

Complaints/Concerns Regarding Polling Locations following the November 8, 2022 General Election

Independent Baptist 15650 Sunfish Lk Blvd W2P2

Feedback from resident received 11/9/2022:

My polling place was that Baptist church the CC decided to use because there were no other options in Ward 2. I have to say, it was awful (not Georgia 12 hours in line with no water awful - but awful). Certainly the weather played a part, but since there is ZERO lighting in the lot and it was so dark, you could not see anything. My daughter and I had to park up top in the overflow lot because the lower lot was so full people were parking in the trees and into the field. There was NO accessible parking for anyone who may have had a disability to be seen (one spot was there, and taken by a non-handicapped driver). We used our phone lights to see to slide down a sizable muddy hill to get to the door. I would like to go on record as objecting that this building/location is ever used again for voting purposes. I know the fire station on Armstrong was not used last night and I'd love to see that utilized again. Clean building, room to vote, well lit parking lot - the whole nine.

Feedback from Head Judges Post Election:

The parking lot doesn't have lighting, so we actually had a small fender bender in the parking lot. There are not lights leading to the door and we did have a voter fall down in her walker out there. Overall, our biggest problem was trying to fit people into our space and the worries about all the illegal and unsafe parking that was happening.

Even more needed would be to find a larger building for w2p2 with more parking, and more space inside. There was a lot of discussion among the judges again this time wondering why we are not using the schools or any of the many new building that have gone up in Ramsey as polling places. Parking is frustrating for voters. As the lot gets full, voters park in the upper lot, where they cannot get into the building so are forced to walk down a slope that could be icy. If judges park in the upper lot to make more parking available, voters see all the cars and would try to get in the building where the doors are locked. Lighting is bad for the darker hours of the day in the parking lot. It is also very hard to see the unlighted sign the city puts out by the highway to mark the driveway entrance. Very hazardous given the speed on Co 5 is 55 mph.

Proposed Alternative Location within 1-mile border of W2P2:

- Fire Station #1 15050 Armstrong Blvd

Fire Station #2 5650 Alpine Dr W4P1

Feedback from Head Judge Post Election:

As you know, the parking lot at the fire hall has one in/out. I was amazed there were no accidents. Thankfully it was only rain that day and not snow.

Feedback from Staff:

Fire Station #2 logistically does not work well with the increased number of registered voters. For large elections the voting area is in the fire truck bay. During the 2022 General, the fire department could not pull out to respond as quickly to an emergency. The parking lot is relatively small and both voters and fire fighters had to park on the residential streets near the fire station. The congestion adds to the additional response time to arrive at emergencies.

Proposed Alternative Location within 1-mile border of W4P1:

- Ramsey Elementary 15100 Nowthen Blvd