

2007 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AGREEMENT  
City of Rapid City and Pennington County

This agreement is entered into between the City of Rapid City, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and Pennington County, hereinafter referred to as the "County", both governmental subdivisions of the State of South Dakota, for the purpose of conducting the 2007 municipal elections.

The Common Council of the City approved the conducting of the municipal elections by the County Auditor's Office at its regular meeting on May 21, 2007. Said elections in those precincts for the areas of the City of Rapid City located in Pennington County. The City authorizes the staff of the County Auditor's Office to handle and tabulate the City's ballots in those precincts and to forward the returns to the Finance Officer of the City, or his designee.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This agreement shall become effective on the date that all parties have signed the agreement.

**PURPOSE:** It is the purpose of this agreement for the County Auditor's Office to conduct the municipal elections. The election will be held on June 5, 2007, with a run-off election scheduled for June 26, 2007, if needed.

**COST SHARING:** The City shall pay the costs of the municipal elections as set forth herein or a minimum of \$100, whichever is more:

The City shall initiate, publish and pay for its own required notices. SDCL 9-13-6 or 9-13-40 & 5:02:04:06; 13-7-5 & 5:02:04:14 and/or 13-7-10.2.

The County shall initiate and publish the following required notices: Notice of Voter Registration Deadline; Notice of Election; Notice of Testing of Automated Voting Equipment; Publication of Sample Ballot.

The County shall layout the ballot from the information provided by the City. The City shall provide a Certificate of Ballot certifying races and language to be placed on the ballot.

The City agrees to reimburse the County for the costs of ballot stock, printing, programming, absentee costs, rent, publications, postage, precinct boards, supplies and temporary/full time staff.

**ABSENTEE/EARLY BALLOTS:** Absentee/Early Ballots shall be available at the Office of the County Auditor for voters in the precincts in Pennington County who wish to vote absentee or early. Absentee costs including postage and forms will be assessed on a cost per absentee voter per district basis.

RUN-OFF ELECTION AND/OR RECOUNT: All costs for a run-off election will be borne fully by the entity requiring a run-off and will include Auditor's and staff wages. All costs for a recount will be borne fully by the entity requiring a recount and will include Auditor's and staff wages.

RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION: Pennington County shall maintain official election records as required for municipal elections as per required by State of SD Records Retention and Destruction Schedule.

CANVASSING OF THE VOTE: The County shall forward copies of the precinct-by-precinct Unofficial Returns the day after the Election. The City shall perform its own official canvass. Provisional ballots are not evaluated, finalized or counted until the day the Provisional Ballot Counting Board meets which is scheduled for June 6, 2007 and June 27, 2007 (for the run-off election).

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

(SEAL)

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Julie A. Pearson, Auditor  
Pennington County

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2007 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

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Jim Shaw, Mayor  
City of Rapid City

ATTEST:

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James F. Preston, Finance Director  
City of Rapid City

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