



INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER & SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

REGARDING THE CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATION OF:

**NOVEMBER 4, 2025
COORDINATED ELECTION**

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INTENT TO COORDINATE

JURISDICTION: SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Designated Election Official: Barb Andrews

_____ Check here if your Jurisdiction **WILL NOT** participate in this election.

Please mail or email this page to Douglas County Elections, 125 Stephanie Place, Castle Rock, CO 80109, or Elections@douglas.co.us.

____X_____ Check here if your Jurisdiction **WILL** participate in this election.

Please complete the remainder of this packet and mail or email it to Douglas County Elections, 125 Stephanie Place, Castle Rock, CO 80109, or Elections@douglas.co.us.

Submitting a BALLOT ISSUE(s)? YES X NO How many? 1

A ballot issue is a matter arising under Article X Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution as defined in sections 1-41-102 (4) and 1-41-103 (4). It is a **tax/TABOR issue**.

Submitting a BALLOT QUESTION(s)? YES NO X How many? _____

A ballot question is a matter involving a citizen petition or referred measure other than a ballot issue. It is a **non-tax question**.

Submitting a CANDIDATE CONTEST(s)? YES NO X How many? _____

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

This INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is between the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder (referred to as the "County") and the Jurisdiction (referred to as the "Jurisdiction"). The "County" and "Jurisdiction" are referred to collectively as the "Parties".

Under the Uniform Election Code of 1992 (Articles 1-13 of Title 1, C.R.S.), governmental entities are encouraged to cooperate and consolidate elections to reduce taxpayer expenses.

If more than one political subdivision holds an election on the same day in November, and the eligible electors for each election are the same or the boundaries overlap, the County Clerk and Recorder is the Coordinated Election Official (referred to as the "CEO") and conducts elections on behalf of political subdivisions utilizing the mail ballot procedures outlined in Article 7.5 of Title 1.

The Parties agree this election shall be conducted as a coordinated election following the Uniform Election Code of 1992 (Articles 1-13 of Title 1, C.R.S.), or any other Title of C.R.S. governing the participating Jurisdiction's election matters, as well as the Colorado Constitution, and the Colorado Secretary of State (SOS) Rules (referred to as the "Code").

The Parties agree that section 1-7-116, C.R.S. applies, and it is in the best interest of taxpayers and electors to enter into this Agreement to conduct the coordinated election as authorized under Article XIV, Section 18 of the Colorado Constitution, and sections 1-7-116 and 29-1-203, C.R.S.

SECTION I.
DEFINITIONS AND JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES
(Information Only)

1.01 DEFINITIONS

- A. **Coordinated Election Official (CEO)** is the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder, who acts as the Coordinated Election Official as defined within the Code.
- B. **Contact Officer** is the person identified by the County to act as the primary liaison with the Jurisdiction. Under the authority of the CEO, the Contact Officer is responsible for the coordination of the election with the Jurisdiction and the procedures to be completed by the County.
- C. **Canvass Board** is a group of representatives appointed by the major political parties before the election. The canvass is the audit function of the election and the process of reconciling the number of ballots counted to the number of voters who voted. The Canvass Board will meet no later than the 22nd day after the election to certify the abstract of votes cast.
- D. **Designated Election Official (DEO)** is the person identified by the Jurisdiction to act as the primary liaison with the Contact Officer. The DEO is responsible for the election procedures that must be handled by the Jurisdiction as specified within the Code and this Agreement.
- E. **Logic and Accuracy Test (LAT):** The county must conduct a Logic and Accuracy Test on its voting equipment at least 21 days before the election. Voting devices must be tested before they are used in an election. One registered elector from each major political party is required to serve on the Logic and Accuracy Testing Board.
- F. **Risk Limiting Audit (RLA):** This audit provides strong statistical evidence that the election outcome is correct. The number of ballots required to conduct an RLA will vary based on the smallest margin of the contest selected by the Secretary of State and the risk limit. The smaller the margin, the more ballots to audit. The smaller the risk limit, the more ballots to audit. The Audit Board is appointed by the major political parties and must complete its report no later than 5:00 p.m. one business day before the canvass deadline. At least one member of each major political party's Canvass Board will serve as an observer of the audit.
- G. **TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights)** is a constitutional provision (Colo. Const. art. X, § 20) that requires voter approval for tax increases and the issuance of ballot issue notices before the election.

1.02 JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parties agree to the statutory and regulatory requirements for coordinated elections and ballot issue notices (TABOR) and will adhere to all applicable provisions of the Code that are necessary or appropriate to perform the duties required.

The Parties agree to their official responsibilities in the conduct of the election, including responsibilities under the Fair Campaign Practices Act and any local ordinances concerning fair campaign practices.

