

Action Items – Adopt Resolutions

1. Small Voting Precincts

- Establish voting precincts for each election year
- Define guiding principles for establishing voting precincts
- Request Anoka County create policy to maintain small voting precincts

2. Secured Election Judge Data

- Appoint election judges for each election
- Request Anoka County secure election judge personal data

3. Verified Registered Voters

- Request Anoka County create policy and act to secure and verify the registered voters files

4. Validated Paper Ballots

- Request Anoka County create policy and act to validate paper ballots

5. Paper Poll Books

- Return to using only paper poll books (no electronic poll pads)

6. Hand-Counted Paper Ballots

- Pre-Resolution: Request Hand Count Feasibility Report, Hand Count Plan, Time & Cost Calculator
- Hand count ballots at the polls after closing for races involving > 1 candidate
- Request Anoka County include city voting precincts in Post-Election Review (PER)
- Request Anoka County delegate the Post-Election Review (PER) to the municipality
- Give notice to County of intent to establish Absentee Ballot Board and to administer absentee ballots
- Establish Absentee Ballot Board

SMALL VOTING PRECINCTS: RES #1

RESOLUTION 2024-

CITY OF _____

COUNTY OF ANOKA

STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PRECINCT AND POLLING LOCATIONS FOR 2024 ELECTION YEAR

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 204B.16, subd. 1 requires the governing body of each municipality to designate by ordinance or resolution each year no later than December 31st, polling places for each election precinct; and

WHEREAS, the polling places designated by resolution by December of each year are the polling places to be used for elections in the following calendar year unless a change is made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the polling locations to be used for municipal precincts in calendar year 2024 are as follows:

Precinct #1 –

Precinct #2 –

Precinct #3 –

Precinct #4 –

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

_____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

_____, City Clerk

(Seal)

SMALL PRECINCTS POLICY: RES:#2

RESOLUTION 2024-

CITY OF _____
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PRECINCT DESIGN POLICIES

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 204B.14, subd. 1 empowers: “the governing body of each municipality shall establish the boundaries of the election precincts in the municipality”; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 204B.14 permits municipalities to change the number and boundaries of their precincts at certain times and under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, “unlike elective districts, voting precincts are based on administrative convenience and may contain a large or small population” (*2021 Redistricting Guide*, p.20); and

WHEREAS, “while there is no specific threshold that covers all situations statewide, a small percentage of precincts have over 2,000 registered voters” (*2021 Redistricting Guide*, p 19); and

WHEREAS, “precincts containing more than 2,000 registered voters can become unwieldy for election administration purposes” (*Guide*, p. 20); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of _____ hereby adopts the following policies for establishing the design of voting precincts:

1. No more than 2,000 registered voters per precinct.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

_____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

_____, City Clerk

(Seal)

ELECTION JUDGE APPOINTMENTS:

RES #3

RESOLUTION 2024-

CITY OF _____
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE 2024 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of _____ is required by M.S. 204B.21, Sec 2, to officially approve the appointment of election judges; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ City Council hereby adopts the judges listed on Exhibit A, hereto attached, as the official judges for the _____ Election, with the understanding that amendments may be necessary to the appointments in order to fill vacancies and achieve political party balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of _____ that the names listed on Exhibit A, hereto attached, are the Official Election Judges for the City of _____ 2024 General Election.

FURTHER RESOLVED, election judges will be paid based on the following schedule:

Head Judge \$_____ plus mileage for training and meetings
Assistance Head Judge \$_____ plus mileage for training
Election Judge \$_____ plus mileage for training

Adopted by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024

_____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

_____, City Clerk

(SEAL)

SECURE ELECTION JUDGE DATA: RES #4

RESOLUTION 2024-

CITY OF _____
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM ANOKA COUNTY ABOUT ELECTION JUDGE DATA SECURITY AND CANCELLATION OF INTECH SOLUTIONS CONTRACT

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of _____ is required by M.S. 204B.21, Sec 2, to officially approve the appointment of election judges; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ is required to recruit, train, assign and supervises the work of election judges; and

WHEREAS, Anoka County contracted with InTech Software Solutions Inc. for use of the Modus Elections Manager Software under the most recent Contract (No. C0009738) for the term of 2023-2024 (and has since 2011); and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ gathers personal data from election judges and enters it into the Modus Elections Manager software under said contract; and

