# INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION COORDINATION

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION COORDINATION (this "Agreement"), dated for reference purposes only this 4th day of June, 2025, is by and between the CLERK AND RECORDER FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF COLORADO ("County Clerk") and the CITY OF LITTLETON (the "Jurisdiction," and together with the County Clerk, the "Parties.")

#### RECITALS

- A. The County Clerk and the Jurisdiction are authorized to conduct elections under Colorado law;
- B. The Parties wish to coordinate the administration of their respective election matters at the upcoming election to be held on November 4, 2025 (the "Election"); and
- C. This Agreement sets forth the Parties' respective duties and responsibilities in connection with the preparation for, and conduct of, the Election.

#### **AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions.</u> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth below:
  - a. "Applicable Law" means all law applicable to the Election, including, without limitation, the Colorado Constitution, the Uniform Election Code (as defined below), UOCAVA (as defined below) and the Rules (as defined below).
  - b. "Ballot Box" means a locked and secured container meeting the requirements of Applicable Law in which ballots may be deposited.
  - c. "Ballot Issue" shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in C.R.S. § 1-1-104(2.3).
  - d. "Ballot Issue Notice" shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in C.R.S. § 1-1-104(2.5).
  - e. "Ballot Measure" means any Ballot Issue or Ballot Question.
  - f. "Ballot Question" shall the meaning ascribed to that term in C.R.S. § 1-1-104(2.7).
  - g. "DEO" means Designated Election Official, the person designated by the Jurisdiction as the person who is responsible for the conduct of the Jurisdiction's election in accordance with C.R.S. § 1-1-104(8).
  - h. "Election Audit" means a risk-limiting audit performed in accordance with the requirements of C.R.S. § 1-7-515.
  - i. "Election Canvass" means the process of reconciling the ballots cast in the Election to the ballots counted, which is performed in accordance with the requirements of C.R.S. § 1-10-101, et seq.

- j. "Precinct" means an area with established boundaries within the Jurisdiction used to establish election districts.
- k. "Rules" means the current rules and regulations governing election procedures adopted by the Colorado Secretary of State, including any amendments adopted after execution of this Agreement.
- 1. "Shared Election Costs" means all costs incurred by the County Clerk in connection with the Election that are eligible to be shared between the County Clerk and the Jurisdiction. Shared Election Costs include, without limitation, costs incurred by the County related to temporary election staff (such as election judges), including training and onboarding costs, regular County Clerk employee overtime costs related to the Election, the cost of printing ballots, costs for non-routine support, maintenance, handling and delivery of Election equipment, hardware and software, the cost of preparing minority language sample ballots and TABOR Books, costs of Election forms, materials, supplies and postage, VSPC rental and setup costs, and costs of Election Day meals.
- m. "TABOR Book" means a booklet containing Ballot Issue Notices prepared and mailed to eligible voters in accordance with Applicable Law and the terms of this Agreement.
- n. "Uniform Election Code" means Articles 1 to 13 of Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.
- o. "UOCAVA" means the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301, et seq., as incorporated in Colorado pursuant to C.R.S. 1-8.3-101, et seq.
- **2.** <u>Term.</u> The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date it is validly executed by both Parties and shall continue until all obligations of both Parties under the Agreement have been completed.
- 3. <u>Designation of Coordinated Election Official</u>. The Parties agree that the County Clerk shall serve as the "Coordinated Election Official" for the Election. As the Coordinated Election Official, the County Clerk shall conduct the Election on behalf of the Jurisdiction and shall be responsible for performing such duties as are assigned to a Coordinated Election Official under Applicable Law, except to the extent specifically modified herein.

#### 4. Designation of Liaisons.

a. Each Party designates the individuals listed below as its liaison and alternate liaison hereunder.

County Clerk Liaison

Cynthia Rasor

Jefferson County Elections Division 3500 Illinois Street, Suite 1100

Golden, CO 80401

Direct Phone: (303) 271-8115 Office Phone: (303) 271-8111 Email: logistics@jeffco.us Alternate County Clerk Liaison

Geneice Murphy

Jefferson County Elections Division 3500 Illinois Street, Suite 1100

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Office Phone: (303) 271-8111 Email: gmurphy@jeffco.us Jurisdiction Liaison (DEO)

Alternate Jurisdiction Liaison

Name

Name

Title/Office

Title/Office

Address

Address

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

Direct Phone Number

Direct Phone Number

Office Phone Number

Office Phone Number

Email

Email

- b. The County Clerk Liaison shall act as the County Clerk's primary liaison with the Jurisdiction for the Election and shall have primary responsibility for performance of the County Clerk's obligations hereunder. In the event the Jurisdiction needs immediate assistance and the Election Liaison is unavailable, the Jurisdiction shall contact the Alternate County Clerk Liaison.
- c. The Jurisdiction Liaison shall act as the Jurisdiction's primary liaison with the County Clerk for the Election and shall have primary responsibility for the performance of the Jurisdiction's obligations hereunder. In the event the County Clerk needs immediate assistance and the Jurisdiction Liaison is unavailable, the County Clerk shall contact the Alternate Jurisdiction Liaison. The Jurisdiction Liaison can be updated by notice to the County Clerk.
- 5. <u>Notices.</u> Except as otherwise provided herein, all correspondence and notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be delivered to the Parties' respective liaisons identified above at the addresses listed above and shall be deemed received: (1) three days after the notice or correspondence is mailed by first class, certified mail; (2) immediately upon hand delivery; or (3) upon confirmation of receipt of email transmission.
- **Mail Ballot Election.** The Election shall be held on November 4, 2025 ("Election Day") and shall be conducted as a mail ballot election in accordance with the procedures of the Mail Ballot Election Act, C.R.S. § 1-7.5-101, et seq.