1.03 JURISDICTION

The Jurisdiction encompasses territory within Douglas County. This Agreement applies only to the portion of the Jurisdiction within Douglas County.

- If the Jurisdiction is entirely contained within Douglas County, the Contact Officer establishes the ballot number and order under 1-5-407(5), C.R.S.
- If the Jurisdiction is split among more than one county, the Contact Officer will coordinate with other counties to agree upon the ballot number and order per Colorado SOS Election Rule 4.2.

SECTION II.
COUNTY AND JURISDICTION RESPONSIBILITIES
(Information Only)

The County and the Jurisdiction will each perform their respective duties and/or functions as outlined in this Agreement:

2.01 COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Assist the Jurisdiction on any matter related to the election to ensure smooth and efficient operations by designating a Contact Officer to act as the primary liaison between the County and the Jurisdiction. This does not include providing legal advice.
- B. Provide an Address Confirmation Form (Appendix A) accompanied by an Address Library Report and Jurisdiction Boundary Map that defines Jurisdictional boundaries using residential street ranges based on County Assessor records. The Address Library Report will include the address report from the Secretary of State voter registration system, which defines street addresses within the Jurisdiction.
- C. Verify any Address Library Report errors, omissions, and/or corrections identified by the Jurisdiction against County Assessor data, and where appropriate, modify street ranges to accurately define the eligible electors within the Jurisdiction.
- D. Contract for the mail ballot packets to be used in the election (ballot, voter instructions, and official return envelope) and remit payment directly to the vendor.
- E. Provide ballot layouts compliant with the Code for proofreading and signature approval by the Jurisdiction before final ballot printing.
- F. Mail the ballot packets as required by the Code.
- G. Provide a certified list of the Jurisdiction's registered voters, as requested.
- H. Conduct all associated tasks relating to election judges, including eligibility, placement, training, and oversight in the conduct of the election.
- I. Conduct all functions of the Canvass Board to certify election results and provide the Jurisdiction with a copy of all election statements required under the Code.

- J. Prepare and conduct the Logic and Accuracy Test.
- K. Publish and post the required legal notices under 1-5-205(1), C.R.S.
- L. Refer members of the public and press to the DEO regarding specific questions about the Jurisdiction's ballot measures or candidates.
- M. Provide all necessary equipment, system programming, and personnel for ballot tabulation.
- N. Conduct and oversee the process of counting ballots and reporting results.
- O. Conduct a recount of the ballots cast if required by law, requested by the Jurisdiction, or requested by an interested party as allowed by the Code.
- P. Prepare and conduct the Risk Limiting Audit before certifying election results.
- Q. Provide the Jurisdiction with an invoice for all expenses incurred under this Agreement.
- R. Archive and maintain all election records as required by the Code.

2.02 JURISDICTION RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Identify a DEO who is responsible for the Jurisdiction's statutory and regulatory requirements in the conduct of the election.
- B. Notify the Contact Officer if the Jurisdiction is shared by an additional county or counties.
- C. Provide a copy of the Ordinance or Resolution stating that the Jurisdiction has adopted the exclusive use of the Code for the conduct of the election and that the Jurisdiction will participate in the coordinated election following the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- D. Confirm sufficient funds are available and appropriated in the Jurisdiction's approved budget to pay for election expenses. The Jurisdiction recognizes that the County cannot accurately predict the exact cost for the election, but agrees it will pay its calculated prorated share and has appropriated sufficient funds to do so.

- E. Return this Intergovernmental Agreement with all required information and signatures completed on or before the seventieth (70) day before the election per the Code.
- F. May appoint one representative to participate in the Canvass Board. If there is not a representative appointed, an employee of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder will be appointed on the Jurisdiction's behalf by the Contact Officer.
- G. May appoint one representative to participate in the Logic and Accuracy Test. If there is not a representative appointed, an employee of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder will be appointed on the Jurisdiction's behalf by the Contact Officer.
- H. May choose to appoint an observer for the Risk Limiting Audit. If there is not a representative appointed, an employee of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder will be appointed on the Jurisdiction's behalf by the Contact Officer.
- I. Certify Jurisdictional boundaries by completing and returning the Address Confirmation Form or the Jurisdiction Boundary Map (Appendix A).
- J. Review all candidate petition information, if applicable, and verify the information against voter registration records, and where applicable, county assessor records per 1-4-908, C.R.S. After review, the DEO will notify the candidate of the number of valid signatures and whether the petition is sufficient or insufficient. Upon determining that the petition is sufficient, and after the time for protest has passed, the DEO will certify the candidate to the ballot and notify the Contact Officer.
- K. The DEO will refer correspondence and calls relating to the election outside of the DEO's expertise to the Contact Officer for response.
- L. Determine ballot measure titles and text. Certify candidates, the number of selections a voter should make (e.g., Vote for One), and whether there is a certified write-in candidate. Provide the list of ballot measures and candidate contests electronically to the Contact Officer in a plain text format, on or before the sixtieth (60) day before the election, no later than 5:00 p.m. (Appendix E and Appendix F).

