

MARCH 3, 2020

## MEMORANDUM TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

THROUGH: BRYANT POWELL, CITY MANAGER

FROM: JENNIFER PEÑA, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement for provisions of services with Pinal County Elections and Recorders Office for elections and voter registration services

We have received the Election Services Intergovernmental Agreement from Pinal County for the primary election on August 4, 2020 and the general, if needed, on November 3, 2020. We are required to have the approved intergovernmental agreement to the county at least 120 days prior to the election so that we both meet all of our legal requirements.

Prior to the 2016 election, Pinal County charged the city on a cost per item basis, dependent on the number of registered voters. This cost used to exceed \$31,000. With the change to consolidated elections, Pinal County set its fee as a flat rate of \$.75 per voter and did not break down the cost per item. The cost of the August 2016 primary election was \$17,229 with a slight increase in the 2016 general election to \$17,767.50

Every election cycle the County reviews and cleans up the voter registration rolls. The 2018 primary election, which also had a permanent base ballot measure, cost the city \$16,271.25. This price excludes printing of the publicity pamphlet and mailing them.

In 2018 the City of Apache Junction had 21,695 registered voters. Estimating a 10% increase of registered voters before the registration deadline closes provides an estimated 23,467 registered voters.

There would be the additional charge for the general election if necessary, with an estimated cost being around \$17,600.25.

These amounts reflect only Pinal County election charges and does not include the cost of publicity pamphlets or postage. They do not include election-related charges from Maricopa County, legal advertising costs, publicity pamphlet preparation, Spanish translations, postage for the publicity pamphlet and sample ballots, etc.