

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Memorandum of Understanding for Polling Places in Public Buildings
Supported by Taxation G1

LID# 2061
Gahanna 3-B & F
Gahanna Senior Center
480 Rocky Fork Boulevard

The Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229 (hereinafter, the "Board"), by and through its statutory authority to determine public schools and public buildings as suitable and available for use as a polling place enters into this Memorandum of Understanding with the undersigned facility occupant for purpose of establishing communication between, determining obligations for, and managing expectations of the Board and undersigned facility occupant in the Board's use of this facility as a voting location for any election authorized by Title XXXV of the Ohio Revised Code for the calendar year ending December 31, 2016, including but not limited to the 2016 March 15, primary, and November 8, general elections.

Section I. ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR EACH POLLING PLACE PURSUANT TO R.C. 3501.29(A)

It is agreed that sufficient space to conduct elections, as determined by the Board, as well as heating, cooling, light, electric power, and other such public utilities will be furnished to the Board by the undersigned facility occupant when such space is occupied by the Board.

It is further agreed that authorized representatives of the Board shall have peaceable and unhampered possession of and access to the undersigned occupant's facility during such hours as the Board may required for the necessary and proper conduct of elections, including but not limited to Election Day and the delivery, retrieval, and maintenance of voting equipment prior to and following Election Day.

It is further agreed that on Election Day precinct election officials, representatives of the Board, and other individuals authorized by Ohio law will have access to the location beginning not later than 5:30 a.m. until such time as the precinct election officials have departed and delivered to the Board all required materials and supplies necessary to certify unofficial election results and as are otherwise required by state law, generally, not later than 11:00 p.m.

It is further agreed that the undersigned facility occupant will designate a responsible person to open and close the location on Election Day, not later than 5:30 a.m. nor earlier than 11:00 p.m., respectively, or provide a key to the facility for use by the Board. The Board certifies that it will maintain the key in a safe and secure place while in its possession. In the event that the Board requires access to the facility outside of these agreed upon times, the undersigned facility occupant will provide immediate, peaceable, and unhampered access to the facility as is necessary and proper for the conduct of elections.

It is further agreed that the undersigned facility occupant will abide by all relevant federal and state laws that may be incumbent upon it as a result of its execution of this Agreement except those rights reserved to or by the undersigned facility occupant to which the undersigned facility occupant.

SECTION II. ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES FOR EACH POLLING PLACE PURSUANT TO R.C. 3501.29(B)(1)

Notwithstanding any other section of federal or state law to the contrary, it is agreed that the undersigned facility occupant shall provide the following:

- (a) a facility that is free of barriers that would impede ingress and egress of handicapped persons on the shortest accessible route from the parking lot to the room in which the polling place is located inside the facility or that has been temporarily retrofitted to accommodate handicapped persons, including but not limited to entrances that are level or are provided with a nonskid ramp of not over eight per cent gradient, if applicable and doors that are a minimum of thirty-two inches wide; and
- (b) the minimum number of special parking locations, also known as handicapped parking spaces or disability parking spaces, for handicapped person in accordance with 28 C.F.R. Part 36, Appendix A, and in compliance with division (E) of section 4511.69 of the Revised Code and any other relevant municipal ordinance (see Appendix A).
- (c) additional items required under section 3501.29 of the Ohio Revised Code, as outlined in Appendix A.

It is further agreed that in all circumstances the Board has the right to install temporary equipment, including but not limited to traffic cones and signage, to mitigate the circumstances that, in the opinion of the Board, render the facility inaccessible for use as a polling place.

SECTION III. TERMINATION AND TRANSFER

In the event the undersigned facility occupant shall vacate said room at any time during the life of this agreement, the signer shall notify the Board of such vacation at once. Proper notice shall be given to the Board not later than sixty (60) days prior to any election. The Board shall not be held responsible for payment of fees to any other person or entity. The Board reserves the right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding for any reason and at any time without notice to the undersigned facility.

SECTION IV. COMPENSATION

Whereas Ohio law requires the authority which has the control of any building or grounds supported by taxation under the laws of this state to make available the necessary space therein for the purpose of holding elections and adequate space for the storage of voting machines, without charge for the use thereof upon application of the Board, the undersigned parties agree that the Board shall pay a reasonable sum for necessary janitorial service at the rate of \$20.00 for every hour on each Election Day for which the facility is used a polling place under this Agreement, beginning at 5:00 a.m. and concluding at 11:00 p.m., during which the building is not otherwise normally and customarily open to the public. The undersigned facility occupant shall bill the Board, not later than ten days following the Election Day on which the facility was used as a polling place under this agreement, for janitorial fees as herein agreed to.

SECTION V. LOCATION(S) COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT

Gahanna Senior Center
480 Rocky Fork Boulevard
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Agreed to and entered into by and between the Franklin County Board of Elections and undersigned facility occupant this 3rd day of March, 2016.

FACILITY OCCUPANT:

Authorized Signature: 

Print Name: Thomas P. Kneeland

Title: Mayor

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:



**William A. Anthony Jr.
Director**

Complete and sign both copies of this Memorandum of Understanding, keeping the yellow copy for your files, and return the white copy to:

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APPENDIX A

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MINIMUM NUMBER OF HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES RELATIVE TO TOAL PARKING SPACES

1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
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Re: Public Facilities used as Voting Locations G1

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On behalf of the Franklin County Board of Elections, I personally want to thank you and all of the physical facility managers, staff, and other administrators who have assisted the Board in holding our elections by providing space to be used on Election Day as a voting location. Due to your assistance, voters in your immediate neighborhood are able to exercise their right to vote.

The year 2016 is going to be another busy year for elections administration in Franklin County with many local contests on the ballot on March 15 and November 8. To help us accomplish our statutory duty to provide voting locations for Election Day, we trust that we will be able to agree with you this year for space in your facility to be used as a voting location.

To assist us with managing expectations, a Memorandum of Understanding for the use of your facility has been included. In addition, we have enclosed a Logistical Information Sheet for your specific building; this form will allow us to communicate key information such as the voting machine delivery schedule, availability of accessible parking, ADA Requirements and voting spaces, equipment requirements such as tables and chairs, and power availability. Most importantly, this information allows for accurate contact information for your local personnel who may need to be contacted in the event of an emergency before, during, or after Election Day.

We continue to build on our commitment to full accessibility to our voting locations for voters with disability – not only because the Board of Elections has a statutory responsibility to do so, but also because we want to ensure that all voters can take full advantage of their right to vote in an independent and uncompromised manner. As a public facility, you may have the same federal and state accessibility requirements that govern elections administrators. Our most ubiquitous challenge continues to be accessible parking spaces. Please have any upgrades complete by February 15 so that we can verify compliance. In the event that we determine a facility to be noncompliant with accessibility requirements, we will install temporary signage and additional equipment to mitigate situations that might cause an accessibility liability to the Board of Elections on Election Day.

As your guest, our goal is to reduce the inconvenience of our presence in your facility as much as possible. To this end, we seek to enhance the relationship between your facility management and our operation through meaningful two-way communication. Prior to each election, we will send you two postcards reminding you to make the facility available for Election Day and our planned dates for voting equipment delivery. We will also send a notice with the date we will retrieve the voting equipment.

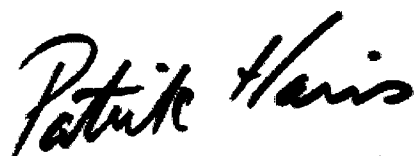
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