

## City of Bethel Action Memorandum

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Authorize the city manager to negotiate and execute an equipment lease agreement extension with Dominion Voting Systems Inc.

**Attachment(s):** Amendment to Lease Agreement with Dominion Voting Systems Inc

Amount of fiscal impact:	Account information:
\$6,259 annually through 2024	City Clerk's Office Elections 100-52-6505
\$4,243 2025	
\$4,370 2026	
\$4,501 2027	
\$4,636 2028	
\$4,775 2029	
\$4,918 2030	

The City of Bethel entered into an agreement with Dominion Voting in 2017, for the lease of two voting units for the City's elections. The equipment lease agreement was set to expire in May of 2024 and was \$6,259 per year. The lease agreement included maintenance and technical support of the two leased units.

A quote was received from Dominion Voting to maintain our current election equipment through an extended lease term. This option provides the City with the most cost effective solution for election equipment.

During the October 2022 Election, one of the voting units began to provide an error message when attempting to read some of the ballots inserted. The office began evaluating options and costs for new equipment and repair of the current equipment.

A quote from another known vendor for the rental of equipment per election was: \$5,010.52

A quote from the same known vendor for the purchase of equipment was: \$23,728 plus \$870 per year maintenance and support.

Dominion Voting's quote for new updated equipment was \$8,922 to start, increasing annually, up to \$10,973 charged on year 8 of the lease term. The new updated units would include a new touchscreen unit for accessibility, and a color LCD screen on the voting unit.

For the difference in cost, the City Clerk's Office does not feel the upgrades presented by the new units are necessary for our community and believes the lower priced units provide the most cost effective solution to our election needs.