# 7. Jurisdictional Limitation.

- a. If the Jurisdiction encompasses territory outside of Jefferson County, Colorado, this Agreement shall be construed to apply only to that portion of the Jurisdiction that falls within Jefferson County.
- b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Jurisdiction encompasses territory outside of Jefferson County, the County Clerk will coordinate with the designated election official(s) of such other territories for the purpose of assigning ballot numbers/letters, certifying TABOR Book content, and other matters appropriate under Applicable Law, in accordance with the Rules governing "controlling counties."
- **8.** No Use of Instant Runoff Voting. The Jurisdiction has not provided notice to the County Clerk that any of the Jurisdiction's races or contests will use instant runoff voting pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-7-118. Accordingly, instant runoff voting will not be used for any of the Jurisdiction's races or contests.
- **9.** Responsibilities of the Parties. The Jurisdiction and County Clerk shall perform the following responsibilities in connection with the preparation for, and conduct of, the Election, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and Applicable Law:
  - a. <u>Execution and Documentation of Authority.</u> On or before 12:00 pm on August 26, 2025, the Jurisdiction shall email the County Clerk (<u>logistics@jeffco.us</u>):
    - i. a PDF of this Agreement validly executed by the Jurisdiction; and
    - ii. a copy of a duly-passed resolution stating that the Jurisdiction will coordinate with the County Clerk in the Election in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and Applicable Law and authorizing the Jurisdiction to enter into this Agreement.

# b. <u>Maps and Legal Descriptions.</u>

i. If there were any changes to the boundaries of the Jurisdiction since January 1, 2025, the Jurisdiction shall provide the County Clerk with the Jurisdiction's current shapefiles (point-to-point geometry using points, lines and area features to define the Jurisdiction's boundaries) or updated address library files, including each Precinct, district/ward and the voting jurisdiction. promptly upon execution of this Agreement, but no later than August 18, 2025.

# c. <u>Election Preparation and Support</u>

- i. VSPCs. The County Clerk shall establish, staff, equip and operate all Voter Service Polling Centers.
- ii. Election Judges. The County Clerk shall engage, train and coordinate the scheduling of all election judges.
- iii. Equipment and Supplies. The County Clerk shall obtain all necessary equipment and supplies to conduct the Election, including all voting equipment, ballots and forms.
- iv. Ballot Boxes. The County Clerk shall establish, maintain, and collect ballots from all Ballot Boxes.

- 1) The Jurisdiction shall not take any action that would prevent voters from accessing any Ballot Box twenty-four hours per day during the period beginning October 10, 2025 through and including Election Day.
- v. Ballot Counting Process. The County Clerk shall (1) establish, staff, equip and operate a centralized ballot counting location for the Election, (2) establish ballot counting procedures for the Election; and (3) establish backup ballot counting procedures and sites for ballot counting in the event its ballot counting equipment fails during the Election.
- vi. Voter Support. The County Clerk shall provide telephone and in-person support to voters during the in-person voting period and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- vii. Election Notices. The County Clerk shall publish all Election notices required by Applicable Law.
  - 1) The Jurisdiction shall not publish any notice related to the Election without first obtaining the approval of the County Clerk. To request approval to publish a notice the Jurisdiction shall provide the County Clerk with all relevant information related to the proposed publication, including a copy of the proposed notice, at least one (1) week prior to the Jurisdiction's deadline for submitting the proposed notice to the publisher. The Jurisdiction shall bear full responsibility for any Election notices published without the County Clerk's approval and shall comply with all instructions issued by the County Clerk to remedy any incorrect or improper notices.
- d. <u>Logic and Accuracy Test</u>. The County Clerk shall prepare for and conduct the Logic and Accuracy Test ("LAT").
  - 1) The County Clerk will notify the Jurisdiction of the date and time of the LAT, once it has been scheduled, and request confirmation as to whether the Jurisdiction intends to attend the LAT. If the Jurisdiction wishes to attend and witness the LAT, the Jurisdiction Liaison must submit the name of the Jurisdiction's attendee in writing to the County Clerk within seventy-two (72) hours of its receipt of the above-described notice. If the Jurisdiction fails to meet this deadline, the County Clerk shall deem the failure to be a decision by the Jurisdiction not to witness the LAT and will act on behalf of the Jurisdiction, as appropriate.
- e. <u>Property Owner Lists.</u> If the Jurisdiction is a Special District or allows property owners to vote regarding the Jurisdiction's Ballot Measures or candidates, the procedures and deadlines in Exhibit B of this Agreement detail the Jurisdiction's additional responsibilities with regard to the Election.
- f. <u>Candidate Voice Messages</u>. The Jurisdiction shall inform any candidates running for office in the Jurisdiction to call the County Clerk at (303) 271-8115 between August 29, 2025 and 12:00 p.m. on September 5, 2025 and leave a message containing the following information:
  - i. The proper pronunciation of the candidate's name;

- ii. The title of the office that the candidate is running for; and
- iii. The name of the Jurisdiction that the office is part of.
- g. <u>Certification of Jurisdiction Ballot Measures</u>. The Jurisdiction shall be responsible for certifying, and for taking all actions required by Applicable Law to certify, any Ballot Measures included on the Jurisdiction's ballot certification (including both Ballot Measures referred by the Jurisdiction itself and citizen-initiated Ballot Measures affecting the Jurisdiction).

