

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF GWINNETT

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND THE GWINNETT COUNTY  
BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR USE OF ELECTION  
EQUIPMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into between the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Georgia, a Municipal Corporation, lying within the County of Gwinnett, Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "City" and the Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections, hereinafter referred to as "Board."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly created the Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections having jurisdiction over the conduct of primaries and elections (1988 Ga. Laws, p. 4296, as amended), and provided that the Board was empowered with all the powers and duties relating to the conduct of elections and registration of voters as election superintendent and board of registrars pursuant to the provisions of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 1988 Ga. Laws, p. 4296, as amended, the Board has the authority to contract with any municipal corporation located within Gwinnett County for the holding by the Board of any primary or election to be conducted within the municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-300(e)(1) authorizes the loaning of election equipment to municipalities without a fee; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Board, in the performance of their electoral functions, desire to enter into this contract outlining the duties and obligations of each party to this Agreement in the conduct of any 2025 Municipal Elections for the citizens of the City (hereinafter referred to as the "City Election") as hereinafter described; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises contained herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed by the City and the County as follows:

(1) Conduct of City Election

This Agreement shall govern the use of the Board's Election Equipment by the City for the Election in the City of \_\_\_\_\_. It is the intent of the parties that the use of the Election Equipment in conduct of the City Election shall be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local legal requirements.

(2) Term of Agreement

The duties and obligations to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and end on December 31, 2025.

(3) Duties and Responsibilities

As used in this subsection the term "City" shall be construed to include the City's designee, agent, or authorized representative. The term "Board" shall be construed to include the Board's designee, agent, or authorized representative.

(a) City

1. The City will be responsible for ordering any and all ballots from its vendor.
2. The City will be responsible for contracting with State approved vendors for programming election equipment and creating Absentee by mail ballots, Provisional voting ballots, Challenge voting ballots and Election Day voting and Advance in person voting.
3. The City will be responsible for obtaining all material forms for the conduct of the election from the Secretary of State's Election Division.
4. The City will be responsible for complying with any and all bilingual election requirements in accordance § 203 of the Voting Rights Act including but not limited to translation and dissemination of election-related materials, Spanish language assistance, and appropriate election/poll official training.
5. The City shall provide the Board with a written request indicating specifically the number of Ballot Marking Devices (hereinafter referred to as BMDs), if any, that the City needs to borrow, as soon as possible, but no less than 60 days prior to election date.
6. The City shall provide the Board with a written request indicating specifically the number of Optical Scanners (hereinafter referred to as "OS Units") for use in scanning and tabulation of absentee, challenge, advance in person and provisionally voted ballots.
7. The City may use a Ballot Marking Device for ballot marking purposes.
8. The City may use printers to print ballots created by the Ballot Marking Device.
9. The City may use optical scanners to scan the printed ballot generated from the printer and created by the Ballot Marking Device
10. The City will be responsible for purchasing specialized security ballot paper from state approved vendor, if BMDs are used for ballot marking purposes.
11. The City will be responsible for and will conduct its own Logic and Accuracy Testing on all equipment.
12. The City will be responsible for hiring and training its own poll officials.
13. The City will be responsible for any training of its staff.
14. The City will be responsible for conducting all aspects of the City Election.
15. The City will be responsible for certifying its own election results.

(b) Board and/or Elections Supervisor

1. The Board shall provide the City with an Electors List.
2. The Board shall provide the City with the specified number of BMD's and/or ICP units and peripheral items as requested.

(c) The Board and the City agree that designated staff shall discuss and schedule dates and times for the City to pick-up the requested equipment. The Board and the City further agree that staff shall set mutually agreeable date and time for the City will return the requested equipment to the Board.

(4) Costs

Any and all costs associated with the conduct of the City Election shall be the responsibility of the City.

(5) Legal Responsibilities

To the extent permitted under Georgia Law, the City shall be solely responsible for any liability resulting from any claims or litigation arising from or pertaining to the City Election. In the event that any of the equipment and/or components become damaged, corrupted, or no longer usable due to the City's use of such equipment and/or components, the City agrees that it will reimburse the County's replacement costs.

(6) Miscellaneous

- (a) The terms of this Agreement shall not be altered, amended, or modified except in writing signed by duly authorized officers or representatives of the parties.
- (b) This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Georgia.
- (c) If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or any portion of this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Agreement not held to be invalid.
- (d) Any notice of communications hereunder shall be in writing, addressed as follows:

City: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Board: Grayson Davis, Assistant Elections Supervisor  
455 Grayson Highway Suite 200  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046  
Grayson.Davis@GwinnettCounty.com

- (e) This Agreement shall be exclusively for the benefit of the City and the Board and shall not provide any third parties with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other right.
- (f) The performance of either party hereunder shall be excused if such party is reasonably precluded from performance by the occurrence of an Uncontrollable Circumstance, which shall be defined as follows: Any act, event, or condition, or any combination thereof, that is beyond the reasonable control of the party relying on the same and that materially interferes with the performance of the party's obligations, to include, but not be limited to, (i) acts of God; (ii) fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, and earthquakes; (iii) the failure of any utility provider to provide and maintain utility services through no fault of the party; and (iv) the preemption, confiscation, diversion, destruction, or other interference in possession or performance or supply of materials or services, by or on behalf of, or with the authority of, a governmental body in connection with a declared or asserted public emergency by an entity other than one of the parties; (v) the calling of a special election in Gwinnett County pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 which requires the Board to conduct such special election and use the election equipment for its own purposes thereby rendering said equipment unavailable to fulfill the contractual obligations set forth in this Agreement.
- (g) Each of the individuals who execute this Agreement agrees and represents that he or she is authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the respective party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

City of \_\_\_\_\_:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk, Seal

Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: David Hancock, Chairman

Attest:

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Zach Manifold, Elections Supervisor

Seal