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PRESS RELEASE: Precinct Changes

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Proposed changes to Flagler County precinct boundaries were presented to the Board of County Commissioners on May 2, 2022.

Voting precinct boundaries are drawn locally, in each county, and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Election results to the Department of State are reported at the precinct level. Election Day voting occurs within precincts, or at combined polling locations. Precincts are not representative districts. U.S. Census block data must be used to change precinct boundaries.

Precincts must be ADA accessible and large enough to safely accommodate the number of voters who are expected to vote on Election Day. In Flagler County, we have a shortage of suitable facilities for voting. We do not have community centers or other public buildings in areas with large residential populations.

Main focus areas:

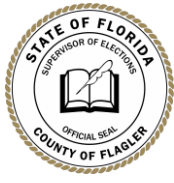
- District Alignment
- Numbering System
- Safety & Accessibility
- Future Growth
- Election Day Turnout

The precinct boundaries were adjusted to balance voter populations in neighboring precincts. Three smaller precincts were combined with larger facilities to safely accommodate the expected turnout.

The numbering system was changed to a three-digit sequence to indicate our city and unincorporated voters. The precinct boundaries were also aligned with adopted local district changes and municipal borders which eliminates unnecessary precinct splits and simplifies the ballot proofing process.

The Board of County Commissioners adopted the proposed changes during this public meeting. View the presentation and see the new precinct map here:

➤ [Flagler County District and Precinct Maps](#)



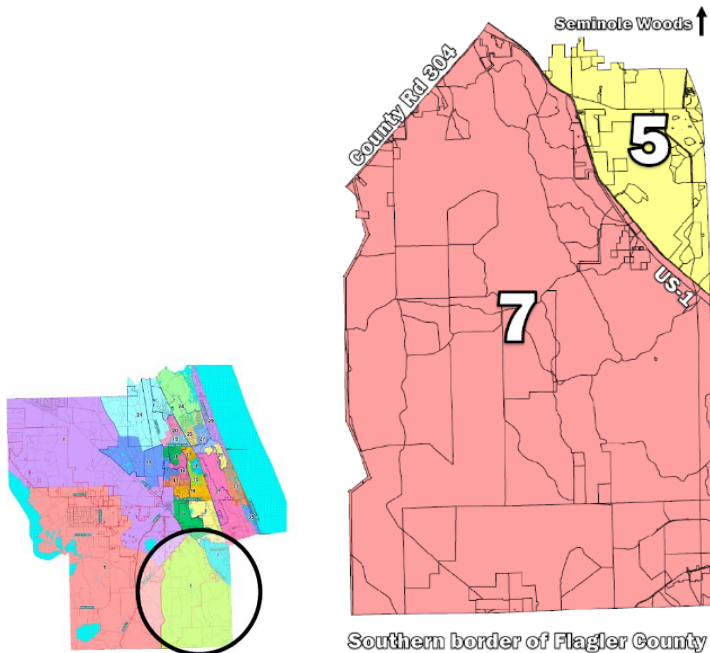
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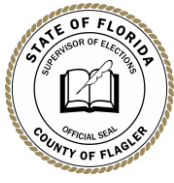
The following precincts were combined into locations with adequate space.

PRECINCTS 5/7

Rima Ridge Fire Station + Community Baptist Church



Rima Ridge does not have a polling place within Flagler County. This is a very rural area, and residents have been voting at Precinct 7 (formerly St. Mary's Catholic Church) since 2012. The Catholic Church is no longer available as a polling location, and the voters will be moved to Community Baptist Church, half a mile away. This change will formalize the practice which has been in place for many years.

