

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

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| | § | CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS |
| COUNTY OF WISE | § | |

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS on the 3rd day of November, 2020, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the City Council which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads substantially as follows:

**A RESOLUTION CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2020
IN THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF
THE ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED
TO SUCH ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS (the "City"), located in Wise County, Texas (the "County"), hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the Council shall be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the City in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the City will contract with the Elections Administrator (the "Administrator") of the County to conduct all aspects of the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that the necessity to construct capital improvements for a municipal government complex within the City necessitates that it is in the public interest to call and hold the Election at the earliest possible date to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purposes hereinafter identified; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The Election shall be held in the CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS on the 3rd day of November, 2020 ("Election Day"), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is not less than 78 days nor more than 90 days from the date of the adoption of this resolution (the "Resolution"), for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the qualified voters of the City:

PROPOSITION A

"Shall the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas be authorized to issue and sell one or more series of general obligation bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$4,750,000 for the purpose of making permanent public improvements or other public purposes, to wit: acquisition, construction, improvement and equipment of a municipal government complex within the City, and the purchase of land, easements, rights-of-way, and other real property interests necessary therefor or incidental thereto, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with law; and any issue or series of said bonds to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the City Council, provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of said bonds; and shall the City Council of the City be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, within the limitations prescribed by law, on all taxable property in said City sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?"

SECTION 2. One or more City election precincts are hereby established for the purpose of holding the Election, and one or more polling places are hereby designated for holding the Election in the City election precincts as identified in Exhibit A to this Resolution (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). At least 79 days prior to Election Day, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the City, acting through the Mayor, the City Administrator, or the designee thereof, in coordination with the Administrator, or the designee thereof, as necessary or desirable, will appoint the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election, together with any other necessary changes to election practices and procedures and can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Resolution based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by the Administrator and the City, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

- A. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the County to act as clerks in order to properly conduct the Election. To the extent required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, or other applicable law, the appointment of these clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on Election Day. If the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge of the election precinct.
- B. On Election Day, the polls shall be open as designated on Exhibit A.

- C. The main early voting location is designated in Exhibit B to this Resolution (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). The individual named as the Early Voting Clerk as designated in Exhibit B is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct such early voting in the Election. The Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks. This main early voting location shall remain open to permit early voting on the days and at the times as stated in Exhibit B. Early voting shall commence as provided on Exhibit B and continue through the date set forth on Exhibit B, all as provided by the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended.

Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained in accordance with the Texas Election Code. In the event such permanent and/or temporary branch locations are established, information regarding the locations, dates, and hours of operation for early voting at these offices shall be determined by the Administrator, as identified in Exhibit B hereto.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the City to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 3. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the City shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with State and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Any legally permissible voting method may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail.

SECTION 4: The City is authorized to utilize a Central Counting Station (the "Station") as provided by Section 127.001, *et seq.*, as amended, Texas Election Code. The Administrator, or the designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager of the Station, who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Council hereby authorizes the Administrator, or the designee thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judge of the Station, the Tabulation Supervisor, and the Programmer for the Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Administrator will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station in accordance with the provisions of the

Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

"THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,750,000 OF CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

SECTION 6. All resident qualified voters of the City shall be permitted to vote at the Election, and on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling places. The Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, Chapters 1251 and 1331, as amended, Texas Government Code, and as may be required by any other law. To the extent required by law, all materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 7. Notice of election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the first of these publications to appear in such newspaper not more than 30 days, and not less than 14 days, prior to Election Day. Moreover, a substantial copy of this Resolution and the voter information attached as Exhibit C, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) at City Hall not less than 25 days prior to Election Day; (ii) at three additional public places within the City not less than 25 days prior to Election Day, (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting, and (iv) in a prominent location on the City's internet website not less than 25 days prior to Election Day. A sample ballot shall be posted on the City's internet website not less than 25 days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 8. In accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, as of the date of this Resolution the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the City's debt is \$4,210,000; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such City debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$1,663,186.20; and the City ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations is \$0.2241 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Based on the bond market conditions on the date of this Resolution, the maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 15% (expressed as a net effective interest rate applicable to any such series of bonds). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise overall a specified number of years (not more than 40 years from their date), as preserved by applicable Texas law, though the City estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue.

The foregoing estimated maximum net effective interest rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance; they do not serve as a cap on the per annum interest rate at which any series of bonds authorized at the Election may be sold, or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.

SECTION 9. The Council authorizes the Mayor, the City Administrator, or their respective designee, to negotiate and enter into one or more election agreements and/or similar contracts or agreements with the County, acting by and through the Administrator, as permitted and in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended. In addition, the City authorizes the Mayor, the City Administrator, or their respective designee of either of such parties to make such technical modifications to this Resolution that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Council, as evidenced herein. To the extent that any duty or obligation of the City, in general, or any City official, in particular, is properly delegated to the County pursuant to an election agreement, then the County's carrying out those duties and obligations on the City's behalf pursuant to the terms of such election agreement shall be binding upon the City and are hereby determined by the Council to be evidence of the City's compliance with the provisions of applicable Texas law concerning the Election relative to the same. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for an election agreement, this Resolution is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the City Council. To the extent needed or desirable, the Administrator is hereby appointed joint custodian of voted ballots for the purposes of Section 31.096, as amended, Texas Election Code.