WHEREAS, the InTech contract states that the **“Contractor does not warrant the secure transfer of data between the Parties, operations of the Service or that such security technologies will be able to prevent third party disruptions of the Service or interception of any such data”**; and

WHEREAS, the said contract also indicates once InTech has access to the names of the Election Judges, they will actively use data of each of these individuals, and then the independently developed data becomes the property of InTech; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 211B.076, Sec. 128, Subd. 4., requires that personal information about an election official is not disseminated in a manner that may make it publicly available without that election official providing consent; and

WHEREAS, InTech Solutions Inc., being a non-governmental organization, is not subject to Freedom of Information Act requests, election judges do not have ready access to information regarding breaches that might occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of _____ requests that Anoka County respond to the following questions:

1. Where is election judge personal data stored?
2. What measures are in place to secure this data?

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of _____, Minnesota hereby requests that Anoka County take actions to:

1. End the contract with InTech for election operations
2. Take all precautions and measures to retrieve all shared data from InTech
3. Sever all connectivity and access InTech has to Anoka County and Municipality data
4. Ensure data is not stored in the Cloud, but rather is kept and managed on local equipment

Adopted by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024

_____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

_____, City Clerk

(SEAL)

PAPER POLL BOOKS: RES #5

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-___

CITY OF _____
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO USING ONLY PAPER POLL BOOKS AT POLLING PLACES IN 2024 PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, prior to 2018 all municipalities in Anoka County used paper poll books for registration check-in at the polls; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the State of Minnesota issued a report regarding use of electronic poll pads which authorized their use in Minnesota subject to some conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2018 Anoka County, after informal consultation with municipalities, entered into a contract with KNOWiNK LLC (Contract No. C0005957) for purchase of Elections Electronic Roster System and Services; and

WHEREAS, this electronic roster system puts Anoka County election data online with security risk points via the following components:

- KNOWiNK/BPRO/ePulse for Cloud Integrated data management
- Poll pad Units with WiFi 32 gb (over 500 units)
- Wireless Hotspot Devices-Verizon SA2100 (129 units)
- Verizon Wireless Data Plan Activation
- iSync Cloud drives (22 units)
- Cisco Meraki MR42 Routers (5 units)
- ePulse Connectivity Software

WHEREAS, this electronic roster system puts Anoka County data on Amazon Aurora in Amazon's GovCloud; and

WHEREAS, this system puts Anoka County election data at risk because it can:

- Provide real-time reporting
- Produce election night reporting
- Update voter rolls minutes before an election in near-real time
- Be intercepted for unethical, even unlawful, monitoring and manipulation

WHEREAS, suspected security risks have been identified including:

- The Department of Homeland Security's CISA Department uses the Albert System and FirstNet, which may have access to voting systems through the poll pads.
- Poll pads have been used as a digital ledger to add, delete, and shift large numbers of voters to achieve the desired vote counts.
- Poll pads have been used to report vote totals down to the County from the secretary of state (e.g. New Mexico)

WHEREAS, as per M.S. 201.225, subd. 1, a municipality may use an electronic roster system for any election but it is not mandated; and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence of a formal agreement between Anoka County and the municipalities requiring municipalities to continuously use electronic roster system for any election; and

WHEREAS, a paper backup system is required as a backup to the electronic poll pads as per:

- M.S. 201 subd. 2: "Each precinct using electronic rosters shall have a paper backup system approved by the secretary of state present at the polling place to use in the event that the election judges are unable to use the electronic roster"
- M.S. 201.225, subd. 5 (b) which states: "Each precinct using electronic rosters shall have a paper backup system approved by the secretary of state present at the polling place to use in the event that the election judges are unable to use the electronic roster"; and

WHEREAS, this system is an on-going security risk and costly to taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of _____ chooses to opt out of use of electronic poll pads and return to paper poll books.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

ATTEST _____

_____ City Clerk

(SEAL)

HAND COUNTED PAPER BALLOTS: RES #6

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-___

CITY OF _____
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION TO HAND COUNT BALLOTS/VOTES AT PRECINCTS IN 2024 PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are the bedrock supporting the superstructure of our constitutional republic and local voting precincts are the building blocks of our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, our election system is a fair, efficient and cost-effective means to select public officials who then make decisions about government programs and services amounting to millions, billions and even trillions of dollars at all governmental levels; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated as critical infrastructure the U.S. election systems including voting machines, registration databases, polling locations and voting storage facilities thereby recognizing the need for vigilant protection from fraud, corruption and cyber attack either foreign or domestic; and

