

**JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT
MAY 4, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Dripping Springs Independent School District ("**SCHOOL**") will hold a general election for School Board Positions and for Bond Proposition(s), if ordered by the School Board of Trustees, within the boundaries of the School District on May 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs ("**CITY**") will hold a general election for City Council positions within the boundaries of the City on May 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code, Chapter 271, authorizes political subdivisions of the State of Texas to hold elections jointly in voting precincts if it will be of benefit to the citizens and voters thereof to be served by common polling places and elections are ordered by the authorities of two or more political subdivisions to be held on the same day in all or part of the same territory; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, authorizes local governments to contract with one another and with agencies of the state for various governmental functions including those in which the contracting parties are mutually interested.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 31, and Sections 271.002 and 271.003 of the Texas Election Code, and Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, the Joint Election Agreement set forth below is entered into by and between the School and City by and through their respective governing bodies, agree as follows:

1. Dripping Springs Independent School District and the City will share polling places during an election on May 4, 2024.
2. Dripping Springs Independent School District and the City will appoint the same election officials to preside over the election precinct in which a common election is held.
3. Dripping Springs Independent School District and the City will use the Verity Duo Hybrid Voting System from Hart Intercivic, Inc. in each election precinct in which a common election is held.
4. The expense of the joint election will be divided equally between the entities having a common election. Expenses will be determined and divided based on each precinct. Each entity will bear all expenses for equipment and supplies utilized in this election.
5. It is agreed both entities will contract with Hays County Elections Administrator to provide all election services needed for these elections.
6. Early voting for Dripping Springs Independent School District and the City of Dripping Springs shall be conducted jointly per the election services contract with Hays County Elections Administrator in accordance with Title 7 of the Texas Election Code.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD:

Michelle Fischer, City Administrator

Stefani Reinhold, Board President

Date

Date

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

Olivia Barnard, Board Secretary