

COMBINED ELECTION AGREEMENT
City of Rapid City and Pennington County

This agreement is entered into between 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 City of Rapid City approved combining their City election with the Pennington County Primary Election at its regular meeting on ____ / ____ / _____. Both entities are in agreement to hold a combined 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 precincts and to forward the returns to the 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 3, 2008*, which is the date of the Pennington County Primary Election.

COST SHARING: The parties to this agreement shall share the costs of the combined election as set forth herein or a minimum of \$100, which ever 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 Combined Election; Notice of Testing of Automated Voting Equipment; Publication of Sample Ballot. This cost is shared among all combined entities.

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 on a cost-share basis 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 federal elections for 22 months.

CANVASSING OF THE VOTE: The County shall forward copies of the precinct-by-precinct Unofficial Returns the day after the Election. Unofficial Returns will be available the night of the election on our website at www.votepeennco.com. Each entity shall perform it's own official canvass. Provisional ballots are not evaluated, finalized or counted until the day the Provisional Ballot Counting Board meets which is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2008.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2008 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

(SEAL)

Julie A. Pearson, Auditor
Pennington County

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2008 in _____, South Dakota.

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