WHEREAS, current Minnesota law, as recently amended, mandates the continued use of an electronic voting system (i.e. vote tabulator-M.S. 206.56, subd. 8) for state elections (206.58) but there is no provision preventing a municipality from conducting a parallel hand count of all or some of the ballots and votes; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of a municipality shall give approval before an electronic voting system may be adopted or used in the municipality (206.58) which was effectively done by the City/Township of _____ under the Joint Powers Agreement, as amended, and referenced as Anoka County Contract No. C0008996 and dated November, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes empower municipalities (cities and townships) to create voting precincts (204B.14), establish polling places (204B.16), appoint and employ election judges (204B.21) and administer election-day activities at the polls (204C) including the hand counting of ballots and votes in each precinct (204C.19) using the piling system (204C.21).

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes empower and mandate municipalities to follow specific hand counting procedures including: “when the hours for voting have ended and all voting has concluded, the election judges shall immediately count the votes cast at the election. The count shall be held at the polling place and shall be public.” (204C.19, subd. 1).

WHEREAS, hand counting of ballots and votes is in the public interest to provide transparency and verification of results, deter tampering or cyberattack, restore voter confidence and promote voter participation in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, election judges must be paid “an amount fixed by the governing body of the city” but “may elect to serve without payment by submitting a written statement” (204B.31);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of _____, Minnesota that it is in the public interest to conduct limited hand counting of ballots/votes at each precinct in the 2024 Primary and General Elections and hereby determines and directs that the following actions be taken:

1. The City is hereby directed to:
 - a. Prepare a management plan and related budget for hand counting ballots based upon a sample ballot for the Primary and General Elections in 2024 and submit to the City Council for approval at least ____ days before Primary and General Election dates for approval.
 - b. _____ days before Election Day, inform the Anoka County Auditor/Elections Department of intent to hand count offices and questions at the polls after they close.
 - c. Execute hand counting of ballots at the polls after they close under the following guidance:
 - 1) Do not hand count any offices with only one candidate.
 - 2) Hand count all offices and questions with more than one candidate/choice.

- d. Report results of hand count to Anoka County Auditor/Elections Department as soon after the hand count as practicable and request that said results be reviewed and consider by Anoka County before making their final canvass decision.
2. The Finance Director shall provide for such necessary funding in the 2024 budget by amendment to the preliminary budget or other means. Based upon a feasibility study this may require an increase in the election judge line item of *approximately ___% or \$_,000.*
 3. The Finance Director shall also create a Special Project Fund which may receive public donations which are tax deductible by the contributor to be used solely to offset said hand counting expenses and said Fund shall continue year to year with any remaining balance to carry forward for future hand counting projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of _____ hereby requests that Anoka County Auditor/Elections Department receive, archive and consider the results of the hand count in the City of _____ and consider any necessary actions before completing its official canvass and final report to the Minnesota Secretary of State.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of _____ hereby acknowledges that the electronic voting system (“tabulation machines”) provides the certifiable basis for reporting results to the Secretary of State but any differences between the tabulation machines and the hand count should be taken seriously and resolved in a manner consist with the general guidelines of MN Statutes 206.89 and therefore duly reviewed further, if necessary, to resolve the cause of any deviations. The Council of the City of _____ is prepared to fully cooperate with any such review.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2024

 Mayor

ATTEST _____
 _____ City Clerk

(SEAL)

REQUEST INCLUSION IN PER: RES#7

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-___

CITY OF _____
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ANOKA COUNTY INCLUDE PRECINCTS IN THE CITY OF _____ IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION POST-ELECTION REVIEW (PER)

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are the bedrock supporting the superstructure of our constitutional republic and local voting precincts are the building blocks of our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, our election system is a fair, efficient and cost-effective means to select public officials who then make decisions about government programs and services amounting to millions, billions and even trillions of dollars at all governmental levels; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated as critical infrastructure the U.S. election systems including voting machines, registration databases, polling locations and voting storage facilities thereby recognizing the need for vigilant protection from fraud, corruption and cyberattack either foreign or domestic; and

