

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MANSFIELD (“CITY”) TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY FOR THE USE OF AN AUTOMARK VOTING MACHINE TO BE USED IN THE MAY 12, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION AND RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code (the “Code”) specifies that the second Saturday in May shall be a “uniform election date” and that a general election of a City may be held on such day; and

**WHEREAS**, state law and the charter of the City require that a general election be held; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2012, the City called a general election to be held on May 12, 2012;

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2012, the Mansfield Independent School District (“MISD”) will order a general election to be held on the same date; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the MISD have an interest in further accommodating the voter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and MISD have agreed to sign a joint election agreement holding both elections together and allowing the City to conduct the election that involve the voters in Johnson and Ellis Counties (City) and Johnson County (MISD), respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, each polling location should be equipped with at least one voting system accessible to individuals with disabilities, including non-visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation (including privacy and independence) as for other voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.**

The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease agreement with Johnson County for the use of an AutoMark Voting Machine.

**SECTION 2.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012.**

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**David L. Cook, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Vicki Collins, City Secretary**