

COMBINED 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 a combined election as provided under the provisions of SDCL 13-7-10.3 and 12-2-5.

The Rapid City Council approved combining the city election with the County Primary/Special Congressional election at its regular meeting on _____ . Both entities have discussed a combined election and are in agreement to hold such an election, with the Pennington County Auditor's Office conducting said election 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 ballots in those wards and precincts and to forward a copy of the returns to the City of Rapid City Finance Officer.

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 parties to conduct their individually required elections in one combined election. The combined election will be held on June 1, 2004, which is the date of the regular County Primary/Special Congressional Election. Elections are being combined in an effort to save tax dollars on the cost of individually conducted elections and to encourage a better voter turnout.

COST SHARING: The parties to this agreement shall share the costs of the combined election as set forth herein:

The City shall initiate, publish and pay for its own required notices.

The County shall initiate and publish the following required combined notices: Notice of Voter Registration Deadline; Notice of Combined Election; Notice of Testing of Automated Voting Equipment; Publication of Sample Ballot. This cost is shared among all combined entities involved.

The County shall layout the ballot form from the information provided by the City. The City shall approve of the ballot proof before actual printing.

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

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee Ballots shall be available at the Office of the County Auditor for voters in the precincts in Pennington County who wish to vote absentee.

RUN-OFF ELECTION AND/OR RECOUNT: All costs for a run-off election will be borne fully by the entity requiring a run-off. All costs for a recount will be borne fully by the entity requiring a recount.

RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION: Pennington County shall maintain official election records as required for federal elections for 22 months.

CANVASSING OF THE VOTE: The County shall forward copies of the precinct-by-precinct Unofficial Returns via Fax on the night of the election to the Rapid City Finance Officer at (605) 394-2232. The County shall perform the Official Canvass of the combined election returns.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2004 in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

(SEAL)

Julie A. Pearson, Auditor
Pennington County

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2004 in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

ATTEST:

Jim Shaw, Mayor

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(SEAL)

City of Rapid City