## h. Ballot Preparation

- i. No later than 12:00 p.m. on September 5, 2025, the Jurisdiction shall electronically submit its ballot certification to the County Clerk via text document (preferably Microsoft Word no PDF). If the Jurisdiction fails to submit the ballot certification by the above deadline, the ballot certification may not be accepted by the County Clerk.
  - 1) The Jurisdiction shall submit its ballot certification using the ballot certification template provided by the County Clerk.
  - 2) The Jurisdiction's ballot certification shall include all of the races, candidates and contests that will be presented to the Jurisdiction's voters in the Election, including the text of all Ballot Measures, in the exact order that they need to appear on the ballot.
  - The ballot certification shall not be embedded in an email and shall not contain any extraordinary (unique) formatting. Examples of extraordinary (unique) formatting not permitted in the ballot certification include, but are not limited to: (a) text boxes; (b) charts; (c) spreadsheets; (d) strikeouts; (e) bolding; and (f) symbols.
  - 4) The Jurisdiction shall proofread the language of any Ballot Measures that appear in the ballot certification prior to sending it to the County Clerk for initial text lay out. The Jurisdiction shall be solely responsible for ensuring the legality and accuracy of all Ballot Measure language.
  - 5) The Jurisdiction shall ensure the correct spelling of the name of each candidate running for Jurisdiction office, if applicable.
  - 6) The Jurisdiction shall not assign a ballot number to any Ballot Measure. The County Clerk shall determine the numbering of all Ballot Measures in accordance with Applicable Law and will provide the Jurisdiction with the ballot number after ballot certification.
- ii. Upon receipt of the ballot certification from the Jurisdiction, the County Clerk will:
  - 1) Consolidate the ballot certification content received from all Jurisdictions and organize it into the structure in which it will appear on the printed ballot(s);
  - 2) Determine the numbering of all Ballot Measures; and

- 3) Provide a document containing the Jurisdiction's final draft ballot printing layout and text to the Jurisdiction, with instructions to perform a final review and provide final approval by a date set forth in the instructions.
- 4) The County Clerk reserves the right to change the content of the Jurisdiction's ballot certification (other than candidate name/ballot question content) in order to ensure ballot consistency.
- iii. Upon receipt of the final draft ballot layout from the County Clerk, the Jurisdiction Liaison or Alternate Jurisdiction Liaison shall be available to perform a final review and proofread of the ballot layout and provide final approval to the County Clerk by the deadline included in the instructions sent to the Jurisdiction. Once approved, the ballot layout cannot be changed.
- iv. Between October 10, 2025 and October 17, 2025, the County Clerk shall print and mail ballots to each active eligible Jefferson County voter, together with voter instructions, outgoing envelope, return envelope and any other items required by Applicable Law.
- v. From October 14, 2025 through the 8-day mailing cutoff, the County Clerk shall mail supplemental ballots to eligible Jefferson County voters who were not included in the initial mailing.

## i. Preparation of Spanish Language Ballot

- In accordance with Applicable Law, the County Clerk will prepare an in-person Spanish language ballot containing all of the same content that is on the English language ballot and make the Spanish language ballot accessible to Jefferson County voters on the County Clerk's public website, at Voter Service Polling Centers, and at such other locations as the County Clerk determines. The County Clerk reserves the right to determine whether the in-person Spanish language ballot is made available to voters in printed or electronic form.
- ii. The Jurisdiction shall be responsible for preparing a Spanish language translation of the title and text of all Ballot Measures included on the Jurisdiction's ballot certification (including both Ballot Measures referred by the Jurisdiction itself and citizen-initiated Ballot Measures affecting the Jurisdiction) and all Jurisdiction offices on the ballot.
  - 1) The Jurisdiction's Spanish language ballot translation shall be prepared in accordance with Applicable Law including, without limitation, all applicable requirements of the Ballot Access for All Citizens Act, C.R.S. §§ 1-5-901 et seq., and the Secretary of State's rules promulgated thereunder. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Jurisdiction (a) shall have the Spanish language ballot translation prepared by a "qualified translator or interpreter," as that term is defined in C.R.S. § 1-5-903(4) and Secretary of State Rule 4.8.9; and (b) shall provide a Spanish language ballot translation that is linguistically accurate, culturally appropriate, and technically consistent with the original documents.
- iii. No later than 12:00 pm on September 5, 2025, the Jurisdiction shall electronically submit its Spanish language ballot translation to the County Clerk via text document (preferably Microsoft Word no PDF).

- 1) The Jurisdiction's Spanish language ballot translation shall include the text of all Jurisdiction offices and Ballot Measures on the Jurisdiction's ballot certification, in the exact order that they will appear on the ballot (matching order of the English language ballot certification submitted at the same time).
- iv. The County Clerk shall be responsible for providing Spanish language translations of all voter instructions and voter information in the TABOR Book, and other ballot content not required to be provided by the Jurisdiction or other participating jurisdictions. The Jurisdiction agrees to release the County Clerk from all claims it may have relating to the County Clerk's translation of such content (including, without limitation, all claims relating to the accuracy of the translation) provided that the County Clerk (a) has had the translation performed by a qualified translator or interpreter; and (b) otherwise complies with Applicable Law. The County Clerk is under no obligation to re-translate voter instructions, section headers, or voter information that has not changed from prior years.

