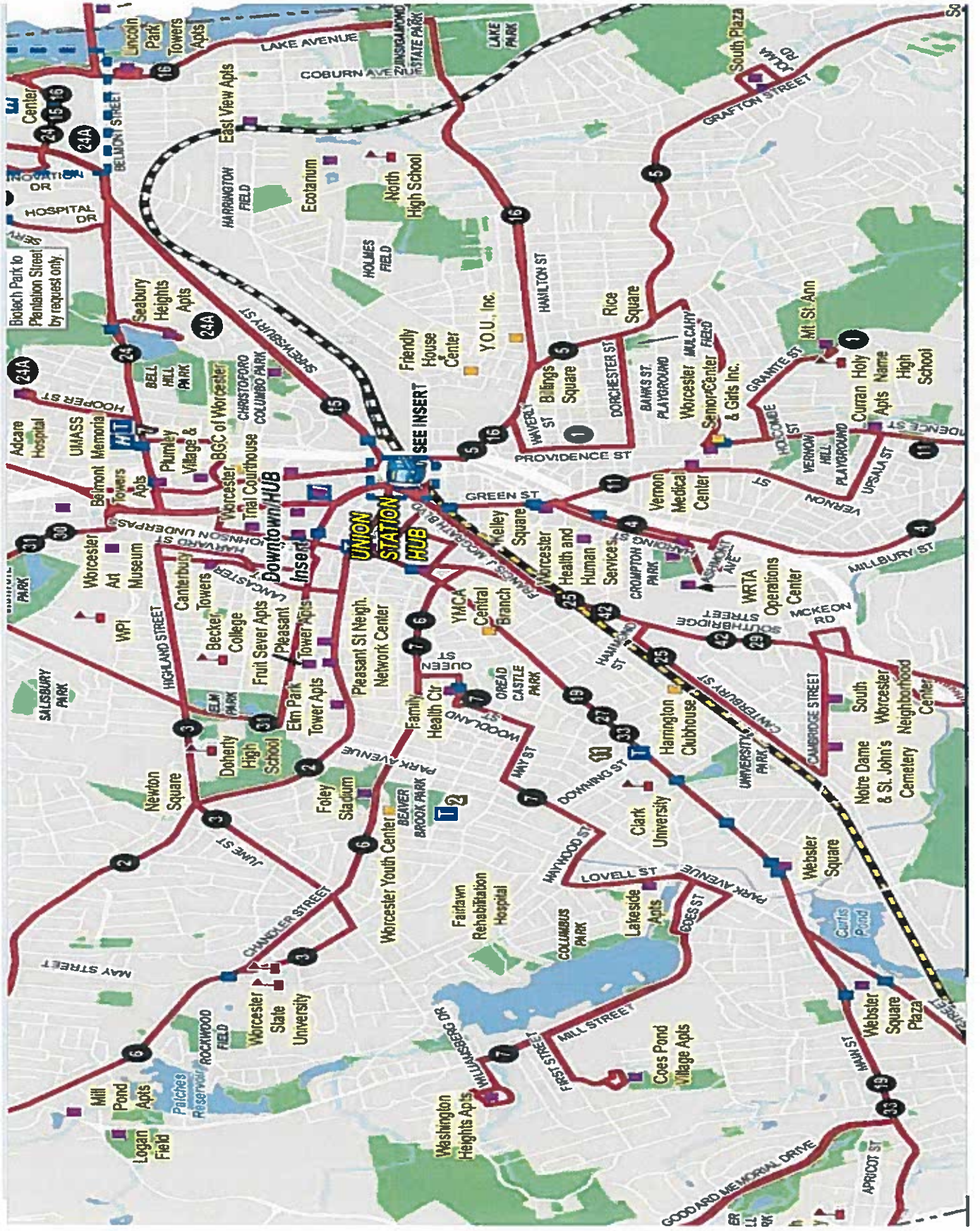
- Federal Building/ Court House
- Chandler Elementary School
- Family Health Center
- Columbus Park Preparatory Academy
- Lakeside Apartments
- Coes Pond Village Apartments
- Washington Heights Apartments

Connecting Routes:

- Route 6
- Route 19
- Route 24/24A
- Route 27



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**Proposed Location for Ward 7 - Precinct 3
Stearns Tavern, 140 Mill Street, Worcester**



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