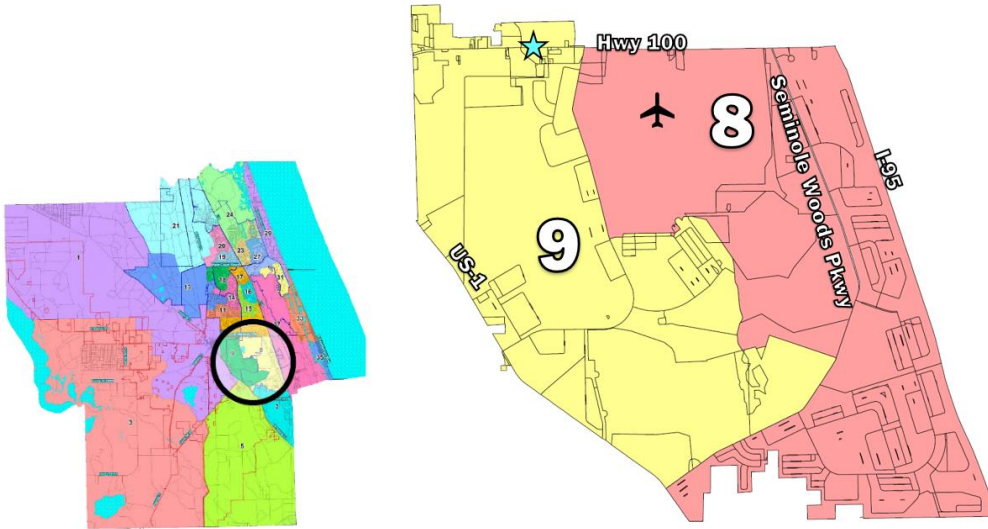


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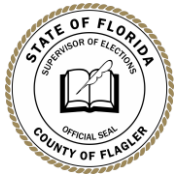
PRECINCTS 8/9

Flagler Executive Airport + Flagler County Association of Realtors Building



The Flagler Executive Airport polling room is not large enough to accommodate the number of voters at this location. This precinct was added in 2017, and an expansion project was planned for the administrative building at the airport. Plans have changed to add hangars instead of revamping the existing facilities. Meanwhile, the voter population in the area has outgrown the size of our polling room. The adjacent precinct voting location at the Flagler County Association of Realtors Building (FCAR Building) is one of our largest facilities, with plenty of room for more voting booths and equipment to handle the increase expected on Election Day.

Areas impacted: All voters who live in Seminole Woods and Grand Landings in Palm Coast will now vote at the Flagler County Association of Realtors Building on Election Day. Voters in this area will be mailed a new Voter Information Card at the end of this month.

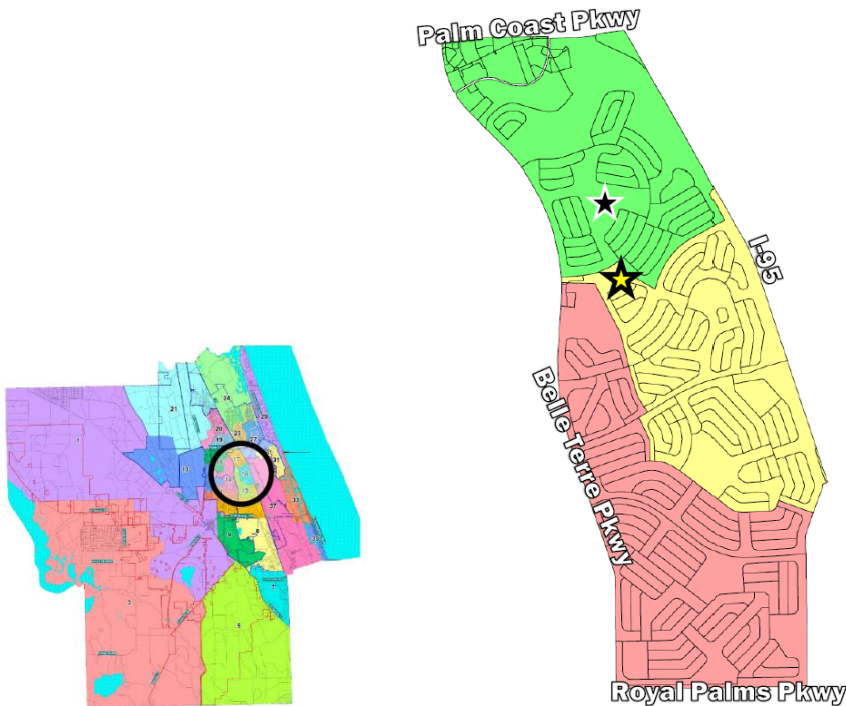


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PRECINCTS 15/16/17

Wadsworth Elementary School + Buddy Taylor Middle School + Belle Terre Swim & Racquet Club



The portable we used as a polling room at the Belle Terre Swim and Racquet Club was removed, and this location is no longer available for voting. The neighboring precincts are Buddy Taylor Middle School and Wadsworth Elementary School. We are thankful for our partnership with the Flagler County School District, which has incorporated Election Days for Primary and General Elections into the school calendar. Election Days are closed for students, so these polling locations are safer and more accessible. This change will combine these three precincts into the large multipurpose room at Wadsworth Elementary, which the School Board has offered for voting. The multipurpose room is nearly 3,300 sq. ft. and has a separate entrance with parking off of Parkview Drive. Like the FCAR building, this room will have space for more voting booths and equipment to handle the increase expected on Election Day.

Areas impacted: All voters who live in the "P" section of Palm Coast, east of Belle Terre, and in between Palm Coast Parkway and Royal Palms Parkway, will now vote in the multipurpose room at Wadsworth Elementary School on Election Day. Voters in this area will be mailed a new Voter Information Card at the end of this month.