# j. <u>Ballot Issue Notice Preparation</u>

- i. On or before 12:00 p.m. on September 22, 2025, the Jurisdiction shall provide the County Clerk with the full text of the Ballot Issue Notice covering all of the Jurisdiction's Ballot Issue(s). The Ballot Issue Notice shall include all information required by Applicable Law, including without limitation the following:
  - 1) The name of the Jurisdiction;
  - 2) The identity and contact information of the Jurisdiction contact person;
  - 3) The text of each Ballot Issue in the form finally certified and accepted by the County Clerk;
  - 4) All other required Ballot Issue language, including but not limited to:
    - a) A fiscal impact statement, if required; and
    - b) Summaries of all comments for and against each Ballot Issue validly received by the Jurisdiction, or a statement that no comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.
      - i) The Jurisdiction shall be responsible for accepting, filing, summarizing and retaining comments concerning the Jurisdiction's Ballot Issues and shall ensure that all requirements of Applicable Law are complied with, including, without limitation, ensuring that all comments submitted to the Jurisdiction include a signature and a physical address where the signor is registered to vote.

#### ii. Delivery and Formatting Requirements

- 1) The Jurisdiction shall electronically deliver the Ballot Issue Notice to the County Clerk via text document (preferably Microsoft Word no PDF).
- 2) The Jurisdiction shall use the TABOR Ballot Issue Notice template provided by the County Clerk.
- 3) The text of the Ballot Issue shall be in all UPPERCASE.

- 4) All other text in the Ballot Issue Notice (including the identity and contact information of the Jurisdiction contact person, the fiscal impact statement, if required, and the summaries of comments for and against each Ballot Issue), shall be in upper and lower case.
- 5) The Ballot Issue Notice <u>shall not</u> be embedded in an email and <u>shall not</u> contain any extraordinary (unique) formatting.
  - a) Examples of extraordinary (unique) formatting <u>not</u> permitted in the Ballot Issue Notice includes, but are not limited to: (a) text boxes; (b) charts; (c) spreadsheets; (d) strikeouts; (e) bolding; and (f) symbols.
- 6) The Jurisdiction shall be solely responsible for ensuring the legality and accuracy of all Ballot Issue Notice language.
- iii. <u>TABOR Book Layout</u>. Upon receipt of the Ballot Issue Notice from the Jurisdiction, the County Clerk shall:
  - 1) Consolidate the Ballot Issue Notice content received from all Jurisdictions and organize it into the structure in which it will appear in the TABOR Book;
  - 2) Add a list of County VSPCs and Ballot Boxes, and any other information required by Applicable Law, to the TABOR Book; and
  - 3) Provide a final draft layout of the TABOR Book to the Jurisdiction with instructions to perform a final review of their portion of the TABOR Book and provide final approval by a date set forth in the instructions.
  - 4) The County Clerk reserves the right to change the content of the Jurisdiction's Ballot Issue Notice (other than the ballot question content) in order to ensure consistency.
- iv. Final Review and Proofread. On September 22, 2025, the Jurisdiction Liaison or Alternate Jurisdiction Liaison shall be available to perform a final review and proofread of the Jurisdiction's portion of the TABOR Book and provide final approval of such portion to the County Clerk by the deadline included in the instructions sent to the Jurisdiction. Upon completion of the Jurisdiction's review and proofread of their portion of the TABOR Book, the Jurisdiction Liaison or Alternate Jurisdiction Liaison shall send approval of its content via electronic transmission to the County Clerk. Once approved, Ballot Issue Notice text cannot be changed.
  - 1) The Jurisdiction shall have no more than 2 hours from the time the County Clerk sends the TABOR Book to perform the final review and proofread. If the Jurisdiction fails to meet this deadline, the County Clerk shall deem the failure to be a decision by the Jurisdiction to approve the Jurisdiction's portion of the TABOR book in the form transmitted by the County Clerk (including any modifications proposed by the County Clerk).
- v. <u>Printing and Mailing</u>. On or before October 3, 2025, the County Clerk shall print and mail the TABOR Book to each address in Jefferson County at which one or more active, registered Jefferson County voter resides.
  - 1) Nothing herein shall preclude the County Clerk from including ballot issue notices for more than one jurisdiction in the TABOR Book if doing so arises from the

- County Clerk's efforts to mail the TABOR Book at "least cost" and such mailing conforms with Applicable Law.
- vi. <u>TABOR Books for Non-Jefferson County Voters</u>. The Jurisdiction shall be solely responsible for preparing and mailing TABOR Books to voters who reside outside of Jefferson County.
  - 1) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County Clerk will make a PDF of the final TABOR Book available on its website, which the Jurisdiction may print and mail copies of to voters who reside outside of Jefferson County at its sole expense.
  - If the Jurisdiction wishes to print and mail extra TABOR Books for non-Jefferson County residents, the Jurisdiction shall be solely responsible for its acts or omissions in connection therewith.
  - 3) The County Clerk will not agree to prepare special TABOR Books for non-Jefferson County residents.

