# **City of Denton**



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#### AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

CM: Sara Hensley

**DATE:** April 16, 2024

### **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 4, 2024 Denton regular municipal election being held for the purpose of electing Council Members to Places 5 and 6 and electing a Mayor to Place 7, at a total estimated cost of \$62,029.40; and providing an effective date.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On February 6, 2024, the Denton City Council ordered a regular municipal election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, to elect council members to Council Member to Places 5 and 6 and electing a Mayor to Place 7, and a runoff election on Saturday, June 15, 2024, if necessary.

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 4, 2024. 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.

#### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

The estimated cost for the General Election is \$62,029.40. 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, Contract & Exhibit

Exhibit 3 – Cost Estimate Detail

Exhibit 4 – Ordinance 24-174, Ordering May 2024 General Election

Respectfully submitted:

Lauren Thoden City Secretary