

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: October 17, 2022

Topic:

Approve Resolution No. 2022-49, a Resolution and Order of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, Approving the Hart Intercivic Verity Voting 2.5 System Equipment for Elections Held by the City of Tomball; and Providing for an Effective Date. This item is budgeted in FY 2022-23.

Background:

Upon City Council approval of the purchase of the Hart Intercivic Verity Voting 2.5 System for use in conducting the City of Tomball's elections, Tomball must officially adopt the election voting system.

The equipment has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State and the United States Election Assistance Commission, finding that the Verity Voting 2.5 system and its components:

1. Preserve the secrecy of the ballot;
2. Are suitable for the purpose for which they are intended;
3. Operate safely, efficiently, and accurately and comply with the voting system standards adopted by the Election Assistance Commission;
4. Are safe from fraudulent or unauthorized manipulation;
5. Permit voting on all offices and measures to be voted on at the election;
6. Prevent counting votes on offices and measures on which the voter is not entitled to vote;
7. Prevent counting votes by the same voter for more than one candidate for the same office or, in elections in which a voter is entitled to vote for more than one candidate for the same office, prevent counting votes for more than the number of candidates for whom the voter is entitled to vote;
8. Prevent counting a vote on the same office or measure more than once;
9. Permit write-in voting; and
10. Are capable of providing records from which the operation of the voting system may be audited.

Texas Election Code, Section 123.001 Adoption of Voting System Required, mandates that a political subdivision officially adopt its election voting system. Approval of Resolution No. 2022-48 will officially adopt the Hart Intercivic Verity Voting 2.5 System for use in and for City of Tomball elections and authorize the use of the System for early voting by personal appearance and voting on Election Day.

Origination: City Secretary

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2022-49, adopting the Verity Voting 2.5 System

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:

Doris Speer, City Secretary