# k. <u>Ballot Counting / Result Reporting</u>

- i. The County Clerk shall process all ballots received during the Election voting period according to Applicable Law.
- ii. Between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and at approximately 9:00 p.m., on Election Day, the County Clerk shall upload unofficial Election results to the Election Night Reporting ("ENR") system (unless the Secretary of State waives or modifies these deadlines or the ENR system is offline or otherwise unavailable).
- iii. The County Clerk shall have the right, but not the obligation, to upload unofficial Election results to its public website on or after Election Day.
- iv. Upon completion of the Election Canvass no later than November 26, 2025, the County Clerk shall upload a Jurisdiction-wide summary of the official Election results to the ENR system.
- v. If there is not a recount affecting the County, the County Clerk shall upload the official Precinct or District-level Election results and Cast Vote Record to its public website and make these results available to the Jurisdiction upon request on December 5, 2025. If there is a recount affecting the County, the County Clerk shall upload the official Precinct or District-level results and Cast Vote Record to its public website and make these results available to the Jurisdiction upon request within three (3) business days following completion of the recount.
- 1. <u>Election Audit</u>. On or before November 25, 2025, the County Clerk, in collaboration with the Election audit board(s), shall conduct, assist and oversee the Election Audit.
  - i. The County Clerk will notify the Jurisdiction of the date and time of the Election audit, once it has been scheduled, and request confirmation as to whether the Jurisdiction intends to attend the audit. If the Jurisdiction wishes to attend and witness the audit, the Jurisdiction Liaison must submit the name of the Jurisdiction's attendee in writing to the County Clerk within seventy-two (72) hours of its receipt of the above-described notice. If the Jurisdiction fails to meet this deadline, the County Clerk shall deem the failure to be a decision by the Jurisdiction not to witness the Election audit and will act on behalf of the Jurisdiction, as appropriate.

- m. <u>Election Canvass</u>. On or before November 26, 2025, the County Clerk shall instruct and oversee the board of canvassers, who are responsible for conducting an Election Canvass and certifying the official abstract of votes cast for all candidates and Ballot Measures in the Election.
  - i. The County Clerk will notify the Jurisdiction of the date and time of the Election canvass, once it has been scheduled, and request confirmation as to whether the Jurisdiction intends to attend the canvass. If the Jurisdiction wishes to attend and witness the canvass, the Jurisdiction Liaison must submit the name of the Jurisdiction's attendee in writing to the County Clerk within seventy-two (72) hours of its receipt of the above-described notice. If the Jurisdiction fails to meet this deadline, the County Clerk shall deem the failure to be a decision by the Jurisdiction not to witness the Election canvass and will act on behalf of the Jurisdiction, as appropriate.
- n. <u>Election Recount</u>. The County Clerk shall conduct an Election recount, if required by Applicable Law. The County Clerk will coordinate additional logistics, cost allocation and information with the Jurisdiction if a recount is required for one of the Jurisdiction's contests, races, or ballot measures.
- 10. <u>Duties Subject to Jurisdiction Performance.</u> The responsibility of the County Clerk to perform the duties set forth above are contingent upon the Jurisdiction's performance of its own duties hereunder. The County Clerk shall not be responsible for failing to meet any deadlines for mailing the TABOR Book if such failure was caused by the Jurisdiction's failure to timely submit the required information in a form required by this Agreement and Applicable Law.
- 11. <u>Compliance with Deadlines.</u> The County Clerk is providing the Jurisdiction with a schedule of Election-related dates and deadlines in Exhibit C of this Agreement. The Jurisdiction shall comply with the deadlines included therein.

#### 12. Withdrawal/Cancellation

- a. The Jurisdiction may cancel an election of persons to office or withdraw a Ballot Measure only as permitted by Applicable Law.
- b. If the Jurisdiction resolves to cancel an election to office or withdraw a Ballot Measure, the Jurisdiction shall do the following:
  - i. Provide the County Clerk with written notice of such determination immediately;
  - Provide public notice by publication of such cancellation or withdrawal as required by Applicable Law; and
  - iii. Pay the County Clerk its actual costs incurred in connection with the cancelled election or withdrawn Ballot Measure, which may include costs incurred by the County Clerk both before and after receipt of the Jurisdiction's notice of cancellation or withdrawal. Such payment shall be due within thirty (30) days after the Jurisdiction's receipt of an invoice from the County Clerk for such payment.

- c. The Jurisdiction must provide written notice of a cancelled election or withdrawn Ballot Measure no later than 12:00 p.m. on September 5, 2025 in order to have such election or Ballot Measure removed from the ballot.
- 13. <u>Recordkeeping</u>. The County Clerk shall store all Election records, including but not limited to all voted and unvoted ballots, voter affidavits, and Election Canvass and results reports for the required record retention periods under federal and state law.
- 14. <u>Use and Confidentiality of Voter Records.</u> The Jurisdiction shall be responsible for ensuring that any voter records received by the Jurisdiction are used for the sole purpose of performing its duties described herein. The Jurisdiction shall ensure that all voter records are maintained in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Law, including, without limitation, the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. §§ 24-72-200.1, et seq.
- 15. Payment of Shared Election Costs. The Jurisdiction shall reimburse the County Clerk for the Jurisdiction's pro-rated share of the Shared Election Costs. The Jurisdiction's share of the Shared Election Costs shall be calculated in accordance with the formulas set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement. The Jurisdiction's payment of its share of the Shared Election Costs shall be due within thirty (30) days after the Jurisdiction's receipt of an invoice from the County Clerk for such payment.
- 16. Payment of Recount Costs. In the event of a required or requested Election recount, responsibility for the costs incurred by the County Clerk in connection with such recount shall be determined in accordance with C.R.S. §§ 1-10.5-101 and 1-10.5-106. If the Jurisdiction is responsible for any portion of such costs, those costs will be detailed and added to the invoice provided by the County Clerk for Shared Election Costs after the Election.