The ballot content must be certified in the order in which it will appear on the ballot and must include specific instructions (e.g., Vote for One, etc.). The certified list of candidates and ballot measures will be final, and the Contact Officer is not responsible for making any changes after the certification, except those prescribed by statute. The use of all capital letters is reserved for tax (TABOR) issues only, per the Code.

Use APPENDIX E: BALLOT MEASURES FORM, APPENDIX F: CANDIDATE CONTESTS FORM, and APPENDIX H: BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE TEMPLATE to create and submit ballot content and ballot issue notices in the correct format.

- M. At the time ballot content is certified to the County, the DEO or candidates will provide the phonetic pronunciation of each candidate's name for use on the ADA-accessible audio ballot. Record a voice message at (303) 663-6279 and include the candidate's name, jurisdiction, and title of office no later than sixty (60) days before the election.
- N. Indicate whether ballot content is a referred measure or an initiative from a citizen petition. The Jurisdiction understands and agrees that any ballot content not submitted according to statutory deadlines may result in candidates, issues, or questions not being on the ballot for the coordinated election.
- O. Proofread the layout and text of the Jurisdiction's portion of the official ballot, and if applicable, of the Ballot Issue Notices booklet (TABOR Book), and provide written confirmation (in electronic format) of acceptance before printing.
 - a. **Approval or requested changes must be provided to the Contact Officer within four (4) hours of the Jurisdiction receiving ballot layout and text from the county and within two (2) hours of the Jurisdiction receiving the proof for any Ballot Issue Notices to be included in the TABOR Book.**
 - b. This may require availability outside of normal business hours. Such acceptance is final, and no changes will be made after written notice (in electronic format) is given to the Contact Officer. Failure to respond by the deadline will be considered acceptance "as is". A penalty for delay or rework of the ballot or TABOR Book will result in an additional fee to the Jurisdiction for all associated costs to fix or correct Jurisdictional errors.
- P. Perform the following tasks if Jurisdictional property owners are eligible to vote:
 - a. Notify Contact Officer of the Title under which the political subdivision is formed, and specifically which property owners are eligible to vote in the election.
 - b. Provide a certified list of eligible property owners, as determined by the Jurisdiction, who:
 - i. Own property within the Jurisdiction, appear on the State of Colorado list of registered voters, and reside at an address that is not within the boundaries of Douglas County ("Out of County" property owners); or,

- ii. Own property within the Jurisdiction, appear on the Douglas County list of registered voters, reside at an address that may not match the property address as shown on the County Assessor's list, but is within the boundaries of Douglas County ("In County" property owners).
 - c. Coordinate directly with the Douglas County Assessor's Office (303-660-7450) or visit their website to obtain the list of all recorded owners of taxable real and personal property at apps.douglas.co.us/assessor/advanced-search/.
 - d. Exclude non-person entities, property owners not living in the state of Colorado, property owners not registered to vote, and property owners who reside in the district and will already receive a mail ballot.
 - e. Submit the list as a clearly named Microsoft Excel electronic file. The spreadsheet must include only one (1) eligible elector's name per line. Each line must consist of the following separated fields: Last name, first name, middle name, mailing address, city, state, zip, parcel number, phone number (if available), and voter identification number.
- Q. Publish and post any required legal notices for the Jurisdiction's ballot content (other than the notice required by 1-5-205(1), C.R.S., which Douglas County will publish), and email a copy of the published legal notice to the Douglas County Recording Office at recording@douglas.co.us, to provide an official record.
- R. Provide phone support on Election Day from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. A designated phone support contact person for the Jurisdiction must be provided upon execution of this Agreement. Emergency contact information must also be provided for this purpose.
- S. Notify the Contact Officer within 24 hours of the completion of the final ballot tabulation whether a recount is required or desired. The Jurisdiction will reimburse the County for the full cost of the recount. If other Jurisdictions are included in the recount, the cost will be prorated among the participating Jurisdictions per 1-10.5-101, C.R.S., and SOS Rule 10.9.5.
- T. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of a recount invoice, the Jurisdiction must remit total payment to the County.
- U. Pay any additional or unique election costs resulting from Jurisdiction delays, mistakes, recounts, and/or special preparations or cancellations relating to the Jurisdiction's participation in the coordinated election. Charges are \$1.00 per registered voter (with a minimum charge of \$1,000) not including publication cost, excess ballot column inches

cost (\$2,000 for exceeding five (5) column inches), special text formatting cost for italics, underlining, bullet points, numbering, tables, strike-through text, or indentations (\$500 if applicable), the use of all capital letters for non-TABOR issues per the Code, or TABOR Notice costs with a (minimum charge of \$500).

