

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, by and between the YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and the YAVAPAI COUNTY RECORDER (collectively the “COUNTY”) and _____, (the “JURISDICTION”).

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. §§11-952, 15-302(A)(7) and (8), 16-205(C), 16-225, or 16-408(D), the governing body of any election district authorized to conduct an election may enter into an agreement with a County Board of Supervisors and County Recorder for election services with the contracted cost of such election to be a charge against the election district; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is willing to provide election services to election districts wishing to conduct vote-by-mail elections, but, with the exception of state primary and general elections, will not provide election services to districts wishing to conduct vote center elections unless a vote center election is expressly required by state or federal statute; and

WHEREAS, the JURISDICTION wishes to enter into an agreement with the COUNTY for the provision of elections services subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Provision of Election Services.** The COUNTY hereby agrees to provide election services to the JURISDICTION for all consolidated election dates set forth by A.R.S. §16-204 during the effective term of this Agreement. The Agreement shall apply to all categories of elections including, but not limited to, primary, general, and special elections. Services to be provided by the COUNTY, and those that remain the responsibility of the JURISDICTION, are set forth in the Elections Task Schedule attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 1.
- 2. Limitation on Eligible Elections.** It is understood and agreed that the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided exclusively for vote-by-mail elections with the exception of state primary and general elections and elections expressly required by state or federal statute to be conducted at vote centers. It shall be the responsibility of the JURISDICTION to establish the legal basis for a requirement that an election is required by state or federal statute to be conducted at vote centers. The COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, decline to provide services for any election that it concludes is not required to be conducted at vote centers. The COUNTY will not provide services for exclusively vote-by-mail elections during the state primary and general elections.
- 3. Special Taxing Districts.** As provided in A.R.S. §§48-802(D)(4), 48-1012(E), 48-1082(E), 48-1092(E), 48-1908(C), and 48-2010(A), if the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of vacancies, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors may cancel the election for the position and appoint the person(s) who filed the nominating petition(s) to fill the position(s).

4. Compensation.

- a. Fees.** The JURISDICTION shall compensate the COUNTY for election services provided pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the fees set forth in the most current fiscal year Election/Voter Registration section of the Yavapai County Special Districts Fee Schedule posted online at www.yavapai.us. The fee schedule is for base services only. Any additional services required by the JURISDICTION will result in additional charges. Additional services include, but are not limited to, the following: hand count audit, court preparation, court appearances, supplemental mailings, recounts, or any service which will cause the COUNTY to incur increased costs or expenses. In the event that additional services are requested, the JURISDICTION should refer to unit and hourly pricing information as set forth on the fee schedule. The COUNTY reserves the right to adjust election service fees annually or otherwise at any time during the effective term of this Agreement notice of which will be posted on the COUNTY's website. Revised schedules will supersede prior schedules and be incorporated into this Agreement in effect at the time of revision.

- b. Late Fees.** Payment for all costs associated with the provision of services pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in full no later than 30 days following the date of the election. In the event that the required payment is not made by the due date deadline specified herein, the COUNTY shall impose a late charge of 2% of the unpaid balance for each 30-day period or portion thereof following the specified deadline for which any portion of the required payment, including unpaid late charges, remains unpaid.

- c. Termination.** Failure to make payments as required by this Section shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8 of this Agreement.

5. Discounts. The COUNTY has established a discounted fee rate for JURISDICTIONS that provide assistance, meeting sites free of charge or rent, or other services for COUNTY-administered elections.

- The JURISDICTION has elected to decline to receive discounted rates for providing assistance, meeting sites free of charge or rent, or other services.

- The JURISDICTION has elected to receive these discounted rates subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and will provide the two services indicated below.

- a. Services the JURISDICTION Will Provide.** The JURISDICTION and the COUNTY agree that the following two checked services will be provided by the JURISDICTION as consideration for the COUNTY's provision of election services at the discounted rates as set forth in the Special Districts Fee Schedule posted online at www.yavapai.us.