#### 17. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. <u>Amendment.</u> This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by the Parties.
- b. <u>Entire Agreement.</u> This Agreement and its exhibits constitute the entire agreement between the Parties as to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior or contemporaneous agreements, proposals, negotiations, understandings, representations and all other communications, both oral and written, between the Parties.
- c. <u>Liability</u>. The Parties understand and agree that liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising out of the acts or omissions of either party is controlled and limited by the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act (C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et seq.). Each party shall be responsible for any and all claims incurred as a result of any alleged act or omission of the said party and its employees, which occurred or is alleged to have occurred during the performance of their duties within the scope of their employment, except where such acts or omissions are willful and wonton.
- d. <u>Conflict with Law.</u> In the event that any provision in this Agreement conflicts with Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be modified to conform thereto.

- e. <u>Time of Essence</u>. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement. Any deadlines or other time limits set forth in Applicable Law shall apply to completion of the tasks required by this Agreement.
- f. <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. Enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and all rights of action relating to such enforcement shall be strictly reserved to the Parties, and nothing contained in this Agreement shall give or allow any such claim or right of action by any other person or entity not a party to this Agreement.
- g. <u>Further Assurances.</u> The Parties shall execute any other documents and to take any other action necessary to carry out the intent of this Agreement.
- h. Governing Law; Jurisdiction & Venue. This Agreement and the rights of the Parties under it will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Colorado, without regard to the conflicts of laws and rules of Colorado. The courts of the State of Colorado shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction of any disputes or litigation arising under this Agreement. Venue for any and all legal actions arising under this Agreement shall lie in the District Court in and for the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.
- i. <u>Headings.</u> The section headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or meaning of any provision of this Agreement.
- j. <u>Severability.</u> If any provision of this Agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed to be severable, and all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain fully enforceable, and this Agreement shall be interpreted in all respects as if such provision were omitted.
- k. <u>Immunities Preserved.</u> It is the intention of the Parties that this Agreement shall not be construed as a contractual waiver of any immunities or defenses provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunities Act, § 24-10-101, C.R.S., et seq.
- l. <u>Execution by Counterparts; Electronic Signatures.</u> This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties approve the use of electronic signatures for execution of this Agreement. All documents must be properly notarized, if applicable. All use of electronic signatures shall be governed by the Uniform Electronic Transactions Acts, C.R.S. §§ 24-71.3-101 to -121.

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The Parties hereto have signed this Agreement as of the date indicated below.

JURISDICTION:

By:
Name/Title:

Date:

JURISDICTION LEGAL COUNSEL – OPTIONAL

By:
Name/Title:

Date:

COUNTY CLERK:
CLERK AND RECORDER FOR THE
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON,
STATE OF COLORADO

By:
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#### **EXHIBIT A**

Shared Election Costs are divided into "General Election Costs" and "TABOR Election Costs." General Election Costs are parts of the Shared Election Costs common to the entire election and all jurisdictions participating, such as election judge salaries, mail ballot printing, mailing and postage costs, and vote center costs. General Election Costs are allocated among the County Clerk and all coordinating jurisdictions in accordance with Section I below. TABOR Election Costs include only the costs of printing and mailing TABOR Books and are only allocated among the County Clerk and those jurisdictions that have Ballot Issues subject to TABOR, in accordance with Section II below. If Jefferson County certifies ballot measures, the County shall be considered a coordinating jurisdiction for purposes of allocation of costs in the Exhibit in addition to costs allocated to the County Clerk in accordance with Sections I and II below.

Please note that the dollar amounts used in this Exhibit A are for illustration purposes only and do not reflect actual or estimated costs of the Election.

#### A) Allocation of General Election Costs

All General Election Costs are allocated among the Colorado Department of State, County Clerk and all coordinating jurisdictions so long as at least one state candidate or ballot measure is certified for the Election. Allocations will be calculated as follows:

- 1. First, the County Clerk determines the total General Election Costs incurred during the Election by completing the post-election reimbursement submission to the Colorado Department of State.
- 2. Next, the County Clerk will determine the local portion of the General Election Costs to be allocated between coordinating jurisdictions (the "Local Portion") pursuant to Applicable Law.
  - a. 45% of the "Total Reimbursable Election Expenses" from the Colorado Department of State submission will be allocated to the state and reimbursed by the Department of State pursuant to state statute.
  - b. 5% of the Total Reimbursable Election Expenses will be allocated to the County Clerk based on their statutory responsibilities.
  - c. The remaining 50% of the General Expenses is the Local Portion that is allocated between coordinating jurisdictions.
- 3. Next, the County Clerk ascertains (a) the number of active, registered voters plus the number of property owners sent a ballot in each coordinating jurisdiction for the Election; (b) the total number of all active registered voters (and property owners) from all coordinating jurisdictions in the Election and (c) the relative percentage of the total active, registered voters (and property owners) that each coordinating jurisdiction comprises, as of Election Day.
- 4. Finally, the County Clerk calculates each jurisdiction's share of the Local Portion of the General Election Costs by multiplying its percentage responsibility by the Local Portion.

