



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM: Sara Hensley

DATE: March 3, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for election services with Denton County for joint election services for the May 2, 2026 Denton General Municipal Election being held for the purpose of electing Council Members to Places 5 and 6 and electing a Mayor to Place 7, and a Special Election for the purpose of electing Council Members to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term ending in May 2027 in District 1 and District 2; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

On January 13, 2026, the Denton City Council adopted Ordinance 25-2298 ordering a General Election for Place 5, Place 6, and Mayor to Place 7 and a Special Election to fill a vacancy for District 1 and District 2 to be held on May 2, 2026, and if required, a runoff election to be held on June 13, 2026.

Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code provides that the city may enter into an agreement with other jurisdictions that may be conducting elections on the same day in election precincts that can be served by common polling places. Subsection 271.002(d) requires "the terms of a joint election agreement must be stated in an order, resolution, or other official action adopted by the governing body of each participating political subdivision." The City of Denton and other Denton County political jurisdictions will conduct elections on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Section 31.092 of the Texas Election Code allows the county elections administrator to contract with any city within their county to perform election services.

This action authorizes the City to hold the election jointly with jurisdictions that share common polling places and contract with Denton County for election services, including the selection, training and compensation of precinct election judges.

If adopted, this joint election agreement and contract will be effective upon its adoption; and its terms/conditions shall also apply to a runoff election, if any is needed.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance authorizing the joint election agreement and contract for election services with Denton County.

Staff also recommends approval of the City of Denton's proposed polling locations (Exhibit 3).

FISCAL INFORMATION

Approving the election contract provides the City of Denton's commitment and authorization to the Denton County Elections (DCE) Administrator to conduct the May 2, 2026, General Election and, if necessary, the June 13, 2026 Runoff Election for the City of Denton. The list of entities contracting for election services and the cost estimate for the General Election will be available after April 10, 2026, once the number of participating jurisdictions are determined and the polling locations confirmed by the DCE Administrator.

Therefore, at this time, Exhibit A "Proposed Voting Locations" and "Final Cost Estimate" referenced in the election contract are not included.

Once received by the City Secretary, the final cost estimate with the list of entities contracting for election services, and the finalized list of polling locations will be provided to Council in the following Friday Report.

After the election, Denton County will perform a post-election audit of the actual expenses incurred to conduct the election and payment shall be rendered at that time. For now, a deposit is not required.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Draft Ordinance and Election Contract

Exhibit 3 – City of Denton Proposed Polling Locations

Exhibit 4 – Ordinance 25-2298, ordering May 2026 General and Special Elections

Exhibit 5 – Informal Staff Report # 2026-019

Exhibit 6 – Presentation

Respectfully submitted:

Ingrid Rex
City Secretary