

**RESOLUTION NO. 131-2022**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH TAYLOR COUNTY FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has ordered a special election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the special election is for the purpose of a citizen initiative to make Abilene a sanctuary city for the unborn, charter amendments, and potentially a bond election; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Abilene City Council to continue contractual services with Taylor County for the administration of its general election as done in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor County has been approved by the Secretary of State to utilize countywide polling places, which serves as a further convenience to City of Abilene qualified voters to vote at any of the authorized locations for both election day and early voting; and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor County shall be responsible for the appointment of the presiding judge and alternate judge for each polling location in accordance with Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code and may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the election; and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor County may appoint other deputy early voting clerks to assist in the conduct of early voting as necessary pursuant to Section 83.052 of the Texas Election Code for the proper administration of the election; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Taylor County, approved as to form by the City Attorney, for a special election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to be administered by the Taylor County Elections Administrator in accordance with Subchapter D of Chapter 31 and Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.


That the contract will provide that the Elections Administrator is to perform or supervise the performance of any or all of the corresponding duties and functions for the election as required under the terms of the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as indicated below.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Abilene on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

ATTEST:

  
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CITY SECRETARY

  
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MAYOR *Pro Tem*

APPROVED:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