Illustrative Pro-Rated Costs Table if costs of TABOR Notice were \$3,744.57 and other public notices were \$66.58.

Registered Voters	Eligible Property Owners	TABOR Households	Content Length Over 5 Inches	Basic Coordination Charge	TABOR Notice Charge (min. \$500)	Excess Content Length Charge	Public Notice Charge	Special Formatting Charge	Total Charges
302858	0	134985	10.75	\$302,858.00	\$14,351.52	\$21,500.00	\$4.88	\$ -	\$338,714.40
79	63	42	4.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$8,000.00	\$4.88	\$ -	\$9,504.88
46097	0	0	14.75	\$46,097.00	\$0	\$29,500.00	\$4.88	\$500.00	\$75,601.88
140	0	60	8.75	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$17,500.00	\$4.88	\$ -	\$19,004.88
253	106	120	0.50	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$4.88	\$ -	\$2,504.88

SECTION III.
CANCELLATION OF ELECTION
(Information Only)

3.01 CANCELLATION OF ELECTION BY THE JURISDICTION

In the event the Jurisdiction resolves to cancel the election, notice must be provided to the Contact Officer immediately. The Jurisdiction is responsible for the full cost of election activities incurred both before and after the Contact Officer receives notice of cancellation. The Jurisdiction must provide and publish the cancellation notice per the Code. If the Jurisdiction resolves to cancel the election after the deadline for the DEO to certify ballot order and content to the Contact Officer, the text provided by the Jurisdiction cannot be removed from the ballot and/or the TABOR Book.

**SECTION IV.
MISCELLANEOUS**

4.01 NOTICES

Notices required under this Agreement are deemed received and effective: (1) three days after they have been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested; (2) immediately upon hand delivery; 3) or upon email receipt, to the address of the Parties as indicated here:

To County:

Sheri Davis
Douglas County Clerk and Recorder
Elections Division
125 Stephanie Place
Castle Rock, Colorado 80109

Email: Elections@Douglas.co.us

To Jurisdiction:

(Enter Contact and address information)

Barb Andrews
Designated Election Official
9195 East Mineral Avenue
Centennial, Colorado 80112

Email: Barb.Andrews@southmetro.org

4.02 TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this Agreement shall continue until all statutory requirements concerning the conduct of the coordinated election are fulfilled.

4.03 AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended only in writing and following the same formality as the execution of the initial Agreement.

4.04 INTEGRATION

The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement constitutes the sole Agreement between them relating to the coordinated election and does not include any oral statements made by the Parties' employees, agents, or officers.

4.05 CONFLICT OF AGREEMENT WITH LAW, IMPAIRMENT

If any provision in this Agreement conflicts with the Code or other statute, this Agreement will be modified to conform to such law. No resolution of either party to this Agreement can impair the rights of the CEO or the Jurisdiction without the consent of the other party.

4.06 TIME OF ESSENCE

Time is of the essence for this Agreement. The time requirements for the completion of the tasks in this Agreement are determined by the Code. Failure to comply with the terms and deadlines outlined in this Agreement or the Code may result in consequences up to and including termination of this Agreement.

4.07 GOOD FAITH

The Parties implement this Agreement in good faith and will act in good faith in all matters that require joint or general action.

4.08 NO WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT

The Parties understand and agree that they, their commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents, and employees, are relying on and do not waive or intend to waive by any provisions of this Agreement, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act (CGIA) Sections 24-10-101 - 120, C.R.S., or otherwise available to the County or the Jurisdiction. To the extent the CGIA imposes varying obligations or contains different waivers for cities and counties, both the Jurisdiction and the County agree that they will remain liable for their independent obligations under the CGIA, and neither party shall be the agent of the other or liable for the obligations of the other.

