

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES FOR THE MAY 1, 2021 JOINT GENERAL, SPECIAL AND CHARTER ELECTIONS WITH THE BEXAR COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$615,718.39.

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WHEREAS, on February 11, 2021, by Ordinance No. 2021-02-11-0087, the City of San Antonio ordered an election for Saturday, May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and City Council members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through Ordinance 2021-02-11-0088, next ordered a Charter amendment election to allow the City to issue bonds for permanent public improvements or any other public purposes including affordable housing projects; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 2021-02-11-0089, the City Council also ordered a special election for the voters to consider a proposition to repeal the adoption of Local Government Code Chapter 174, that provides for collective bargaining for the City of San Antonio police officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has historically contracted with the Bexar County Elections Administrator to conduct its municipal elections jointly with other political subdivisions within the county and provide services including, but not limited to:

- a) Procuring and distributing election supplies, to include the printing and distribution of ballots for mail balloting;
- b) Copying the ordinances ordering the General, Special and Charter amendment elections, and providing copies in English and Spanish at all early voting and election day polling places;
- c) Hiring, training, and paying Election Judges, Clerks, and other election personnel, including security;
- d) Securing early voting and election day polling sites;
- e) Programming Election equipment to be utilized during early voting and election day;
- f) Transporting Election equipment to each polling site;
- g) Conducting early voting, in person, and by mail;
- h) Conducting election day voting; and
- i) Tabulating election returns

WHEREAS, participation in a Joint Election with other political subdivisions, authorized by Section 271.002(a) of the Texas Election Code, allows the entities to share common expenses for voting machines, election facilities, and poll workers, reducing the cost of the election for each political subdivision, and provides greater convenience to voters to participate in the elections of multiple political subdivisions at one polling place on one single ballot; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to authorize a contract in accordance with Section 31.092 of the Texas Election Code, whereby the Bexar County Elections Administrator will provide election services to the City in connection with the Saturday, May 1, 2021 General, Special, and Charter Elections; **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a contract with Bexar County through the Bexar County Elections Administrator for conducting the Saturday, May 1, 2021 General, Special, and Charter Elections authorized by Sections 31.092 and 271.002(a) of the Texas Election Code. A copy of the contract for election services, is attached and incorporated as **Attachment 1**; the Joint Election Agreement is attached as **Attachment 2**; the list of early voting polling places will be attached as **Attachment 3**; and the list of election day precincts and polling places will be attached as **Attachment 4**, upon receipt. The list of locations for early voting and election day may be updated by the Administrator on its website at: <https://www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department>.

SECTION 2. Funding in the amount of \$615,718.39 for these elections is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 2701010001 and General Ledger set forth in the table below, as part of the Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Elections Budget.

Amount	General Ledger	Cost Center	Fund
\$523,141.70	5201030	2701010001	11001000
\$21,895.00	5203060	2701010001	11001000
\$5,191.00	5205010	2701010001	11001000
\$35,046.50	5203040	2701010001	11001000
\$30,444.20	5205050	2701010001	11001000
TOTAL \$615,718.39			

SECTION 3. Payment not to exceed the budgeted amount is authorized to Bexar County Elections Office for election services in connection with the Saturday, May 1, 2021 General, Special and Charter Elections and should be encumbered with a purchase order. Bexar County shall refund to the City any and all City of San Antonio funds remaining after the payment of all election costs.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The Bexar County Elections Administrator shall provide copies of the ordinances ordering the General, Special and Charter amendment election at each early voting and election day voting site.

SECTION 6. The Bexar County Elections Administrator is authorized to appoint election officials to serve as judges and clerks for early voting and election day, members of the Early Voting Ballot Board, Signature Verification Committee and Central Counting Station, in connection with the elections.

SECTION 7. The City of San Antonio will canvass the City's election returns on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

SECTION 8. This ordinance is effective immediately, upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise, the effective date is ten days from the date of passage.

***PASSED AND APPROVED** this 1st day of April 2021.*

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tina J. Flores, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney