



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 7, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-42 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving a Joint Agreement between the City of Bastrop (City) and Bastrop Independent School District (BISD), City of Elgin, City of Smithville, Elgin Independent School District (EISD), Lexington Independent School District, McDade Independent School District and Wildwood Municipal Utility District for the May 6, 2023 Special and General Election for Bastrop, Texas, attached as Exhibit A; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; and providing an effective date.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Texas Election Code

Chapter 271. Joint Elections

Sec. 271.002. JOINT ELECTIONS AUTHORIZED.

- (a) If the elections ordered by the authorities of two or more political subdivisions are to be held on the same day in all or part of the same county, the governing bodies of the political subdivisions may enter into an agreement to hold the elections jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places, subject to Section 271.003.
- (b) If an election ordered by the governor and the elections ordered by the authorities of one or more political subdivisions are to be held on the same day in all or part of the same county, the commissioners court of a county in which the election ordered by the governor is to be held and the governing bodies of the other political subdivisions may enter into an agreement to hold the elections jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places, subject to Section 271.003.
- (c) If another law requires two or more political subdivisions to hold a joint election, the governing body of any other political subdivision holding an election on the same day in all or part of the same county in which the joint election is to be held may enter into an agreement to participate in the joint election with the governing bodies of the political subdivisions holding the joint election.
- (d) 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.
- (e) The document containing the joint election agreement shall be preserved for the period for preserving the precinct election records.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated Amount:

- Joint Election with Bastrop Independent School District (BISD), City of Elgin, City of Smithville, Elgin Independent School District (EISD), Lexington Independent School District, McDade Independent School District and Wildwood Municipal Utility District—\$20,051.37

This cost was approved in the 2022-2023 FY budget in account 101 04-00-5681.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-42 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving a Joint Agreement between the City of Bastrop (City) and Bastrop Independent School District (BISD), City of Elgin, City of Smithville, Elgin Independent School District (EISD), Lexington Independent School District, McDade Independent School District and Wildwood Municipal Utility District for the May 6, 2023 Special and General Election for Bastrop, Texas, attached as Exhibit A; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; and providing an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution – English
- Resolution – Spanish
- Exhibit A
- Exhibit B