4.09 NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

The enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and all rights of action relating to its enforcement are strictly reserved for the County and the Jurisdiction. Nothing contained in this Agreement allows a claim or right of action by anyone other than the Parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

The execution of this Agreement between the Parties is effective on the latest date noted below. **Sign and date here:**

COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL:

Douglas County Clerk and Recorder

Date

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO:

(Board signature required if coordination cost will exceed \$25,000)

Douglas County Board of County Commissioners Chairperson

Date

Attest – Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FISCAL CONTENT:

Douglas County Director of Finance

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Douglas County Attorney

JURISDICTION SIGNATURES:

By: Barbara A Andrews Date: 08/20/2025

Title: Assistant to the Fire Chief

By: Mike Bell'Oryano Date: 8/20/2025

Title: Chief Government Affairs Officer

Attest (Name/Title): [Signature] / Fire Chief

APPENDIX A: ADDRESS CONFIRMATION FORM

JURISDICTION NAME: _____

The address ranges identified in the **Address Library Report** provided with this Agreement represent all current addresses within the Jurisdiction according to the Douglas County Elections Voter Registration System address report. Douglas County Elections only maintains residential addresses, not business or commercial addresses.

Review the **Address Library Report** to confirm the address ranges are accurate and include all residential addresses within your Jurisdiction. These addresses will be used to identify eligible electors within the Jurisdiction. It is the Jurisdiction's responsibility to know all current addresses within its boundaries.

If there is an error in the **Address Library Report**, please note it in the table below and sign this form. If there are no errors, omissions, and/or corrections, it is still essential to sign, date, and return this form to Douglas County Elections.

Section 1

Enter information in the table, if applicable. If more space is needed, please create a separate document.

Street Name	Dir.	Street Type	Low/High Range	Odd/Even	Zip Code	Notes
Example: Main	E	St.	101/603	Even	80104	

Section 2

Enter all counties the Jurisdiction includes:

County Name(s):

If the Jurisdiction does not include more than one county, write N/A here: _____

FOR PROPOSED DISTRICTS: Provide a certified legal description, map, and street listing (including street ranges).

Please indicate if any of the above information is being submitted to Douglas County Elections electronically. ELECTRONIC FILE(S) SENT ON: _____
(Enter Date Here)

PROVIDE SIGNATURE

I have reviewed the Jurisdiction's **Address Library Report** provided by Douglas County Elections and certify it to be a true and accurate description of the address ranges defining boundaries of the Jurisdiction, except for any discrepancies that are noted on this form.

Signature

Date

ANNEXATIONS, INCLUSIONS, EXCLUSIONS

This form may be used in conjunction with the provided **Jurisdiction Boundary Map** in place of reviewing and verifying the provided Address Library Report.

JURISDICTION NAME: _____

To ensure Douglas County Elections has the most current information, please complete either Section 1 or Section 2 below regarding any Annexations, Inclusions, and Exclusions for your Jurisdiction.

Section 1

Since January 1 of the current year, the Jurisdiction has approved (check all that apply):

_____ Annexations

_____ Inclusions

_____ Exclusions

All supporting documents on the applicable Annexation(s), Inclusion(s), or Exclusion(s) are attached to this form and should be used by Douglas County Elections to update address information for the Jurisdiction.

By signing below, I acknowledge and certify that the information is true and accurate.

Signature

Date

Section 2

I acknowledge and certify the Jurisdiction has not approved any Annexation(s), Inclusion(s), or Exclusion(s) since January 1 of the current year.

By signing below, I acknowledge and certify that the information is true and accurate.

Signature

Date

APPENDIX B: CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Please enter your Jurisdiction's information.

Jurisdiction: South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District

Designated Election Official:

Barb Andrews
9195 E. Mineral Avenue
Centennial, CO 80112
Email: Barb.Andrews@southmetro.org
Phone: 720-989-2292

Represented by:

Attorney / Law Firm: Bob Cole, Collins Cole Winn & Ulmer, PLLC
Mailing Address: 165 S. Union Blvd., Suite 785
Lakewood, CO 80228
Email: kwinters@cogovlaw.com
Phone: 720-295-4053

Per this Agreement, please indicate the Jurisdiction representative(s) who will participate in the following activities:

REQUIRED PARTICIPATION

**Election Day phone support for citizen inquiries
November 4, 2025, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Name: Barb Andrews

Phone: 720-989-2292

Email: Barb.Andrews@southmetro.org

OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION

If a representative is not designated for these optional activities, the Douglas County Elections office will designate a staff member to serve on behalf of the Jurisdiction.

