

THE STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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COUNTY OF GALVESTON           §

## JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT

This Joint Election Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the Hitchcock Independent School District (“District”) and the City of Hitchcock (“City”) pursuant to the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code 791.001 et seq. and Texas Education Code 11.0581.

WHEREAS, the City and the District will conduct a general municipal election and general school board election on the first Saturday in May 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Code 11.0581 requires school districts and municipalities to hold joint elections; and

WHEREAS, Section 271.002(c) of the Texas Election Code authorizes more than one political subdivision to enter into an agreement to hold joint elections; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to hold a joint election in order to share expenses; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to hold a joint election at a location that is convenient for the public.

NOW THEREFORE: The City of Hitchcock and the Hitchcock Independent School District, acting by and through their designated and authorized representatives, hereby agree as follows:

1. The City and District will provide their own list of candidates to be on the ballot in accordance with the Secretary of State’s Election calendar.
2. There will be one set of voting equipment to be used at the common polling place.
3. The common polling place for early voting will be at the City of Hitchcock City Hall, 8102 Highway 6, Hitchcock, TX 77563.
4. The common polling place for Election Day voting will be held at the Hitchcock ISD Administration Building, 7801 Neville, Hitchcock, TX 77563.
5. Each party will be responsible for the preparation, publication and Spanish translation of its own Notice of Election and Order of Election.
6. Each entity will be responsible for the official canvass of the election.
7. The City and District shall each arrange for storage of their election records as provided by law.

8. The City and District will each contract with Galveston County to provide election services and the City and District will each be responsible for the cost of said services billed by the County.
9. In the event one government entity does not have an election, that entity is responsible for cancelling their contract with Galveston County in a timely manner so that no election costs will be incurred.
10. Any expenses incurred on behalf of the other party should be reimbursed within Thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the incurred expenses. Each party shall provide an accounting of all fees that they are requesting to be reimbursed.
11. This Agreement does not change any non-transferable functions as stated in Texas Election Code 31.096.
12. The Parties acknowledge and agree that each shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws pertaining to the conduct of an election.
13. The financial obligations of the parties under this agreement are payable from current revenues of the respective parties that have been budgeted and appropriated for the purpose set forth herein.
14. This Agreement supersedes all prior written and oral understandings. This Agreement may only be amended, supplemented, modified, or cancelled by a duly executed written agreement.
15. This Agreement shall automatically renew each year until either party gives written notice by October 1 that they are terminating this Agreement. This renewal of this Agreement shall only apply to Trustee and Commission elections held in May.
16. That the undersigned are the duly authorized representatives of the parties' governing bodies, and their signatures represent adoption and acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Executed by Hitchcock Independent School District this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

Executed by the City of Hitchcock this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

Hitchcock Independent School District

City of Hitchcock

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_