

1 **STATE OF GEORGIA**
2 **COUNTY OF DEKALB**
3 **CITY OF STONECREST**

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5 **RESOLUTION NO. _____**
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7 **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA APPOINTING DEKALB**
8 **COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT THE CITY OF**
9 **STONECREST 2022 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 15, 2022**
10 **AND IF NECESSARY, TO CONDUCT A CITY OF STONECREST SPECIAL RUNOFF**
11 **ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 12, 2022; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL**
12 **PURPOSES.**

13 **WHEREAS**, the City of Stonecrest, Georgia (the "City") in accordance with O.C.G.A. §
14 21-2-540 will hold a Special Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 ("Special Election");
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16 **WHEREAS**, the City in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501 may have need to hold
17 additional City elections, including a runoff election on April 12, 2022 in addition to the
18 Special Election, collectively ("Elections"); and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Stonecrest City Council is hereby in agreement that it would be in
20 the best interest of its citizens, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-45 (c), to allow the DeKalb
21 County Board of Registrations and Elections staff equipment and expertise to conduct the City
22 of Stonecrest 2022 Elections; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the City and DeKalb County executed an Intergovernmental Agreement
24 for the provision of Election Services between Dekalb County and the City of
25 Stonecrest("IGA"); and

26 **WHEREAS**, the City wishes to execute an agreement in conjunction with the IGA to
27 allow the DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections to conduct the Elections; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Individual duties and responsibilities of both the City and DeKalb County
29 staff shall be set forth in more detail in the IGA; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the City agrees to pay all costs associated with such Elections in a manner
31 provided in the IGA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
STONECREST, GEORGIA,

SECTION 1 That in accordance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-45(c) the City is authorized to enter
into an agreement appointing DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections to Conduct the
City of Stonecrest March 15, 2022 Special Municipal Election and if necessary to conduct a City
of Stonecrest Special Runoff Election to be held on April 12, 2022.

SECTION 2 That the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an agreement with
DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections for execution by the City Clerk in a
substantially similar form to the agreement set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

SECTION 3 That the City shall pay DeKalb County all costs incurred in conducting the
Special Municipal Election specifically enumerated in the Intergovernmental Agreement for the
provision of Election services between Dekalb County and the City of Stonecrest attached hereto
as **Exhibit B**.

SECTION 4 That the agreement with DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections
shall not become binding on the City and the City shall incur no liability upon same until such
agreement has been executed by the Municipal Clerk and delivered to the contracting party.

SO RESOLVED This _____ day of _____ 2022.

[SIGNATURE CONTAINED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

George Turner, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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75 **EXHIBIT A**
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77 **Agreement to Appoint DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections to Conduct the**
78 **City of Stonecrest 2022 Special Municipal Elections**
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81 As per the Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Election Services between DeKalb
82 County and the City of Stonecrest previously approved to conduct the City of Stonecrest Elections,
83 THE CITY OF STONECREST hereby requests that DeKalb County Board of Registrations and
84 Elections conduct its Special Municipal Election on March 15, 2022 and if necessary to conduct a
85 City of Stonecrest Special Runoff Election to be held on April 12, 2022. The last day to register to
86 vote in this election is February 14, 2022.

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91 This _____ day of _____ 2022
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95 _____ (SEAL)
96 Municipal Clerk
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100 The DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections agrees to conduct the CITY OF
101 STONECREST Special Municipal Election on March 15, 2022.
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104 This _____ day of _____ 2022
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108 _____ (SEAL)
109 Election Supervisor
110 DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections
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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTION SERVICES
BETWEEN
DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA and
THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is entered into this 2nd day of October, 2018, between DeKalb County, Georgia ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the City of Stonecrest, Georgia ("City"), a municipal corporation lying wholly or partially within the County.