JURISDICTION will provide (check 2)	Service	COUNTY Approval (Initials)
<input type="checkbox"/>	The JURISDICTION will serve as a ballot drop-off site for any election that the COUNTY requests. Duties are outlined in Exhibit 2.	____ ____
<input type="checkbox"/>	The JURISDICTION will serve as a ballot replacement site for any Election that the COUNTY requests. Duties include: supplying replacement ballots and/or affidavit envelopes to voters, auditing and logging replacement ballots, verifying correct voter registration, and securing all ballots.	____ ____
<input type="checkbox"/>	The JURISDICTION agrees to provide at least one vote center or poll worker training site at no charge for any statewide or countywide election cycle. Vote centers and training sites are subject to review by the COUNTY.	____ ____
<input type="checkbox"/>	The JURISDICTION agrees to provide at least five poll workers or two Election Day Technicians (EDTs). A poll worker must be able to perform any of the following duties: voter check-in, ballot distribution, voter assistance, equipment setup, and/or poll worker supervision. An EDT provides information technology support to poll workers. Such workers will be trusted employees of the JURISDICTION who are eligible to serve as poll workers or EDTs. Poll workers and EDTs will receive from the JURISDICTION the normal compensation for the position worked.	____ ____
<input type="checkbox"/>	The JURISDICTION agrees to act as a conditional provisional ID check site in accordance with A.R.S. §16-584 at no cost to the COUNTY. This check involves verifying voters' identification when they have not provided sufficient ID at their vote center. This will be required for 3 to 5 business days after election day for any vote center election.	____ ____

b. Advance Notice. The COUNTY hereby agrees to provide the JURISDICTION with at least 30 days notice of any election where the services agreed to above are required.

c. Discounted Fee Rates; Adjustment of Fees. The COUNTY hereby agrees to provide election services to the JURISDICTION at the discounted fee rate for all consolidated election dates during the effective term of this Agreement. The Agreement shall apply to all categories of elections including, but not limited to primaries, generals, and special elections. The COUNTY reserves the right to adjust election service fees

- and discounts annually or otherwise at any time during the effective term of this Agreement notice of which will be posted on the COUNTY's website. Revised schedules will supersede prior schedules and be incorporated into the Election Services Agreement in effect at the time of revision. Failure by the JURISDICTION to provide the agreed-upon services selected under this Agreement shall result in the discounted fee rate being null and void.
- 6. Conduct of Elections.** While the COUNTY will use its best efforts to provide election services pursuant to this Agreement in a capable and competent manner, it shall ultimately be the responsibility of the JURISDICTION to confirm that all legal requirements have been met and that all other activities related to a given election are carried out as required. The COUNTY will provide to the JURISDICTION, in advance, all forms, schedules, documents, and other information pertaining to each election conducted pursuant to this Agreement for the JURISDICTION's review and approval. The JURISDICTION shall provide to the COUNTY all informational materials or other election-related documents generated by the JURISDICTION for review and approval by the COUNTY prior to the distribution of such materials or documents.
 - 7. Term of Agreement.** The initial term of this Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2015. Thereafter, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive one-year terms and shall continue in full force and effect until terminated as provided herein.
 - 8. Termination**

 - a. Unilateral Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon 30 days written notice to the other Party of intent to terminate, provided, however, that the Agreement may not be unilaterally terminated by either party within 90 days of the date of an election for which the COUNTY would otherwise be providing services pursuant to this Agreement.
 - b. Termination by Mutual Agreement.** This Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties.
 - c. Termination for Breach.** In the event of a breach of any term or condition of this agreement, the Party claiming breach shall provide written notice to the other Party specifying the factual basis for the claim that a breach has occurred. If the breach is not remedied within fifteen (15) days after notice is mailed to the Breaching Party at the address provided herein, the Non-breaching Party may terminate this Agreement without further notice.
 - 9. Conflict of Interest.** This Agreement is subject to the cancellation provisions of A.R.S. §38-511.
 - 10. Non-Discrimination.** The Parties shall comply with Executive Order 2009-09, which mandates that all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or political affiliation, shall have equal access to employment opportunities, and all other applicable State and Federal employment laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Parties shall take affirmative action to ensure that

applicants for employment and employees are not discriminated against due to race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.

11. E-Verify; Government Procurement. The Parties are required to comply with A.R.S. §41-4401, and hereby warrants that they will, at all times during the term of this Agreement, comply with all federal immigration laws applicable to the employment of their respective employees, the requirements of A.R.S. §41-4401, and with the e-verification requirements of A.R.S. §23-214(A) (together the “state and federal immigration laws”). The Parties further agree to ensure that each subcontractor that performs any work under this Agreement likewise complies with the state and federal immigration laws.