**Logic and Accuracy Test (LAT)
(Enter date, time, location, info)**

Name: Barb Andrews

Phone: 720-989-2292

Email: Barb.Andrews@southmetro.org

**Risk Limiting Audit (RLA)
(Enter date, time, location, info) Additional days may be needed.**

Name: Barb Andrews

Phone: 720-989-2292

Email: Barb.Andrews@southmetro.org

**Canvass Board and Final Certification of Election
(Enter date, time, location, info)**

Name: Barb Andrews

Phone: 720-989-2292

Email: Barb.Andrews@southmetro.org

Douglas County Contact Information
(Information Only)

- Douglas County Coordinated Election Official:
Sheri Davis, Clerk and Recorder
301 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104
clerk@douglas.co.us
303-663-7364

- Douglas County Contact Officer
Jack Twite Jr.
125 Stephanie Place, Castle Rock, CO 80109
jtwite@douglas.co.us
303-814-7618

- Douglas County Deputy Director of Elections
Jack Twite Jr.
125 Stephanie Place, Castle Rock, CO 80109
jtwite@douglas.co.us
303-814-7618

- Douglas County Senior Assistant Attorney
Chris Pratt
100 Third Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104
cpratt@douglas.co.us
303-660-7321

APPENDIX C: IMPORTANT DATES
(Information Only)

EVENT	DATE
Last day to provide in writing to the County Clerk & Recorder Notice of Intent to coordinate for the 2025 Coordinated Election (-100 days)	July 25
Last day to return signed IGA to the Contact Officer (-70 days)	August 26
Last day to return completed Address Confirmation Form (Appendix A) or Boundary Map to ensure accurate voter information (-70 days)	August 26
Last day to submit certified ballot order and content to the Contact Officer (-60 days)	September 5
Last day for Secretary of State to certify state ballot order and content to county clerk (-57 days)	September 8
Last day to mail ballots to Uniformed and Overseas electors (UOCAVA) (-45 days)	September 20
Last day to submit Ballot Issue Notice (TABOR) Language and summarized Pro/Con & Fiscal Impact Statements to Contact Officer (-43 days)	September 22
Logic and Accuracy Test (LAT)	September 26
Logic and Accuracy Test (LAT) – Alternate Date	September 29
Ballots mailed to voters (-22 days)	October 10
Ballot Drop Boxes open (-15 days minimum)	October 10
Last day voter can request our office mail a ballot (-8 days)	October 27
Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs) open (-15 days)	October 27
ELECTION DAY	November 4, 7 AM – 7 PM
Risk Limiting Audit (RLA)	November 18 (Additional days may be needed)
Canvass Board and Final Certification of Election	November 21
Canvass Board and Final Certification of Election – Alternate date	November 24
Final Certification of Election deadline	November 26

APPENDIX D: IGA CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to track and complete all items as outlined in this Agreement. Dates reflect the Douglas County Elections timeline based on statutory requirements and deadlines.

✓	DATE	EVENT
	July 25	Provide in writing to the County Clerk and Recorder notice of intent to coordinate.
	Month of August	Receive and review the Agreement and accompanying documents from the Contact Officer, including important District addressing verification.
	August 26	• Complete and return all required documents of the Agreement via mail or email to the Contact Officer, itwite@douglas.co.us. • Provide a copy of the Ordinance or Resolution outlining intent to participate in the coordinated election. • Provide a statement to confirm sufficient funds to pay for election expenses are available and appropriated in the Jurisdiction's approved budget. • For PROPOSED DISTRICTS: Provide a certified legal description, map, and street listing (including street ranges).
	September 5	• Provide certified ballot content and order to the Contact Officer. C.R.S 1-5-203(3). Refer to Section 2.02 (L) of the IGA for specific requirements. USE TEMPLATES PROVIDED IN APPENDIX H AND I. • As applicable, provide phonetic pronunciation of each candidate's name via voicemail. Refer to Section 2.02 (M) of the IGA for instructions. • Proofread ballot layout and text for Jurisdiction's portion of the official ballot and provide written acceptance of content or written notice of necessary changes. Refer to Section 2.02 (O) of the IGA for instructions.
	September 22	Provide Contact Officer with full text of any required ballot issue notices (TABOR) and all summarized pro/con statements. USE TEMPLATE PROVIDED IN APPENDIX G.

	October 1	For elections where property owners are eligible electors: Provide all applicable eligible property owner list(s). Refer to Section 2.02 (P) of the agreement and APPENDIX A for instructions and requirements.
	October 10	For elections where property owners are eligible electors: Provide a supplemental list of applicable eligible property owner(s) for eligible voters not submitted in the original list from October 1. Refer to Section 2.02 (P) of the agreement and APPENDIX A for instructions and requirements.
	November 4, 2025	ELECTION DAY Jurisdiction phone support is required during voting hours from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. to provide information as needed to the Douglas County Elections office, public, or media.
	Post-Election Day	• Notify Contact Officer within 24 hours of completion of final ballot tabulation if a recount is required. • Remit payment within 30 days of receipt of billing invoice.

Appendix E: BALLOT MEASURES FORM

Please use this form to provide the required information for each Ballot Measure submitted.