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Georgia is a constitutionally created political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stonecrest is a municipality created by the 2016 Georgia General Assembly pursuant to Senate Bill 208 (hereinafter referred to as "SB 208"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to maintain a mutually beneficial, efficient and cooperative relationship that will promote the interests of the citizens of both jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, both parties are interested in serving the needs of the citizens of the City by the County providing for the services of conducting all elections required and permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to contract with the County to conduct all municipal elections for the citizens of the City pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County are authorized by Art. IX, Sec. III, Par. I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to enter into such an agreement for the conduct of the City elections; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c) authorizes the governing authority of any municipality to contract with the county within which that municipality wholly or partially lies to conduct any or all elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c), a city may by ordinance authorize a county to conduct such election(s), and the City has adopted such an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections ("BRE") has jurisdiction over the conduct of primaries and elections and the registration of electors in the County; and

WHEREAS, the BRE, among other things, is responsible for the selection and appointment of the elections supervisor and the selection, appointment, and training of poll workers in elections;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the following mutual obligations, the County and City agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

1.1 This Agreement will govern the conduct of any and all elections (hereinafter referred to as "City Election") which the City requests the County to conduct, including any and all runoffs which may be necessary. It is the intent of the parties that City Elections be conducted in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local legal requirements.

1.2 For each City Election, City, at its sole option, shall submit to County a request in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. Requests must be made in conformance with O.C.G.A § 21-2-540, now and as it may be amended hereafter, to the address specified in the Notice Section below. If a timely request is not made, the County shall have no obligation to conduct the City Election which was the subject of the request.

1.3 In the event any Special City Election becomes necessary, the City and the County shall confer and determine a mutually convenient date as allowed by law to conduct any such election.

ARTICLE 2 TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall commence on the date that it is executed by or on behalf of the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, will renew on an annual basis, and will terminate on December 31, 2067, unless otherwise terminated as set forth herein.

ARTICLE 3 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Pursuant to this Agreement, each party shall provide the following enumerated services:

3.1 Upon receipt of request to perform a City Election, the BRE and/or the County Election Supervisor, or their designee(s) shall be responsible for:

- a) Designating early and advance voting sites and hours;
- b) Placing the City's candidate(s) on the electronic and printed ballots for City Elections after qualifying;
- c) Placing the City's referendum question(s) on the ballot for a City Election after timely written notice from the City is received by the County (which such notice shall include all necessary details and information);
- d) Hiring, training, supervising and paying poll officers and absentee ballot clerks;
- e) Preparing and submitting to the City Clerk, as required by state law O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(e), now and as it may be amended hereafter, a list of electors.

- f) Performing duties of election superintendent/supervisor, and absentee ballot clerk for City Elections;
- g) Performing logic and accuracy testing as required by Sections 183-1-12-.02 and .07 of the Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia, now and as they may be hereafter amended;
- h) Providing staff, equipment and supplies for conducting City Elections at City polling places on City Election days and for conducting recounts as may be required;
- i) Certifying City Election returns as required by state law O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493, now and as it may be amended hereafter, and submitting certified City Election returns to the Georgia Secretary of State and City Clerk or as otherwise directed;
- j) Upon a change in City precincts or voter districts, notifying City residents of any change in voting districts and/or municipal precincts; and
- k) Preparing and submitting timely requests, as necessary, for Preclearance of voting precinct changes to the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division under Section V of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

3.2 The City shall be responsible for:

- a) Adopting Election Resolutions pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c), now and as it may be amended hereafter, and Calls for Special City Elections (“the Calls”) as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540, now and as it may be amended hereafter;
- b) Submitting Preclearance requests, as necessary, to the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division under Section V of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, including, but not limited to the submission of a request to allow for district changes or Calls for Special City Elections;
- c) Preparing qualifying materials for potential candidates and performing qualifying of candidates, including any write-ins, for City Elections as required by state law, specifically O.C.G.A. § 21-2-130 *et seq.*, now and as it may be amended hereafter;
- d) Placing advertisements in the City’s legal organ regarding Calls, as required by state law O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540, now and as it may be amended hereafter;
- e) Fixing and publishing the qualifying fee as required by state law under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, now and as it may be amended hereafter;

