



PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ELECTION EQUIPMENT

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Background and Discussion

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- ❑ A general election is held each May to elect City Council
- ❑ Election equipment was initially purchased in 2019 from Election Systems and Software (ES&S)
- ❑ Digitizing the election process (*thermal ballots & electronic voter check in*) the past several years has required additional equipment be rented from Bell County

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- ❑ Procurement of additional election equipment will allow the City to be self-sufficient in future elections
- ❑ \$76,000 was allocated in the FY2024 mid-year budget amendment to purchase the equipment
- ❑ Annual post-warranty license and maintenance and support fees for the additional equipment is \$6,980
- ❑ ES&S is a member of the Texas Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative, and the additional purchase follows state and local law purchasing requirements

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- ❑ Equipment, software and services to be purchased:
 - ▣ Eight (8) additional ExpressVote machines with carrying cases
 - ▣ Twenty-two (22) new ExpressPollbook (*ePollbook*) machines with printers and carrying cases
 - ▣ Machine memory devices and thumb drives
 - ▣ ExpressPollbook licensing and training

Recommendation

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- Staff recommends City Council approve the purchase of additional election equipment from Election Systems and Software in the amount of \$76,000, and that the City Manager or his designee to execute any and all change orders in accordance with state law