



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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Legislation Text

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Consent Agenda - *Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk*

Title

Approve Joint Powers Agreement with Anoka County to Allocate Costs for Election Expenses

Executive Summary

Council is asked to approve the updated joint powers agreement (JPA) that allocates costs for election expenses.

Background

Since 1995 the city has been a party to a JPA with Anoka County for the allocation of costs for the purchase, maintenance, and use of election equipment, including conducting elections. Per the terms of the JPA, costs are split between the county (55%), municipalities (30%) and schools districts (15%) and our fee is equal to a percentage of the total Anoka County population residing in the jurisdiction based on the census. The updated agreement being presented makes the following changes to the current JPA:

1. Updating the dates of the agreement
2. Removing "Category D" (Hospital District) offices from the agreement (*North Suburban Hospital District dissolved in 2019*)
3. Updating language for calculating population percentages (*previously listed as the population percentage as of the 2010 census*)
4. Allocating a portion of absentee ballot postage costs to cities/schools (*previously all costs were absorbed by Anoka County*)

Strategic Plan Relationship

This item relates to the financial stability strategic priority by ensuring cost allocations are in place and budgeted for elections.

Board/Commission Review

N/A

Financial Impact

The only change to the previous cost allocation is that the city will now pay a portion of postage costs for absentee ballots mailed to Blaine residents, previously fully paid for by the county.

Public Outreach/Input

N/A

Staff Recommendation

By motion approve the joint powers agreement as proposed.

Attachment List

Joint powers agreement