

CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF NUECES

Pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 31.092, this Contract for Election Services is made by and between Nueces County Clerk Kara Sands, County Election Officer of Nueces County, Texas, hereinafter referred to as “Election Officer,” and City of Corpus Christi, hereinafter referred to as “the Entity,” located entirely or partially inside the boundaries of Nueces County. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements, and benefits to the entities, IT IS AGREED as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Entity enters into an agreement with the Election Officer to conduct its General Election on November 3, 2026, held for the purpose of the election of candidates and/or measures. The Election Officer agrees to conduct turnkey election services for the Entity, for the purpose of voting on the election of candidates and/or propositions.

Nueces County owns an electronic voting system, the Hart InterCivic Verity Duo Voting System (Version 2.5), which has been duly approved by the Texas Secretary of State pursuant to Texas Election Code Chapter 122 as amended and is compliant with the accessibility requirements for persons with disabilities set forth by Texas Election Code Section 61.012. The Entity hereby contracts to use the County’s electronic voting system in tandem with the County’s elections services, and to compensate the County for such use and other expenses connected with administering the election in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code.

The Entity agrees to appoint the County Election Officer to serve as the Entity Election Officer and the Early Voting Clerk as authorized by Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code.

I. DUTIES AND SERVICES OF ELECTION OFFICER

As the Entity Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk, the County Election Officer shall coordinate, supervise, and handle all aspects of administering the Election and Early Voting as provided in this agreement and Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, unless specifically stated otherwise in this agreement.

The County Election Officer may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies and performance of duties during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the Central Counting Station.

II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

The Entity shall be responsible for the preparation and publication of all required election orders, notices, and any other pertinent documents required by the Texas Election Code.

The Entity shall provide a list of candidates and/or measures showing the order and the exact manner in which the candidates are to appear on the official ballot in both English and Spanish.

The Entity is responsible for providing, proofing, and attesting to the accuracy of all ballot language and format information programmed by the County and/or vendor. This includes any information programmed for use with the audio feature of the equipment. The Entity must provide approval by signature in person.

III. VOTING

The Hart InterCivic Verity Duo equipment shall be employed at the election in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The number and location of vote centers for early voting and election day shall be determined by the County Election Officer from the list of established Nueces County vote centers established by vote of the Nueces County Commissioners Court. Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted exclusively on the Hart InterCivic Verity Duo voting system.

The County Election Officer will prepare the unofficial canvass reports that are necessary for compliance with Election Code Section 67.004 after all districts and precincts have been counted and will deliver a copy of these unofficial canvass reports to each political subdivision as soon as possible after all returns have been tabulated.

Each participating political subdivision shall be responsible for the official canvass of its respective election(s).

The County Election Officer will prepare the electronic precinct-by-precinct results report for uploading to the Secretary of State as required by Section 67.017 of the Election Code. The County Election Officer agrees to upload these reports for each political subdivision unless requested otherwise.

IV. ELECTION EXPENSES AND ALLOCATION COSTS

The Entity agrees to fully reimburse the County for all expenses incurred in the performance of this contract, plus a ten percent (10%) administrative fee. In the event that a joint election is held, each party will pay the costs associated with the entity's portion of the cost of administering the election. The County Election Officer will submit a detailed bill to participating Political Subdivision no later than 120 days after the Election.

V. RUNOFF ELECTION

The Entity shall have the option of extending the terms of this agreement through its Runoff Election, if applicable. In the event of such a runoff election, the terms of this agreement shall automatically extend unless the Entity notifies the County Election Officer in writing within three (3) business days of the original election.

Each participating political subdivision shall reserve the right to reduce the number of early voting locations and/or election day voting locations in a runoff election.

VI. RECOUNTS

By approval and execution of this agreement, the presiding officer of the contracting political subdivision agrees that any recount shall take place at the Office of the County Clerk, and that the County Clerk shall serve as the Recount Supervisor.

VII. RECORDS OF THE ELECTION

The County Election Officer is hereby appointed General Custodian of the voted ballots and all records of the November 3, 2026, Election as authorized by the Texas Election Code. Records of the election shall be retained and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Texas Election Code Section 66.058.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

It is understood that the County may hold a joint election with other political subdivisions, and the County Election Officer may enter into contracts for election services with other political subdivisions.

The participating parties shall share a mutual ballot in those precincts where jurisdictions overlap. However, in no instance shall a voter be permitted to receive a ballot containing an office or proposition stating a measure on which the voter is ineligible to vote.

This agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Nueces County, Texas.

In the event that one or more of the provisions contained in this contract shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

All entities shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State of Texas, all local governments, and any other entities with local jurisdiction.

The County Clerk shall file copies of this document with the Nueces County Judge and the Nueces County Auditor in accordance with Section 31.099 of the Texas Election Code.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the entities hereto have executed this Contract on this _____ day of _____, 2026, with the effective date being the date of execution by the last signatory.

NUECES COUNTY

Kara Sands
Nueces County Clerk

Date

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

BY: _____
Peter Zanoni
City Manager

Date

Attest:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Approved as to form:

Lisa Aguilar
Assistant City Attorney
For City Attorney