## B) Allocation of TABOR Election Costs

# This section only applies to Jurisdictions with Ballot Issues subject to TABOR.

The costs incurred by County Clerk during the Election for printing and mailing TABOR Books (the "TABOR Election Costs") are allocated among the County Clerk and jurisdictions that have Ballot Issues subject to TABOR as follows:

1. The County Clerk charges a two-tiered per-page fee based on actual cost information from the most recent election's TABOR Book, with different fees for large and small coordinating jurisdictions. For the Election, the per-page fees are:

Small Jurisdictions	\$2,600 per page
(less than or equal to 10,000 active, registered	
voters as of Election Day)	
Large Jurisdictions	\$3,900 per page
(more than 10,000 active, registered voters as of	
Election Day)	

- 2. Each jurisdiction with a Ballot Issue is charged for the number of pages in the TABOR Book that contains information regarding that jurisdiction's Ballot Issues. The front and back covers, table of contents, and any pages containing voter information from the County Clerk's office will be counted as pages allocated to the County Clerk. Partial pages are included in the count for each jurisdiction the same as full pages.
- 3. The County Clerk calculates each jurisdiction's total share of the TABOR Election Costs by multiplying its number of pages in the TABOR Book by the per page fee appropriate for its jurisdiction size. If the total amount due from all jurisdictions exceeds the actual amount of the TABOR Election Costs incurred, the County Clerk will reduce the per-page fees proportionately. If the total amount due from all jurisdictions is lower than the actual charges, the County Clerk will be responsible for the remainder.

#### C) Calculation of Total Amount Due

The County calculates the total amount due from each coordinating jurisdiction by adding the Jurisdiction's share of the General Election Costs to the Jurisdiction's share of the TABOR Election costs (if the Jurisdiction had a Ballot Issue subject to TABOR). Each jurisdiction is assessed a minimum of \$1,000, so if this total is less than \$1,000, the jurisdiction would be assessed \$1,000.

#### **Example of calculation under Exhibit A**

STEP ONE: GENERAL COSTS

- (1) County Clerk's office completes the Colorado Department of State reimbursement submission that calculates costs for the Sample Election. The Total Reimbursable Election Expenses equal \$750,000.
- (2) Because the Election included State-certified ballot content, the statutory reimbursement from the state applies:
  - State Allocation  $(45\% \times $750,000) = $337,500$
  - County Clerk Allocation  $(5\% \times \$750,000) = \$37,500$
  - Local Portion  $(50\% \times \$750,000) = \$375,000$

(3) Four coordinating jurisdictions of different sizes are participating in this Sample Election. The active, registered voter and property owner counts for each and calculations of relative percentage of the total count for this Sample Election are as follows:

COORDINATING JURISDICTION	VOTER COUNT	PROPERTY OWNERS	TOTAL COUNT	RELATIVE PERCENTAGE
Civic School District	50,000	0	50,000	69.0%
Clerktown	2,000	500	2,500	3.4%
Ballot City	5,000	10	5,010	6.9%
Voterville	15,000	0	15,000	20.7%
TOTAL			72,510	100%

(4) The Clerk calculates each jurisdiction's share of the Local Portion of General Election Costs by multiplying their percentage against the total Local Portion amount of \$375,000:

COORDINATING JURISDICTION	RELATIVE PERCENTAGE	LOCAL PORTION	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
Civic School District	69.0%	\$375,000	\$258,750
Clerktown	3.4%	\$375,000	\$12,750
Ballot City	6.9%	\$375,000	\$25,875
Voterville	20.7%	\$375,000	\$77,625
TOTAL	100%		\$375,000

#### STEP TWO: TABOR ELECTION COSTS

Three of the four jurisdictions in the Sample Election had Ballot Issues with different numbers of pages of Ballot Issue Notice information submitted for publication. The County Clerk included required voting and registration information in the TABOR book under Applicable Law. Small and large jurisdiction categorization is applied according to the voter counts above together with the number of pages for each jurisdiction's submission to calculate total TABOR Election Costs for each:

COORDINATING JURISDICTION	SIZE (PER PAGE COST)	NUMBER OF PAGES	TOTAL TABOR COST
Civic School District	Large Jurisdiction (\$3,900)	3 pages	\$11,700
Clerktown	Small Jurisdiction (\$2,600)	6 pages	\$15,600
Ballot City	Small Jurisdiction (\$2,600)	3 pages	\$7,800
County Clerk	Large Jurisdiction (\$3,900)	6 pages	\$23,400

# STEP THREE: TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

The County invoices each coordinating jurisdiction by adding their portion of the General Election Costs to their allocation of TABOR Election Costs (if applicable). For the Sample Election the results are:

COORDINATING JURISDICTION	GENERAL ELECTION	TABOR ELECTION	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
	COSTS	COSTS	
Civic School District	\$258,750	\$11,700	\$270,450
Clerktown	\$12,750	\$15,600	\$28,350
Ballot City	\$25,875	\$7,800	\$33,675
Voterville	\$77,625	\$0	\$77,625
TOTAL	\$375,000	35,100	\$410,100

#### EXHIBIT B

#### PROCESS FOR PROPERTY OWNER LISTS

If the Jurisdiction allows property owners to vote in candidate contests or ballot measures that are included in the Coordinated Election, the Jurisdiction must comply with the following provisions:

