

**ROCKFORD CITY RESOLUTION 01192021**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ROCKFORD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ROCKFORD,  
TENNESSEE OPPOSING BLOUNT COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPERIMENTAL PILOT  
PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY TCA-2-3-301 ET SEQ ALLOWING THE ELIMINATION OF LOCAL  
PRECINCTS IN FAVOR OF REGIONAL VOTING CENTERS**

**WHEREAS, there is a proposal before the Blount County Commission to reduce the number of voting locations in Blount County from 31 to as few as 10; and**

**WHEREAS, there was no advance notice given to the City of Rockford by the Blount County Election Commission before this proposal was taken to the Blount County Commission; and**

**WHEREAS, this proposal has the potential to shut down voting at Rockford School at some point in the future; and**

**WHEREAS, by the letter of the proposed law only one polling place per county commission district is required; and**

**WHEREAS, the County Commission District 9 of which Rockford is a part stretches all the way to Seymour to the east; and**

**WHEREAS, it would be a tremendous burden for the voters of Rockford to have to travel 25 minutes to Seymour on election day; and**

**WHEREAS, it would be a tremendous burden for the voters of Seymour to have to travel to Rockford on election day; and**

**WHEREAS, voting is a fundamental right of all citizens of Blount County and the United States which should not be discouraged or suppressed in any way; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposal before the Blount County Commission would someday have the effect of suppressing and discouraging voting on Election Day; and**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Rockford City Commission opposes the proposal to reduce the number of voting locations in Blount County; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockford City Commission requests its District 9 Commissioners to vote against this proposal; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockford City Commission requests that all Blount County Commissioners vote against the aforementioned proposal; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockford City Commission urges the Blount County legislative delegation to Nashville to oppose this measure if it ever reaches the Tennessee State Legislature.**

Duly passed and approved the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

Carl Kellum

Mayor

Sheryl Weir

City Recorder