## ORDER CALLING ELECTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF BASTROP AND TRAVIS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 775.0751 and 775.0752 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, Bastrop-Travis Counties Emergency Services District No. 1 ("District") wishes to order an election to submit a proposition to adopt a local sales and use tax in the District at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) in any location in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt a local sales and use tax in the District at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) in any location in the District; and

WHEREAS, to the extent known by the District, Bastrop County collects a local sales and use tax of one-half percent (0.5%). The City of Elgin is located in both Bastrop and Travis Counties. Further, to the extent known by the District, in Bastrop County the City of Elgin collects a local sales and use tax within the District of one and one-half percent (1.5%), and in Travis County the City of Elgin collects a local sales and use tax within the District of one and one-half percent (1.5%); and

WHEREAS, to the extent known by the District: Bastrop County overlaps the vast majority of the District, save and except that portion of the District that falls within Travis County, and the City of Elgin is located in both Bastrop County and Travis County and is within the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, to the extent known by the District, there are no other entities within the boundaries of the District that collect any portion of the available local sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, based upon the facts stated above, and if the District's election is successful, there would be available to the District: one and one-half percent (1.5%) local sales and use tax in those areas of the District that are located within Bastrop County and outside the City of Elgin; one-half percent (0.5%) local sales and use tax for those areas of the District located both within Travis County and within the City of Elgin; and two percent (2%) local sales and use tax for those areas of the District located within Travis County and outside the City of Elgin; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to proceed with the ordering of an election for May 3, 2025, the next available uniform election date, and appointing election officials required for the conduct of the election, and has deemed it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, the meeting to adopt this Order was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Government Code, as amended.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BASTROP-TRAVIS COUNTIES EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1:

- Section 1: The matters and facts set out in the recitals of this Order are hereby found and declared to be true and complete.
- Section 2: An election shall be held by the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of submitting the question of adopting the local sales and use tax for all areas within the District in which any percentage of sales tax is available.
- Section 3: Notice of the election shall be given and the election shall be held in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code in all respects. The ballots for the election shall comply with the Texas Election Code and be provided by the Bastrop County Election Officer for use on the voting devices and ballots used by Bastrop County and provided by the Travis County Election Officer for use on the voting devices and ballots used by Travis County.
- Section 4: Voting in the election must be by the use of electronic ballots and must be available in both English and Spanish and conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. Oral bilingual assistance must be available during the election and may be obtained by contacting the presiding judge or the alternate presiding judge at the polling location. The ballots used in the election must have printed thereon the following proposition:

The adoption of a local sales and use tax in Bastrop-Travis Counties Emergency Services District No. 1 at a rate not to exceed two percent (2.0%) in any location in the District.

Each voter may vote for or against the proposition by placing an "X" in the square beside the word "FOR" or in the square beside the word "AGAINST".

- <u>Section 5:</u> The District is hereby divided into election precincts using the election precinct boundaries established by Bastrop County for those areas within the District and within Bastrop County and the election precinct boundaries established by Travis County for those areas within the District and within Travis County.
- Section 6: The polling place for each election precinct shall be the polling place(s) established by Bastrop County for such election precincts in the District that are located in Bastrop County and the polling place(s) established by Travis County for such election precincts in the District that are located in Travis County. Early voting dates, times, and locations are determined by Bastrop County and Travis County for the conduct of the election within the respective counties. Election day polling places are determined by Bastrop County and Travis County for the conduct of the election within the respective counties. The election day polling places for Bastrop County are attached hereto as Exhibit "A-1" and the election day polling places for Travis County are attached hereto as Exhibit "B-1" and are incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 7: The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks for the election selected and appointed by Bastrop County and Travis County in compliance with the requirements

of state law are hereby designated and appointed election officers for the holding of this election. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks shall perform the functions and duties of their respective positions that are provided by state law.

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall begin on April 21. 2025, and shall continue through April 29, 2025. The Bastrop County Clerk for Early Voting is Kristin Miles, Bastrop County Elections Administrator, and early voting in Bastrop County will be conducted at polling locations established by Bastrop County for early voting. The Travis County Clerk for Early Voting will be appointed by Travis County and is acceptable to the District. Early voting in Travis County will be conducted at polling locations established by Travis County for early voting. Early voting dates, times and locations for Bastrop and Travis Counties are as published by Bastrop County and Travis County, and such information is attached hereto as Exhibits "A-2" and "B-2", respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

The Bastrop County Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which Bastrop Section 9: County ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is: Elections Administrator, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602 or by email at elections@co.bastrop.tx.us. The Travis County Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which Travis County ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is: Elections Division, Travis County Clerk, P.O. Box 149325, Austin, Texas 78714 or by email to elections@traviscountytx.gov.

Section 10: The election shall be held and conducted and returns made of this election in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapter 775 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

Section 11: All qualified residents of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of this election Section 12: to be published in both Spanish and English in a newspaper of general circulation in Bastrop County and Travis County, Texas pursuant to §4.003 of the Election Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of December 2024.

**BASTROP-TRAVIS COUNTIES EMERGENCY** SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

ATTEST:

Brian Henson, Secretary **Board of Commissioners** 

## **CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER**

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF BASTROP AND TRAVIS §

The undersigned officer of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Bastrop-Travis Counties Emergency Services District No. 1 hereby certifies as follows:

1. The Board of Bastrop-Travis Counties Emergency Services District No. 1 ("District") convened in a regular meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, at the Elgin Fire Station, located at 111 North Avenue C, Elgin, Texas 78621, and the following officers and members of the Board:

Larry Moseley - President
Nick Teague - Vice President
Brian Henson - Secretary
Ramiro Garza - Treasurer

Damon Doss - Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

were present, except Commissioner(s) Nick Teague, thus constituting a quorum. Among other business, an:

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was introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then moved and seconded that the Order be adopted, and, after discussion, the motion prevailed and carried by majority vote.

2. A true, full and correct copy of the Order adopted at the meeting described above is attached to this certificate. The Order has been recorded in the District's minutes of the meeting. The persons named in the paragraph above are the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated in paragraph 1. Each of the officers and members of the Board was notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the Board meeting and that the Order would be introduced and considered for adoption at the meeting. Each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to holding the meeting for such purpose. The meeting was open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and subject of the meeting was given as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

## SIGNED AND SEALED this 19th day of December 2024.

Brian Henson, Secretary **Board of Commissioners** 

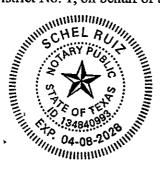
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COUNTY OF BASTROP

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 1912 day of December 2024, by Brian Henson, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Bastrop-Travis Counties Emergency Services District No. 1, on behalf of the District.

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Notary Public Signature