



## Legislation Text

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Agenda Date: 08/20/2019

**Subject:**

Resolution 35-2019: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder and the City of Littleton regarding the conduct and administration of the November 5, 2019 coordinated election

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**PURPOSE:**

Does city council support approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Jefferson County for a coordinated election on November 5, 2019?

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Staff Presenter(s):** N/A

**Additional Presenter(s):** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

The attached IGA allocates responsibilities between the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder and the City of Littleton for the November 5, 2019 coordinated mail ballot election.

**PRIOR ACTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**

Election IGA's are completed with Jefferson County every two years.

**ANALYSIS:**

Staff Analysis

The Littleton Election Commission met on July 29, 2019 and unanimously approved the City of Littleton hold the November 5, 2019 regular election.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 1-7-116(1) if the city and the county hold elections on the same day in November and the eligible electors are the same or have overlapping boundaries, the county clerk is the coordinated election official and shall conduct the election on behalf of all political subdivisions.

The city is required to enter into an IGA with each of the three counties in Littleton by August 27, 2019, pursuant to C.R.S. 1-7-116 (2).

Council Goal, Objective, and/or Guiding Principle

Littleton will remain ENGAGED and civic-minded in all matters affecting the direction and priorities of city government and the community. Elections are the largest engagement the city has with citizens.

Fiscal Impacts

The cost of the coordinated election is based on the number of active registered voters. There are approximately 1,785 in Jefferson County. The city will be invoiced for its pro-rata share of the actual cost of the election, divided between the city, county, state, and all other participating political subdivisions. The approximate cost of the coordinated election with Jefferson County is \$5,000.

Alternatives

Coordinated elections save taxpayer dollars by sharing costs with all political subdivisions, counties and the Secretary of State's office. The city's cost for an independent election would be approximately \$70,000. An independent election could confuse voters, as they would receive two ballots, one from the city and a statewide ballot.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the IGA with Jefferson County to coordinate the November 5, 2019 election.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder and the City of Littleton regarding the conduct and administration of the November 5, 2019 coordinated election.