- f) Collecting and retaining the qualifying fee as required by state law O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, now and as it may be amended hereafter;
- g) Performing filing officer duties as required by the Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission for any and all state reports filed by the candidates or committees in conjunction with City Elections to ensure compliance with Title 21, Chapter 5 of the Official Code of Georgia;
- h) Verifying, in a timely manner, accuracy of voter list(s) for City residents;
- i) Providing the County with a detailed map showing the City's Municipal Boundaries and Voting District Boundaries;
- j) For all aspects related to the issuance of bonds by the City, except for City referendum election duties specifically requested of the County as provided herein;
- k) Notifying the County immediately of the need for a Special City Election including election races and/or ballot referendum questions;
- l) Providing the County with an electronic copy of referendums that must be placed on a ballot;
- m) Providing the County, via electronic mail or facsimile, affidavits and listing of candidates immediately after close of qualifying;
- n) Reviewing ballot proofs and notifying County of corrections or approval within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving proofs for candidate listings; and
- o) Otherwise cooperating with the County in the performance of this Agreement and providing the County such documentation and information as it may reasonably request to facilitate the performance of its duties under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 COMPENSATION AND CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to this Agreement and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2-45(c) now and as it may be amended hereafter, the City shall pay to the County all costs incurred in performing the functions agreed upon herein. City agrees to pay County the actual costs incurred by County in conducting City Elections as stated on the County's invoice. City shall remit said funds to County within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice.

ARTICLE 5 LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 The City shall be solely responsible for any liability resulting from any claims or litigation arising from or pertaining to any City Election, except claims or litigation regarding the acts of agents or employees of the County, the County Board of Registrations and Elections, and/or the County Election Supervisor in connection with any City Election held pursuant to this Agreement. The City agrees to reimburse the County for all costs, including, but not limited to, court costs and attorney fees for the County Attorney or outside counsel, incurred by the County as a result of any such claim or litigation, except claims or litigation regarding the acts of agents or employees of the County, the County Board of Registrations and Elections, and/or the County Election Supervisor in connection with any City Election held pursuant to this Agreement. The City shall make payment of such reimbursements to the County within thirty (30) days of receipt of any invoice for reimbursement from the County.

5.2 In the event that a City Election is contested, the City shall be solely responsible for any liability resulting from any claims or litigation arising from or pertaining to any contested City Election, except claims or litigation regarding the acts of agents or employees of the County, the County Board of Registrations and Elections, and/or the County Election Supervisor in connection with any City Election held pursuant to this Agreement. The City agrees to reimburse the County for all costs incurred in responding to the election challenge, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees for the County Attorney or outside counsel and all expenses associated with the election challenge and any appeals thereafter, except claims or litigation regarding the acts of agents or employees of the County, the County Board of Registrations and Elections, and/or the County Election Supervisor in connection with any City Election held pursuant to this Agreement. The City shall make payment of such reimbursements to the County within thirty (30) days of receipt of any invoice for reimbursement from the County. If a second election is required, such election will constitute a City Election under this Agreement and shall be conducted in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

5.3 It is the intent of the parties to be covered under the auspices of any applicable immunity granted by law.

5.4 Should it be necessary to comply with legal requirements that any of the County's personnel shall be sworn in as a temporary officer or employee of the City, such formality shall be observed without limitation.

ARTICLE 6 EMPLOYMENT STATUS

6.1 All County personnel assigned under this Agreement are and will continue to be employees of the County for all purposes, including, but not limited to: duties and responsibilities, employee benefits, grievance, payroll, pension, promotion, annual or sick leave, standards of performance, training, workers compensation and disciplinary functions.

6.2 All County personnel assigned under this Agreement are and will continue to be part of the DeKalb County Voter Registrations and Elections and under the supervision of the Elections Supervisor.

6.3 All City personnel assigned under this Agreement are and will continue to be employees of the City.

ARTICLE 7 RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING

7.1 The County Voter Registrations and Elections Department is the central repository for all departmental records and makes available public records as defined and required by the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70, *et seq.*, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-51 and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-72, now and as they may be amended hereafter. During the term of this Agreement, the County will continue to comply with the applicable provisions of the Georgia Open Records Act and the Georgia Election Code.

7.2 Except as limited by any provision of state or federal law, the City may request, review and access data and County records at a mutually agreed upon time to ensure compliance with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 TERMINATION AND REMEDIES

Either party may unilaterally terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason whatsoever by notice in writing to the other party delivered at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the effective date of the termination.