WHEREAS, current Minnesota law, as recently amended, mandates the continued use of an electronic voting system (i.e. vote tabulator-M.S. 206.56, subd. 8) for state elections (206.58); and

WHEREAS, under M.S. 206.89, a Post-Election Review (PER) requirement for a public audit via a hand count was instituted with the advent of electronic voting systems to provide voter confidence in the accuracy of these tabulation devices; and

WHEREAS, according to the *Minnesota Elections Post-Election Review Guide*: “the post-election equipment review or post-election review (PER) is a manual recount (or “audit”) of the paper ballots of randomly-selected precincts for specific

offices following each state general election. The review compares the hand count of the ballots with the results from the electronic voting system to determine if the counting accuracy of the voting system meets a defined standard”; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 206.89, subd. 3 requires a certain minimum number of **precincts** in general elections are identified in this audit but no maximum is required as follows: “The county canvassing board of a county with over 100,000 registered voters must conduct a review of a total of **at least** four precincts, or three percent of the total number of precincts in the county, whichever is greater”; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 206.89, subd. 3 requires a certain minimum number of **offices** in general elections to be audited via hand count but no maximum is identified as follows: “The postelection review must be conducted of the votes cast for president or governor; United States senator; and United States representative. The postelection review official may conduct postelection review of the votes cast for **additional offices**”; and

WHEREAS, this requirement does not apply to presidential primaries, state primaries, special elections or any local offices in general elections and as a result these elections have never been audited ; and

WHEREAS, this general election sample is usually statistically less than 0.3% of all choices made by voters in a general election and not statistically robust enough to demonstrate statistical confidence levels; and

WHEREAS, hand counting of ballots and votes is in the public interest to provide transparency and verification of results, deter tampering or cyberattack, restore voter confidence and promote voter participation in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, election judges must be paid “an amount fixed by the governing body of the city” but “may elect to serve without payment by submitting a written statement” (204B.31);

WHEREAS, M.S. 205.89, subd. 9 (1) states that “the governing body responsible for each precinct selected for review must pay the costs incurred for the review”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of _____ acknowledges, accepts and is prepared to pay the costs of conducting the PER for precincts in the City of _____ ;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of _____, Minnesota hereby requests that Anoka County include all precinct(s) in the City of _____ in the 2024 Post-Election Review and the Council of the City of _____ is prepared to fully cooperate with the County to undertake any such review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of _____ hereby requests that Anoka County include all competitive offices on the ballots in the City of _____ in the 2024 Post-Election Review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of _____ directs City staff as follows:

1. The City Clerk shall send this Resolution to the County Auditor/Elections Department Manager and make necessary preparations for election judges to carry out the hand count under the PER.
2. The Finance Director shall provide for such necessary funding in the 2024 budget by amendment to the preliminary budget or other means. Based upon a feasibility study this may require an increase in the election judge line item of *approximately ___% or \$_,000.*
3. The Finance Director shall also create a Special Project Fund which may receive public donations which are tax deductible by the contributor to be used solely to offset said hand counting expenses and said Fund shall continue year to year with any remaining balance to carry forward for future hand counting projects.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of _____ hereby acknowledges that the electronic voting system (“tabulation machines”) provides the certifiable basis for reporting results to the Secretary of State but any differences between the tabulation machines and the PER hand count should be taken seriously and resolved in a manner consistent with the general guidelines of MN Statutes 206.89

and therefore duly reviewed further, if necessary, to resolve the cause of any deviations.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

ATTEST _____

_____ City Clerk

(SEAL)

REQUEST DELEGATION OF PER: RES #8

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-___

CITY OF _____
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ANOKA COUNTY DELEGATE
POST-ELECTION REVIEW (PER) FUNCTION
TO THE CITY OF _____
IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are the bedrock supporting the superstructure of our constitutional republic and local voting precincts are the building blocks of our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, our election system is a fair, efficient and cost-effective means to select public officials who then make decisions about government programs and services amounting to millions, billions and even trillions of dollars at all governmental levels; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designed as critical infrastructure the U.S. election systems including voting machines, registration databases, polling locations and voting storage facilities thereby recognizing the need for vigilant protection from fraud, corruption and cyberattack either foreign or domestic; and