- A) Creation of Property Owner List
  - 1. The Jurisdiction is responsible for requesting DEO voter lookup access from the Colorado Secretary of State.
  - 2. The Jurisdiction is responsible for ordering a list of all property owners in the Jurisdiction from the Jefferson County Assessor's office.
  - 3. The Jurisdiction is responsible for comparing the list of property owners obtained with the state voter registration database using DEO lookup access to generate lists required for the County Clerk below.
  - 4. The Jurisdiction is solely responsible for any other obligations arising under C.R.S § 1-5-304 with respect to property owners list.
- B) Property Owner List(s) Provided to the County Clerk
  - 1. No later than October 6, 2025, the Jurisdiction must certify to County Clerk a list of eligible electors who:
    - a. Are registered to vote in the State of Colorado and whose voter records are active (not inactive, incomplete, or cancelled);
    - b. Are or will be at least 18 years of age as of November 4, 2025; and
    - c. Are not already registered to vote within the district boundaries of Entity.
  - 2. The Jurisdiction must provide all property owner lists to the County Clerk in either a Microsoft Excel or CSV (Comma-separate values) file. Each row of the list shall address a single eligible property owner and contain the following separate fields for such owner:
    - a. First Name;
    - b. Middle Name:
    - c. Last Name;
    - d. Colorado Voter Registration ID;
    - e. UOCAVA flag;
    - f. UOCAVA Ballot Delivery Method;
    - g. Mailing Address;
    - h. Mailing City;
    - i. Mailing State;
    - j. Mailing Zip Code; and
    - k. Country.
  - 3. Between October 7 and October 27, 2025, provide to County Clerk the names of newly eligible electors, if any, who meet the same criteria (and in the same format)

# **EXHIBIT C**

# SCHEDULE OF ELECTION-RELATED DATES AND DEADLINES\*

June, 2025				
June  Notice will be sent to all jurisdictions regarding participating in the November, Coordinated Election. Responses will be due no later than July 25 <sup>th</sup> .				
	July, 2025			
	If a political subdivision has taken formal action to participate in the Coordinated Election, it must notify the county clerk in writing. (100 days before the election)	1-7-116(5) 1-1-106(5)		
25 - Friday	Last day for a local government who wants to conduct a ranked voting election in a Coordinated Election to give the county clerk notice. (No later than 100 days before election)			
	August, 2025			
26 - Tuesday	Deadline for the county clerk and coordinating political subdivisions to sign intergovernmental agreements for the 2025 Coordinated Election. (No later than 70 days before the election)	1-7-116(2)		
	September, 2025			
2 - Tuesday	First day that DEO may cancel election (Close of business on the 63rd day before the election)	1-5-208(1.5) 1-5-208(3)		
5 - Friday	Last day for the DEO from each political subdivision that intends to conduct an election to certify the ballot content. (No later than 60 days before the election)	1-5-203(3)(a)		
19 - Friday	Last day to file pro/con comments for TABOR Book with the DEO. (By noon the Friday before the 45th day before the election)	1-7-901(4)		
22 - Monday	Last day for the DEO to deliver TABOR Book ballot issue notices to the county clerk. (No later than 43 days before the election)	1-7-904		
October, 2025				
6 - Monday	Before 12:00 p.m. the DEO will provide the county clerk with property owners list, if any exist.	IGA		
6 – 14	LAT will be held on a date between October 6 and October 14.	Rule 11.3.2(a)		

<sup>\*</sup> This Exhibit provides highlights of the most important dates and deadlines referenced in the IGA. Please refer to C.R.S. Title 1 for all election-related dates and timeframes.

10 - Friday	First day mail ballots may be sent to voters, except for UOCAVA voters. (No sooner than 22 days before the Election)	1-7.5-107(3)(a)		
	Ballot boxes open.			
20 - Monday	Before 12:00 p.m. DEO shall provide the county clerk with a property owner list that contains newly eligible electors, if any	IGA		
24 - Friday	The election notice must be posted in the DEO office. (At least 10 days before the election and until 2 days after the election)	1-5-205(1.3) 1-1-106(5)		
27 - October to 4 - November	The minimum number of required voter service and polling centers must be open for the November 4th Coordinated Election. (Beginning at least 8 days before and on election day, except Sundays)	1-7.5-107 (4.5)(a)(III)(c) Rule 7.8.1(b)		
	November, 2025			
4 - Tuesday	Coordinated Election (Polls open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm First Tuesday in November)	Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(a) 1-1-104(6.5) 1-7-101 1-41-102(1)		
14 - Friday	First day that interested parties may request and file for a recount at their own expense. (No sooner than 10 days or later than 22 days after election.)	1-10.5-106(2)		
17 - 25	RLA will be held on a date between November 17 – 25.	Rule 25.2.3(a)(1)		
19 - 26	Canvass will be held on a date between November 19 – 26.	1-10-102(1) 1-10-103 (1)		
26	Last day for interested parties to request and file a recount, at their own expense.  (No sooner than 10 days or later than 22 days after election)	1-10.5-106(2)		
26 Wednesday	Last day for political subdivision that referred a ballot issue or question that failed to waive an automatic recount of that issue or question by giving written notice to clerk and recorder. (Within 23 days after election)	1-10.5-103 1-1-106(5)		
	March/April 2026			
_	SOS completes reimbursement process with the County.			
The County sends invoices to the Jurisdictions.				

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