

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ELLIS COUNTY FOR AUTOMARK VOTING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN THE MAY 6, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION AND RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code specifies that the first 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 City Charter require that a general election be held; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2017, the City of Mansfield (“City”) ordered a general election to be held on May 6, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has an interest in further accommodating the voter; 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 or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease agreement with Ellis County for the use of AutoMARK Voting Equipment for the general election to be held May 6, 2017 and run-off election, if necessary.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2017.**

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**David L. Cook, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Jeanne Heard, City Secretary**