WHEREAS, current Minnesota law, as recently amended, mandates the continued use of an electronic voting system (i.e. vote tabulator-M.S. 206.56, subd. 8) for state elections (206.58); and

WHEREAS, under M.S. 206.89, a Post-Election Review (PER) requirement for a public audit via a hand count was instituted with the advent of electronic voting systems to provide voter confidence in the accuracy of these tabulation devices; and

WHEREAS, according to the *Minnesota Elections Post-Election Review Guide* “the post-election equipment review or post-election review (PER) is a manual

recount (or “audit”) of the paper ballots of randomly-selected precincts for specific offices following each state general election. The review compares the hand count of the ballots with the results from the electronic voting system to determine if the counting accuracy of the voting system meets a defined standard”; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 206.89, subd. 3 requires a certain minimum number of **precincts** in general elections are required in this audit but no maximum is identified as follows: “The county canvassing board of a county with over 100,000 registered voters must conduct a review of a total of **at least** four precincts, or three percent of the total number of precincts in the county, whichever is greater”; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 206.89, subd. 3 requires a certain minimum number of **offices** in general elections to be audited via hand count but no maximum is identified as follows: “The postelection review must be conducted of the votes cast for president or governor; United States senator; and United States representative. The postelection review official may conduct postelection review of the votes cast for **additional offices**”; and

WHEREAS, this requirement does not apply to presidential primaries, state primaries or special elections; and

WHEREAS, this general election sample is usually statistically less than 0.3% of all choices made by voters in a general election and not statistically robust enough to demonstrate statistical confidence levels; and

WHEREAS, hand counting of ballots and votes is in the public interest to provide transparency and verification of results, deter tampering or cyberattack, restore voter confidence and promote voter participation in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Canvass Board meets between three and 10 days after a November state general election (204.31); and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor may designate the municipal clerk as the PER official within 24 hours after the county canvass of the state general election (206.89, subd. 1); and

WHEREAS, “the postelection review must not begin before the 11th day after the state general election and must be complete no later than the 18th day after the state general election (206.89, subd. 2); and

WHEREAS, election judges must be paid “an amount fixed by the governing body of the city” but “may elect to serve without payment by submitting a written statement” (204B.31); and

WHEREAS, M.S. 205.89, subd. 9 (1) states that “the governing body responsible for each precinct selected for review must pay the costs incurred for the review”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of _____ acknowledges, accepts and is prepared to pay the costs of conducting the PER for precincts in the City of _____;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of _____, Minnesota hereby requests that the Anoka County Auditor delegate PER functions to the City Clerk of the City of _____. The Council of the City of _____ is prepared to fully cooperate with the County to undertake complete said review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of _____ hereby informs Anoka County that the City of _____ intends to include all competitive offices on the ballot in the City of _____ in the 2024 Post-Election Review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of _____ directs City staff as follows:

1. The City Clerk shall send this Resolution to the County Auditor/Elections Department Manager and make necessary preparations for election judges to carry out the hand count under the PER.
2. The Finance Director shall provide for such necessary funding in the 2024 budget by amendment to the preliminary budget or other means. Based

upon a feasibility study this may require an increase in the election judge line item of *approximately* ___% or \$_,000.

3. The Finance Director shall also create a Special Project Fund which may receive public donations which are tax deductible by the contributor to be used solely to offset said hand counting expenses and said Fund shall continue year to year with any remaining balance to carry forward for future hand counting projects.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of _____ hereby acknowledges that the electronic voting system (“tabulation machines”) provides the certifiable basis for reporting results to the Secretary of State but any differences between the tabulation machines and the PER hand count should be taken seriously and resolved in a manner consist with the general guidelines of M.S. 206.89 and therefore duly reviewed further, if necessary, to resolve the cause of any deviations.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

ATTEST _____

_____ City Clerk

(SEAL)

GIVE NOTICE TO ADMINISTER ABSENTEE BALLOTS: RES #9

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- _____

CITY OF _____

ANOKA COUNTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF _____'S INTENT TO ADMINISTER ABSENTEE VOTING AND ESTABLISH A BALLOT BOARD

WHEREAS, MN Statute 203B.05 DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS TO ADMINISTER ABSENTEE VOTING LAWS says:

Subdivision 1. Generally.