SECTION 10. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

SECTION 11. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordained herein.

SECTION 12. This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 13. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 14. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the

application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this Council hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 15. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, as amended, Texas Government Code, this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

YOU WILL, THEREFORE, take notice of all matters and facts set out in the foregoing Notice of Election.

//s// Shannon Montgomery, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Rhome, Texas

Exhibit A

ELECTION DAY PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Presiding Judge(s) and Alternate(s): to be named by the Administrator

LOCATION OF ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES (7A-7P)

- PRECINCT 01 DECATUR CITY HALL, 201 E. WALNUT, DECATUR
- PRECINCT 02 WISE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (Women's Building), 3101 S. FM 51, DECATUR
- PRECINCT 03 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1192 CR 2822, SLIDELL
- PRECINCT 04 MASONIC LODGE, 1ST FLOOR, 147 CR 2740, GREENWOOD
- PRECINCT 05 EAST WISE FIRE HALL, 107 CR 4421, RHOME
- PRECINCT 06 NEW FAIRVIEW CITY ALL, 999 ILLINOIS LN., NEW FAIRVIEW
- PRECINCT 07 ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH 1305 S. DEER PARK, DECATUR
- PRECINCT 08 ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH 1305 S. DEER PARK, DECATUR
- PRECINCT 10 VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH, 4346 N. HWY 101, SUNSET (PARK SPRINGS)
- PRECINCT 11 CRAFTON BAPTIST CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL 2590 FM RD 2127, CRAFTON
- PRECINCT 12 CHICO CITY ALL (Community Room), 400 S. HOVEY, CHICO
- PRECINCT 13 BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL (Band Hall) ONE MAROON DR., BRIDGEPORT
- PRECINCT 14 BRIDGEPORT LIONS HALL, 1107 8TH ST., BRIDGEPORT
- PRECINCT 15 NORMA COBLE CIVIC CENTER, 51 RUNAWAY BAY DR., RUNAWAY BAY
- PRECINCT 16 BOONSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 292 CR 3743, BOONSVILLE
- PRECINCT 17 PARADISE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ACITIVITY CENTER, 301 S. OAK, PARADISE
- PRECINCT 18 BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY CENTER, 1102 LAWDWIN, BRIDGEPORT
- PRECINCT 19 LAKE BRIDGEPORT FIRE HALL, 301 S. MAIN ST., LAKE BRIDGEPORT
- PRECINCT 20 COTTONDALE COMMUNITY CHAPEL, 161 CR 357, COTTONDALE
- PRECINCT 22 WISE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (Women's Building) 3101 S. FM 51, DECATUR
- PRECINCT 23 BOYD COMMUNITY CENTER, 420 E. MORTON AVE., BOYD
- PRECINCT 24 NEWARK FIRE HALL, 406 HUDSON ST., NEWARK
- PRECINCT 25 BOYD COMMUNITY CENTER, 420 E. MORTON AVE., BOYD
- PRECINCT 27 BOYD COMMUNITY CENTER, 420 E. MORTON AVE., BOYD

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Exhibit B

EARLY VOTING

Early voting begins Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and ends on Friday, October 30, 2020.

Early Voting Clerk

Wise County Elections Administrator
PO Box 1597
Decatur, Texas 76234

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be named by the Administrator.

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

VOTERS MAY VOTE AT ANY POLLING SITE DURING EARLY VOTING

MAIN EARLY VOTING – DECATUR

Wise County Fairgrounds (Women’s Building)
3101 S. FM 51
Decatur, TX 76234

ALVORD

Alvord City Hall
215 W. Elm
Alvord, TX 76225

BOYD

Boyd Community Center
420 E. Morton Ave.
Boyd, TX 76023

BRIDGEPORT

Bridgeport Lions Hall
1107 8th St.
Bridgeport, TX 76426

EARLY VOTING DAYS AND HOURS

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| Tuesday, October 13, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Wednesday, October 14, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Friday, October 16, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Saturday, October 17, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Monday, October 19, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 7A-7P |
| Wednesday, October 21, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Thursday, October 22, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Friday, October 23, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Saturday, October 24, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Monday, October 26, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 7A-7P |
| Wednesday, October 28, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 8A-5P |
| Friday, October 30, 2020 | 8A-5P |

Early Voting by Mail

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 23, 2020. Applications should be sent to:

Early Voting Clerk

Wise County Elections Administrator
PO Box 1597
Decatur, Texas 76234
elections@co.wise.tx.us

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Exhibit C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

City of Rhome, Texas Proposition A:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FOR <input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST | THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,750,000 OF CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF |
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| principal of debt obligations to be authorized | <u>\$4,750,000.00</u> |
| estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 2.25% | <u>\$1,744,088.00</u> |
| estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 26 years | <u>\$6,494,088.00</u> |
| as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations | <u>\$4,210,000.00</u> |
| as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations | <u>\$1,663,186.20</u> |
| estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over 26 years | <u>\$11,949,706.00</u> |
| estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved. This figure assumes the amortization of the City's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligation; changes in estimated future appraised values within the City; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations. | <u>\$0.1000</u> |

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