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**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9 (ELECTIONS)
ARTICLE III (INITIATION AND REFERENDUM)
OF THE PORTLAND CITY CODE
RE: POLLING PLACES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
MAINE IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. That Chapter 9, Article III (Initiation and Referendum) Section 9-48 (Polling Places) of the Portland City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:*

Sec. 9-48. Polling places.

The number of voting or polling places in any election shall be at least the number of voting places in each city council district as used in the June 10, 2008 election. The city council may consolidate voting places only in accordance with the provisions of 21-A M.R.S.A. § 631-A, after public notice and hearing, and consolidation shall be made only upon a specific finding that the voter turnout in the election is likely to be unusually small, as in the case of a special election for Portland Water District Trustee. There shall be no consolidation of voting places in any election where any state or federal office is to be filled, or in any state-wide referendum.

SUMMARY

This ordinance preserves or restores the number of voting places prior to the planned reduction in voting places based on cuts adopted in the FY'09 budget.