The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the provisions of sections [203B.04](#) to [203B.15](#) and [203B.30](#) if:

(1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them; or

(2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer them , and

WHEREAS, MN Statute 203B.121 Subd1 (a) "BALLOT BOARDS" states:

The governing body of each county, municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board, and

WHEREAS, MN Statute 201.022 "STATEWIDE REGISTRATION SYSTEM" provides that "The secretary of state shall maintain a statewide voter registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central database containing voter registration information from around the state" and must also "(11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system", and

WHEREAS, MN Statute 201.071 REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS requires voter registration forms to include “a box to indicate a voter's preference to join the permanent absentee voter list” which will likely increase the numbers of voters that will vote by absentee ballot, and

WHEREAS, an increasingly higher percentage of _____ voters are voting early or by absentee ballot through the county which weakens the city council’s ability to confidently fulfill its statutory canvassing board duties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of _____ that the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide the Anoka County Elections Manager and Anoka County Auditor with notice via the Anoka County Administrator, that the _____ City Clerk intends to administer absentee voting, and also to be responsible for the administration of a ballot board for the City of _____.

Passed on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST _____

City Administrator (SEAL)

ESTABLISH ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD:

RES #10

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- _____

CITY OF _____

ANOKA COUNTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of _____ is authorized by Minnesota Statutes 203B.121, Subd. 1 to establish an Absentee Ballot Board effective prior to the start of absentee voting; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ has given notice to Anoka County of its intention to create this Absentee Ballot Board as per Resolution No. _____ adopted on _____, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this board will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned absentee ballots in the City of _____; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Ballot Board will consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 trained in the processing and counting of absentee ballots;

WHEREAS, the Absentee Ballot Board shall meet regularly, shortly after the receipt of returned absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ City Council hereby adopts the judges listed on Exhibit A, hereto attached, as the official judges on the Absentee Ballot Board for 2024, with the understanding that amendments may be necessary to the appointments in order to fill vacancies and achieve political party balance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of _____ hereby establishes an Absentee Ballot Board that will consist of a sufficient number of qualified election judges to perform the tasks provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22.

Passed on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST _____

City Administrator (SEAL)

REQUESTING ANOKA COUNTY COOPERATION: RES #11

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-____

CITY OF _____
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ANOKA COUNTY TO UNDERTAKE COOPERATIVE ACTIONS IN 2024 PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are the bedrock supporting the superstructure of our constitutional republic and local voting precincts are the building blocks of our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, our election system is a fair, efficient and cost-effective means to select public officials who then make decisions about government programs and services amounting to millions, billions and even trillions of dollars at all governmental levels; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated as critical infrastructure the U.S. election systems including voting machines, registration databases, polling locations and voting storage facilities thereby recognizing the need for vigilant protection from fraud, corruption and cyberattack either foreign or domestic; and

WHEREAS, State statutes authorize and direct counties to carry out certain local election functions; and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities are authorized and directed to work together to complete certain local election functions;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the voting public for both the County and municipalities to cooperatively employ best practices to achieve secure and transparent elections, deter tampering or cyberattack, restore voter confidence and promote voter participation in the electoral process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of _____, Minnesota hereby requests that Anoka County take actions in cooperation with the City of _____ to achieve secure and transparent elections including the following:

1. Seek small voting precincts by:
 - a. Adopting a policy to assist municipalities in limiting precincts to no more than 2,000 registered voters
 - b. Promoting the rebalancing of precincts sizes within municipalities as needed
 - c. Facilitating the adding of precincts where needed to achieve policy goals
2. Seek to verify and allow only registered voters on the registered voter rolls by:
 - a. Executing fractal analysis to verify registered voter rolls
 - b. Cross referencing voter rolls with citizenship databases
 - c. Securing the voter registration file from any NGO or agency outside of the county during any election period
 - d. Eliminating records from the registered voter rolls which are not valid
3. Seek to validate paper ballots by:
 - a. Using all available methods to ensure counterfeit resistance ballots
 - b. Employing best practices that ensure a tamper-proof chain of custody in tracking ballots from the time the ballots are received to the time the ballots are archived following the Post-Election Review
 - c. Supporting the establishment of a ballot board in each municipality
 - d. Supporting the concept of hand counting all competitive offices

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

ATTEST _____

_____ City Clerk

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