ORDER CALLING ELECTION TO ABOLISH AND REDUCE SALES TAX COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS \$

COUNTY OF TRAVIS \$

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 775.0752 of the Texas Health & Safety Code and Chapter 3 of the Texas Election Code, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 ("District") wishes to order an election to submit a proposition authorizing a change in the District's sales and use tax collections; and

WHEREAS, the District previously conducted an election to establish a sales and use tax rate of 0.5% for those areas that are located within the District and within the City of Pflugerville and to establish a tax rate of 1.0% for those areas that are located within the District but outside of the city limits of the City of Pflugerville;

WHEREAS, a petition to call an election was filed with the Board of Commissioners on or about December 16, 2022, for "the decrease in the rate of the local sales and use tax imposed ... from 0.5 percent to 0 percent in the City of Pflugerville, and 1.0 percent to 0.5 percent in those areas of the District subject to a 1.0 percent taxation";

WHEREAS, the Travis County Elections Office validated a statistical sample of 1,740 signatures on or about August 6, 2024, pursuant to Section 277.003 of the Election Code;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District now wishes to proceed with the ordering of an election for November 5, 2024, 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; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 THAT:

- Section 1: The matters and facts set out in the recitals of this Order are hereby found and declared to be true and complete.
- <u>Section 2</u>: An election shall be held by the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024, at the Travis County precinct polling place locations within the boundaries of the District at which there shall be submitted the proposition authorizing a change in the sales and use tax rates for all areas within the District.
- Section 3: Voting in the election must be by the use of electronic ballots, or other methods as approved by law, 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.

<u>Section 4:</u> At the election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with the law:

PROPOSITION A: ABOLISHING THE 0.5 PERCENT LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IMPOSED BY TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY **SERVICES** DISTRICT NO. 2 (ALSO KNOWN AS THE PFLUGERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT) IN THE CITY PFLUGERVILLE AND DECREASING THE SALES AND USE TAX FROM 1.0 PERCENT TO 0.5 PERCENT IN ALL OTHER AREAS OF 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".

Section 5: The election precinct(s) for the District exist as established by Travis County. The polling place for each such election precinct shall be the polling places established by Travis County for such election precincts in Travis County. Early voting dates, times, locations, as well as election day polling locations are as determined by Travis County.

The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks for the election selected and appointed by 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 October 19, 2024, and shall continue through November 1, 2024. The Clerk for Early Voting is Dyana Limon-Mercado, and early voting will be conducted at polling locations established by Travis County for early voting.

The Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is: Early Voting Clerk, Travis County Elections, P.O. Box 149325, Austin, Texas 78714. The early voting clerk's email address is elections@traviscountytx.gov.

Applications for Ballots by Mail ("ABBMs") must be received by the Travis County Clerk not later than the close of business on October 25, 2024. ABBMs are to be submitted via regular mail to P.O. Box 149325, Austin, Texas 78714-9325 or by delivery to the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Suite #100, Austin, Texas 78751-1410. You may also submit an ABBM by fax to 512-854-3969 or email to ebbm@traviscountytx.gov, but it must also be submitted by mail to the address provided above and received within four business days of the electronic submission.

Federal Post Card Applications ("FPCAs") must be received by the Travis County Clerk no later than the close of business on October 25, 2024. FPCAs are to be submitted via regular mail to P.O. Box 149325, Austin, Texas 78714-9325 or by delivery to the Travis County Elections

Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Suite #100, Austin, Texas 78751-1410. You may also submit an FCPA by fax to 512-854-3969 or email to ebbm@traviscountytx.gov, but it must also be submitted by mail to the address provided above and received within four business days of the electronic submission.

<u>Section 5:</u> 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 6: All qualified residents of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

<u>Section 7:</u> The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of this election to be published in both Spanish and English in a newspaper of general circulation in Travis County, Texas pursuant to §4.003 of the Election Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of August 2024.

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

By:

Rico Reyes, President Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Randy Reese, Secretary Board of Commissioners

ANDALL M. REESE

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

The undersigned officer of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 hereby certifies as follows:

1. The Board of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 ("District") convened in a special meeting on the 19th day of August 2024, at 201 East Pecan Street, Pflugerville, Texas, and the following officers and members of the Board:

Rico Reyes - President
April Griffin - Vice President
Randy Reese - Secretary
Mike Howe - Treasurer

Robert Turner - Assistant Treasurer

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

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was introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly 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 in the above paragraph is attached to this certificate. The Order has been duly 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 the $\underline{19}$ day of August 2024.

Randy Reese, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 17 day of August 2024, by Randy Reese, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2, on behalf of the District.

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SEQUINA JEANNE ALLEN Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 09-14-2025 Notary ID 13127887-4

Notary Public Signature