

**JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT / INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CITY of GLEN ROSE , GLEN ROSE ISD and SOMERVELL COUNTY
HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

THIS JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the City of Glen Rose (“City”), acting by and through the Glen Rose City Council, the Glen Rose Independent School District (“GRISD”) (acting by and through the GRISD Board of Trustees) and, the Somervell County Hospital District (SHD).

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code (“Tex. Ed. Code”) § 11.0581 (a) requires that an election for trustees of an independent school district shall be held on the same date as: (1) the election for the members of the governing body of a municipality located in the school district; or (2) the general election for state and county officers;

WHEREAS, the Somervell County Hospital District has asked to participate in a Joint Election with the GRISD and the City;

WHEREAS, the City’s election for the members of its City Council is to take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022;

WHEREAS, Tex. Ed. Code § 11.0581 (b) also requires that elections are held on the same date as provided by Tex. Ed. Code § 11.0581 (a) shall be held as a joint election under Chapter 271, Texas Election Code;

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code § 271.002 (a) states that 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 territory, 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 Texas Election Code Section 271.003;

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code § 271.006 (a) provides that the governing bodies of the political subdivisions participating in a joint election shall decide whether to conduct their early voting jointly, and due to limited equipment early voting will also be held jointly;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions contained here, the City, GRISD and SHD hereby agree, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code, to conduct a joint election for the General Election of the City; the General Election of GRISD; and the General Election of SHD to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 (“Joint Election”). The terms of this Agreement are as follows:

1. The Joint Election shall be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.
2. The polling place for the Joint Election and Early Voting shall be the CITY HALL, 201 NE VERNON ST., GLEN ROSE, TX 76043.

3. Each party to this Agreement will approve and enter into this interlocal agreement with the City of Glen Rose to share the cost of maintenance for the City's required election equipment for the Joint Election and for early voting. (Estimated Election Cost attached)

NOTE: If the City of Glen Rose cancels its May 2022 General Election, the remaining entities may still proceed with using City owned equipment, however the equipment must remain at City Hall, and the City would not be responsible for the elections, elections workers, etc.

4. While the polling place for the Joint Election shall be the same, the City shall approve, hire, and pay election officials for the Joint Election. The City, GRISD and SHD will split the cost for hiring the necessary election officials.

5. While the polling place for the Joint Election shall be the same, the City shall be responsible for supervising, conducting, and administrating (including establishing and operating a central counting station to receive and tabulate voted ballots) for their respective election.

6. Early voting for the May 7, 2022 election shall be conducted jointly. The City, GRISD and SHD shall conduct early voting at such polling place(s) as the City shall designate, utilizing an election officer for each day of early voting as provided by the City of Glen Rose and at least one election officer for each day of early voting as appointed by GRISD and SHD.

7. Ballots will be combined for citizens inside the city limits of Glen Rose and a separate ballot will be prepared for citizens outside the city limits. The City of Glen Rose, GRISD and SHD will split the cost of ballot printing for the combined ballot, however GRISD and SHD will be responsible for the cost of the separate ballots.

8. Each party to this Agreement shall prepare necessary election orders, resolutions, notices, justice department submissions, official canvass and other pertinent documents for adoption by the appropriate office or body. Each party to this Agreement assumes its own responsibility of posting all notices and likewise promoting the schedules for the Joint Election and for early voting, but may choose to combine required newspaper notice if so desired and split the cost of said notice.

9. Should the City, GRISD and SHD qualify under Section 2.051 through 2.053 of the Texas Election Code to cancel their election, notification of cancellation must be made the day following the last day to file for a place on the ballot including the filing deadline for write-in candidates.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE, TEXAS in its meeting held the 8th day of February, 2022, and executed by its authorized representative.

By: _____
Julia Douglas, Mayor

Attest: _____
Deputy City Secretary, Rosario Sosol

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE GLEN ROSE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT in its meeting held the _____ day of _____, 2022, and executed by its authorized representative.

By: _____
Jason Dillard, Board President

Attest: _____
Jason Evans, Board Secretary

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERVELL COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT in its meeting held the _____ day of _____, 2022, and executed by its authorized representative.

By: _____
Board President

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

ESTIMATE ELECTION COST

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| ES&S Hardware Maintenance Fee (annually) | \$1,830.00 |
| ES&S Firmware License, Maintenance and Support Fees | \$ 870.00 |
| Early Voting Clerk(s) (cost does not include GRISD and SHD provided workers) | \$ 700.00 |
| Election Day Judge, Alternate Judge and Clerks (Includes training, setting up Election Room and Election Day) | \$ 780.00 |
| TOTAL | \$4,180.00 |

The City is not charging a rental fee, therefore the above cost would be split by GRISD and SHD if both entities hold their election. Otherwise, the cost would be paid by the remaining entity. The City would not share in these costs, since they are providing the equipment, oversight, and location for all early voting and election day voting.

Each entity shall provide an Early Voting Clerk for each day of Early Voting. They must have completed training prior to Early Voting.

This estimate does not take into account the cost of the Public Notification to be run in the local paper, the ballots or other necessary election supplies.