



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

Date

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Continued Participation in the Administration of School District Elections

Background:

- As part of the January 2005 implementation of the Election Consolidation Laws, the City Clerk's Office has served as the Election Coordinator for each school district and the community college and Intermediate School Districts (ISD), which fall within the municipal boundaries of the City of Troy. The Consolidation Laws require that the agreements to participate in the above manner must be executed every two years.

The City of Troy's participation in the administration of the school district elections is very similar to the administration of statewide elections. The Troy School District is the exception because it falls totally within the municipal boundaries. In such cases, the law requires the City Clerk to serve as the Election Coordinator. The Troy district responsibilities will mirror those experienced by the Clerk's Office during a local election. The Oakland County Clerk, has in the past, facilitated several of the processes.

The election process will be impacted slightly by the Avondale, Birmingham and Royal Oak school districts which have moved their election date from May to November. This action will reduce the number of multiple split precincts within Troy and will create a smoother precinct flow in those precincts. It should be noted that these moves will place a higher financial burden on the remaining school districts utilizing the May date.

Financial Considerations:

- The Election Consolidation Laws provide a mechanism to charge back some of the costs to the respective school districts. However, straight time labor costs cannot be charged back and will be a burden of the City of Troy. As indicated above, three of the school districts will see an elevation in the costs to conduct their elections. Most notably will be the Troy School District as there will not be a sharing of costs with the Avondale, Birmingham and Royal Oak school districts in several of the precincts.

Legal Considerations:

- It is the belief of the Clerk's Office that there should not be any legal considerations.

Policy Considerations:

- There will be no new policy considerations.

Options:

- While the City of Troy has the ability to opt out from the administration of the school elections, it is the belief of the City Clerk's Office that it is in the best interest of the Troy voter to maintain consistency and the quality of elections within the City of Troy by Opting In and agree to participate in the coordination of the school elections. The attached resolution has been forwarded to City Council for their approval to permit the Troy City Clerk to sign an agreement to allow for the participation of the City of Troy in the administration of the Avondale, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Lamphere, Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren Consolidated school districts, Oakland Community College and the Macomb and Oakland Intermediate School Districts.

Approved for Submittal:

Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

Approved as to Form:

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