ARTICLE 9 NOTICES

All required notices shall be given by certified first class U.S. Mail, return receipt requested. The parties agree to give each other non-binding duplicate facsimile notice. Future changes in address shall be effective upon written notice being given by the City to the County Elections Supervisor or by the County to the City Manager via certified first class U.S. mail, return receipt requested. Notices shall be addressed to the parties at the following addresses:

If to the County: Director, DeKalb County Registrations and Elections
 4380 Memorial Drive, Ste. 300
 Decatur, Georgia 30032
 (404) 298-4038 (facsimile)

With a copy to: County Attorney
 1300 Commerce Drive, 5th Floor
 Decatur, Georgia 30030
 (404) 371-3024 (facsimile)

If to the City: City Manager
 City of Stonecrest
 3120 Stonecrest Blvd.
 Stonecrest, Georgia 30038
 (470) 299-4214 (facsimile)

With a copy to: City Attorney
 City of Stonecrest
 3120 Stonecrest Blvd.
 Stonecrest, Georgia 30038
 (470) 299-4214 (facsimile)

With a copy to: Thompson Kurrie, Jr.
 City Attorney
 City of Stonecrest
 3475 Lenox Road, NE, Ste. 400
 Atlanta, Georgia 30326
 (770) 689-9729 (facsimile)

ARTICLE 10 NON-ASSIGNABILITY

Neither party shall assign any of the obligations or benefits of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The parties acknowledge, one to the other, that the terms of this Agreement constitute the entire understanding and Agreement of the parties regarding the subject matter of the Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements or understandings. No representation oral or written not incorporated in this Agreement shall be binding upon the City or the County. All parties must sign any subsequent changes in the Agreement.

ARTICLE 12 SEVERABILITY, VENUE AND ENFORCEABILITY

If a court of competent jurisdiction renders any provision of this Agreement (or portion of a provision) to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, that provision or portion of the provision will be severed and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect as if the invalid provision or portion of the provision were not part of this Agreement. No action taken pursuant to this Agreement should be deemed to constitute a waiver of compliance with any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement and will not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the state of Georgia without regard to conflicts of law principles thereof. Should any party institute suit concerning this Agreement, venue shall be in

the Superior Court of DeKalb County, Georgia. Should any provision of this Agreement require judicial interpretation, it is agreed that the court interpreting or construing the same shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against one party by reason of the rule of construction that a document is to be construed more strictly against the party who itself or through its agent prepared the same, it being agreed that the agents of all parties have participated in the preparation hereof.

**ARTICLE 13
BINDING EFFECT**

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the respective parties' successors.

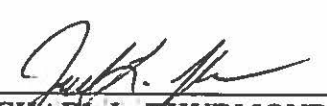
**ARTICLE 14
COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

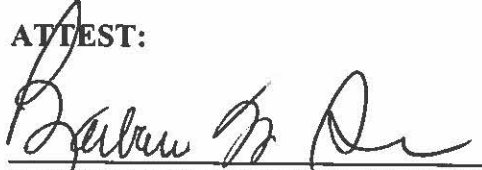
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and County have executed this Agreement through their duly authorized officers on the day and year first above written.

DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA


by Dir (SEAL)
MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:


BARBARA H. SANDERS, CCC, CMC
Clerk of the Chief Executive Officer
and Board of Commissioners of
DeKalb County, Georgia

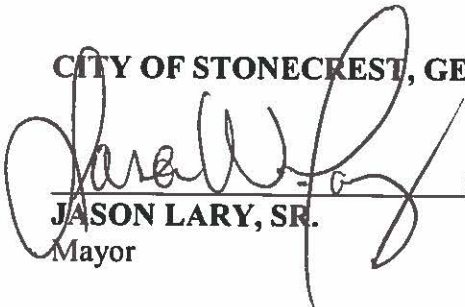
APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:


ERICA HAMILTON
Director / Supervisor
DeKalb County Board of
Registrations and Elections

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MARIAN C. ADEIMY
Assistant County Attorney

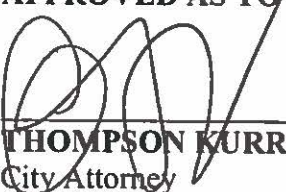
CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA


(SEAL)
JASON LARY, SR.
Mayor

ATTEST:


BRENDA JAMES
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:


THOMPSON KURRIE, JR.
City Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

As per the Agreement executed on October 15, 2018, THE CITY OF STONECREST hereby requests that DeKalb County conduct its _____ Election on _____. The last day to register to vote in this election is _____. The absentee poll will be located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia, 30032.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)
Municipal Clerk

The DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections agrees to conduct the CITY OF STONECREST _____ Election on _____.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)
Elections Supervisor
DeKalb County Board of
Registrations and Elections