### **ORDINANCE NO. A-277**

### AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTE COUNTING SYSTEMS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF GROVE HILL, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Section 17-7-21, Code of Alabama, 1975, authorizes a municipality to authorize, adopt and direct the use of electronic vote counting systems in all elections held in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the type of electronic voting system used in previous municipal elections will no longer be used and a new system will be implemented and used in the upcoming municipal elections and may change again from time to time in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grove Hill utilizes the same electronic vote counting system as does the Clarke County Commission and anticipates it will continue to do so in future elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it **ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Grove Hill, Alabama, as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby authorizes and directs that, until further action of the City Council of the City of Grove Hill to the contrary, the electronic voting systems authorized, adopted and directed for use by the Clarke County Commission of Clarke County, Alabama ("Commission") from time to time, shall be used in all municipal elections held after the effective date of this Ordinance for the counting, tabulating and reporting of any and all municipal election results, so long as such systems comply with the requirements of Section 17-7-21, Code of Alabama, 1975, and the rules and regulations of the Alabama Electronic Voting Committee. Said systems as adopted, authorized and directed by the Commission from time to time are hereby adopted as the electronic voting system for use in all municipal elections in the City of Grove Hill, Alabama.

**SECTION 2.** The use of the electronic voting systems adopted, authorized and directed in Section 1 shall be implemented in accordance with the same plan of implementation as adopted and implemented by the Commission from time to time for such systems.

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SECTION 3. Any and all ordinances, resolution and other Council actions previously adopted or taken which conflict with the provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed superseded and preempted by the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any such conflict and any electronic voting systems specifically adopted authorized and directed for use in municipal elections of the City previously are specifically no longer authorized for such use unless hereafter adopted, authorized and directed for use by the Commission.

**SECTION 4.** A copy of this Ordinance shall be filed by the Clerk with the Alabama Secretary of State as required by Section 17-7-21, *Code of Alabama*, 1975.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall be deemed effective immediately upon its adoption and publication according to law.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this day of October, 2024

APPROYED BY:

Ross Wood, Mayor

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#### **CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK**

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, as City Clerk of the City of Grove Hill, Alabama, under the seal thereof, this also day of 100 fober 2024.

SEAL

Michelle Grigg Green,

City Clerk of the City of Grove Hill, Alabama