1. **Name of coordinating entity:** South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District
2. **Ballot measure type:** ☒ **Ballot Issue (Tax/TABOR)** ☐ **Ballot Question (Non-Tax/TABOR)**
3. **Subject matter summary for contest heading (optional)**

4. **Ballot measure text:** Enter the ballot measure's text in the form of a question, exactly as it should be printed on the ballot. Please note:
 - **Ballot Issues (tax) under TABOR must be certified in ALL UPPERCASE LETTERS**
 - **Ballot Questions not arising under TABOR must be certified in sentence case (upper and lower case letters)**
 - **Include standard measure responses with the ballot measure text (YES/FOR NO/AGAINST)**

BALLOT QUESTION

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7

SHALL SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$50,000,000 ANNUALLY BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 OR BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL MILLS BY 3 MILLS, FOR A TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 12.25 MILLS, (RESULTING IN AN EXPECTED 2026 ANNUAL TAX INCREASE OF \$18.75 FOR EACH \$100,000 OF RESIDENTIAL VALUE), FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE, RESCUE, SAFETY, AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND BUSINESSES SERVED BY THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING:

- RESPONDING SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO ALL EMERGENCIES BY MAINTAINING FIREFIGHTER AND PARAMEDIC STAFFING LEVELS,
- BEING PROACTIVE IN MAINTAINING EXISTING STATIONS AND FACILITIES AND EXPANDING, REMODELING, AND/OR REBUILDING OUTDATED OR INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE,
- RETAINING AND ATTRACTING HIGHLY QUALIFIED FIRST RESPONDERS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL, AND
- IMPROVING FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS WITH PROGRAMS SUCH AS EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT FOR CARDIOVASCULAR CONDITIONS AND CANCER, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, AND MANDATORY FITNESS TRAINING AND STANDARDS;

AND SHALL ALL DISTRICT REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW, WITH ALL SPENDING OF SUCH REVENUES REPORTED IN THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AND REVIEWED BY AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR AS WELL AS THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE?

Appendix F: CANDIDATE CONTEST FORM

*Please use this form to provide the required information for **each** of your candidate contests.*

1. **Name of coordinating entity:** _____
2. **Name of elected office or position:** _____
3. **Representation type:** Under the applicable election laws of the coordinating entity, state whether candidates for this office are elected at large by all electors of the coordinating entity, or by district.
Check one:

☐ Candidates for this office are elected at-large ☐ Candidates for this office are elected by district

4. **Contest title:** Please enter the office or position title, district (if needed), term length, and the number of elected positions to be filled for this office using the following format and example:

Format:

Office Title – District

Term Length (Vote for Number)

Example:

Councilmember – District 2

Four-Year Term (Vote for One)

Title: _____

Term Length: _____

5. **Named candidates:** State the names of all candidates for this office, exactly as they should be printed on the ballot, and in the exact order they should be printed on the ballot.

- Add additional lines if necessary
- Candidate names must be in proper case
- Candidate names may not include any title or degree designating the business or profession of the candidates
- A candidate's name may include one nickname, if the candidate regularly uses the nickname, and the nickname does not include any part of a political party name

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

6. **Write-in candidates:** State whether this race will have write-in candidates. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer to Question 6 is Yes, also state:

- a. The number of separate write-in lines that should be printed on the ballot. _____
(The number of write-in lines should equal the number of elected positions to be filled.)
- b. Under the ballot access laws and rules that apply to the coordinating entity, is there any possibility that an eligible elector may file papers with the DEO to qualify as a write-in candidate after the DEO certifies ballot content to the County Clerk?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- c. State the names of the eligible write-in candidates for this race:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

APPENDIX G: BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE AGREEMENT (TABOR BOOK)

The Ballot Issue Notices booklet (TABOR Book) is the publication required by the Colorado State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, for ballot issues that call for increases in the tax rate or government debt. The County must mail the Ballot Issue Notice booklet to electors.

THE COUNTY WILL PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TASKS FOR THE BALLOT ISSUE NOTICES BOOKLET (TABOR BOOK):

- A. Determine the most cost-effective method for mailing ballot issue notices and the portion of the cost the Jurisdiction is responsible for.
- B. Determine the ballot issue numbers.
- C. Place the ballot issue notices received from Jurisdictions participating in the election in the proper order in the Ballot Issue Notices booklet.
- D. Mail a Ballot Issue Notices booklet to each address that includes registered electors as required by law.
- E. Refer calls concerning the substance of the ballot issues or the operations of the Jurisdiction to the DEO for the Jurisdiction.

THE JURISDICTION WILL PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TASKS FOR THE BALLOT ISSUE NOTICES BOOKLET (TABOR BOOK):

- A. Complete circulation, approval, review, and all other activities as required by the Code to produce the Jurisdiction's ballot issue notice. The DEO will interact with any Jurisdiction petition representatives to ensure that the Contact Officer receives the summary of written comments for and against the ballot issue within the time required by the Code.
- B. Determine the ballot title and text within the restrictions as outlined by the County in this Agreement.
- C. Include, within its ballot issue notice, the ballot title in this format: "NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/ON A CITIZEN PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE." See template provided in APPENDIX H.
- D. **Prepare the text of the ballot issue notice using the template provided in APPENDIX H.** The ballot issue notice must include any Jurisdiction voter-approved additions, and:
 - a. The election date and hours, and the local Jurisdiction contact name, office address, and telephone number
 - b. Ballot title and text
 - c. Required fiscal information
- E. Accept and summarize the filed comments in favor of and in opposition to the ballot issue received from eligible electors of the Jurisdiction and the public, as required for use in the ballot issue notice.
- F. Provide the certified content of the Jurisdiction's completed ballot issue notice to the Contact Officer as a plain text file via email.
- G. Proofread the layout and the text that the Contact Office provides of the Jurisdiction's portion of the official Ballot Issue Notices booklet and provide written notice (electronic format) of acceptance before the printing of the ballots. **Approval or requested changes must be received**

within four (4) business hours after the Douglas County Elections Contact Officer emails the draft to the jurisdiction. This may require availability outside of normal business hours, and no changes will be made after acceptance is given to the Contact Officer. If the deadline is not met, the Contact Officer will consider the proof final "as is".

- a. A penalty for delay or rework of the ballot or ballot issue notices booklet will result in an additional fee to the Jurisdiction for all associated correction costs. The ballot issue notice may not be changed by the Jurisdiction without written approval from the Contact Officer and can be requested no later than the 42nd day before the election.
- H. Resolve, at the Jurisdiction's expense, any and all challenges pertaining to ballot issue notices certified to the County.

Jurisdiction Signature

By: Barbara A. Andrews Date: 08/19/2025

County Signature

By: _____ Date: _____

Appendix H: BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE TEMPLATE (TABOR BOOK)

Please use this template and replace the highlighted fields with your Ballot Issue Notice information.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE A DEBT (choose one or both options)
ON A CITIZEN PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE (choose one option)

ENTER YOUR JURISDICTION NAME HERE

Election Date: November 4, 2025

Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Designated Election Official Address and Telephone Number:

Enter your DEO contact person

Enter your DEO office address

Enter your DEO office telephone number

Ballot Issue Title and Text: (see Article X, Section 20, of the Colorado Constitution for legal guidance)

Enter your ballot issue title

Enter your ballot issue text – TEXT MUST BE WRITTEN IN ALL CAPS

Fiscal Information:

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (Actual)	\$ Enter dollar amount
2025 (Actual)	\$ Enter dollar amount
2026 (Estimated)	\$ Enter dollar amount

Overall Percentage Change in Fiscal Year Spending	Enter percent change %
Overall Dollar Change in Fiscal Year Spending	\$ Enter dollar amount

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase	\$ Enter dollar amount
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase	\$ Enter dollar amount

Summary of Written Comments FOR (enter issue title):

See C.R.S. 1-7-903 for guidance

- OR -

Enter: No comments were filed by the constitution deadline

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST (enter issue title):

See C.R.S. 1-7-903 for guidance

- OR -

Enter: No comments were filed by the constitution deadline

APPENDIX I: BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE PROOF ACCEPTANCE FORM (TABOR BOOK)

The Douglas County Elections Contact Officer will send the Jurisdiction a proof for any submitted Ballot Issue Notice(s) that the Jurisdiction must review and approve for inclusion in the Ballot Issue Notices booklet (TABOR Book) as required under Colorado law.

THE JURISDICTION MUST THOROUGHLY REVIEW ALL INFORMATION ON THE PROOF AND EITHER APPROVE IT OR PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY CORRECTIONS WITHIN FOUR (4) BUSINESS HOURS AFTER THE CONTACT OFFICER EMAILS THE PROOF.

This short approval window is necessary to comply with statutory election deadlines in Colorado. Douglas County Elections cannot begin printing the official Ballot Issue Notices booklet (TABOR Book) until this completed form is received from each applicable Jurisdiction.

The Douglas County Elections Contact Officer will confirm receipt of this Approval Form when it is received.

_____ **BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE(S) APPROVED**

_____ **BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE(S) APPROVED *WITH REVISIONS NOTED***

JURISDICTION: _____

DEO NAME: _____

DEO SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____