A breach of a warranty regarding compliance with the state and federal immigration laws shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement and the party who breaches may be subject to penalties up to and including termination of the Agreement.

The Parties retain the legal right to inspect the papers of any contractor or subcontract employee working under the terms of the Agreement to ensure that the other party is complying with the warranties regarding compliance with the state and federal immigration laws.

12. Worker’s Compensation. For purposes of workers’ compensation, an employee of a party to this Agreement, who works under the jurisdiction or control of, or who works within the jurisdictional boundaries of another party pursuant to this specific intergovernmental agreement, is deemed to be an employee of both the party who is his primary employer and the party under whose jurisdiction or control or within whose jurisdictional boundaries he is then working, as provided in A.R.S. §23-1022(D). The primary employer party of such employee shall be solely liable for payment of workers’ compensation benefits for the purposes of this section. Each party herein shall comply with the provisions of A.R.S. §23-1022(E) by posting the public notice required.

13. Indemnification. Each Party (as “indemnitor”) agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other Party (as “indemnitee”) from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “claims”) arising out of or as a result of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage, but only to the extent that such claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee, are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers. The obligations under this Paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

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Exhibit 1

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICES
ELECTIONS TASK SCHEDULE**

Responsibilities for the conduct of elections pursuant to the Yavapai County Election Services Agreement are allocated as follows:

TASK	TO BE PERFORMED BY:	
	County	Jurisdiction
If applicable, obtain pre-clearance of election changes from Department of Justice (Copy of submission to be forwarded to the COUNTY)		X **
Publish Call of Election (May be forwarded to the COUNTY for review)		X *
Publish Legal Advertising, Notices, etc. (May be forwarded to the COUNTY for review)		X *
Approve final ballot proof (Required JURISDICTION signoff)		X **
Attend and certify official Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Test		X
If applicable, submit agenda item to County Board of Supervisors for election cancellation	X	
Order ballots (Invoices will be sent directly to jurisdiction for all elections except biennial Primary and General)	X	
If applicable, obtain vote centers and poll workers	X	
Publish Logic & Accuracy Test notice	X	
Perform Logic & Accuracy Test	X	
Mail Vote by Mail Ballots and Early Ballots	X	
Process ballots which includes testing, tabulation, and audit	X	
Perform signature verification on ballot affidavits and provisional ballots	X	

** For a countywide election, the COUNTY is responsible for this task.*

*** For a countywide election, the JURISDICTION is only responsible for its portion.*

PERFORMANCE OF TASKS AS OUTLINED ABOVE MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE CONDUCT OF AN ELECTION AND MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AS WELL. PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS ARE ADVISED TO:

1. CAREFULLY REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF TASKS AND TO DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO THE COUNTY CONTACT.
2. MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE YAVAPAI COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO, DURING, AND AFTER ELECTIONS.
3. REFER ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ELECTION-RELATED LEGAL ISSUES TO THE JURISDICTION'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

Exhibit 2**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICES
BALLOT DROP BOXES**

JURISDICTIONS who are provided with COUNTY ballot drop boxes hereby agree to the following additional responsibilities:

1. The COUNTY will issue ballot drop box keys to the JURISDICTION. These keys remain COUNTY property and must not be duplicated. The JURISDICTION agrees to keep keys in a secure location and allow only authorized staff or COUNTY-designated employees access to keys.
2. The JURISDICTION shall “open” all COUNTY ballot boxes on the first day of early voting as instructed by the COUNTY, depending on the specific election.
3. The JURISDICTION shall maintain and check for ballots in all COUNTY ballot boxes periodically throughout the early voting period and on election night at 7 p.m.
4. The JURISDICTION shall promptly notify the COUNTY if a ballot box is at risk of becoming full and a ballot pickup needs to be scheduled.
5. The JURISDICTION shall “close” and secure all COUNTY ballot boxes from accepting any more ballots promptly at 7:00 p.m. on election night.
6. The JURISDICTION may be instructed to call the COUNTY with the number of ballots dropped off on election night, depending on the specific election.
7. The JURISDICTION shall promptly report to the COUNTY any damage and/or graffiti to the COUNTY ballot drop box.
8. The JURISDICTION shall provide written, advance notice to the COUNTY of any additional uses of the COUNTY ballot drop boxes.