WISE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3

ORDER NO. 07-9-26-26

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF WISE §

RESOLUTION AND ORDER CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE ISSUE OF ADOPTION BY THE DISTRICT OF A SALES AND USE TAX PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 775, HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

WHEREAS, Texas Health & Safety Code § 775.0751, *et seq.*, permits a district operating under Chapter 775, Health & Safety Code to adopt a sales and use tax; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Wise County Emergency Services District No. 3 ("District") held a meeting called and conducted pursuant to all applicable law, including the Texas Open Meetings Act, on July ___, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, in calling for this election excludes from the election and the applicability of any proposed sales and use tax any territory in the District where the sales and use tax is then at two percent, pursuant to applicable law; and,

WHEREAS, at its meeting held on July 9, 2026, the District ordered such an election pursuant to Chapter 775, Health & Safety Code, and other applicable law, to be held on November 3, 2026:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS OF WISE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3 THAT:

Section 1. That the statements contained in the preamble to this Resolution and Order are true and correct and are adopted as findings of fact and law hereby.

Section 2. The District shall hold an election on November 3, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the polling locations and precincts common to the District and set forth and established by the Wise County Commissioners Court, or as otherwise determined by applicable law, with all applicable early and absentee voting places determined by the District in conjunction with its agreement with the Wise County Elections Administrator, and as required by law or further notice. The location of the main early voting by personal appearance polling place shall be those locations as designated by the Wise County Elections Administrator, pursuant to that certain agreement between the District and the Wise County Elections Administrator. The District's Early Voting Clerk shall be Sabra Srader, the Wise County Elections Administrator, or designee, whose official mailing address is 200 South Trinity Street,

Decatur, Texas 76234. The District's Election Official is Steve Edwards, President of the District, whose official mailing address is 303 Main Street, Paradise, Texas 76073. The Election Official is hereby empowered to execute any and all necessary documents and take any and all necessary actions to effect the election ordered herein. The Presiding Election Judge and the Alternate Election Judge shall be those as designated by the Wise County Elections Administrator, pursuant to that certain agreement between the District and the Office of the Wise County Elections Administrator.

Section 3. The early voting shall be held as designated by the Wise County Elections Administrator or the District at those locations and times to be determined.

Section 4. Pursuant to Texas Election Code § 42.061, the District adopts the precincts of Wise County located within its territorial limits as its precincts for this election and pursuant to the agreement with the Wise County Elections Administrator who will be conducting the election. The District shall follow all applicable bilingual procedures in the election. The District may consolidate some of these precincts upon the advice of the Wise County Elections Administrator and pursuant to that certain agreement between the District and the Office of the Wise County Elections Administrator.

Section 5. The voting at said election shall be by voting systems utilized by Wise County, and such ballots for the election shall be printed in English and Spanish to permit voting for or against the proposition:

"The adoption of a local sales and use tax in Wise County Emergency Services District No. 1 at a rate not to exceed one and one-half percent in any location in the District."

Section 6. The appropriate officers of the District, and its attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to coordinate and oversee this election, and the Wise County Elections Administrator, and its appropriate officers, is hereby appointed to assist the District in the coordination and oversight of this election pursuant to that certain interlocal agreement executed by and between the District and Wise County.

Section 7. Notice and/or Order of this election, in substantially the form promulgated by the Texas Secretary of State or other applicable law, and in Spanish translation thereof, shall be issued and given in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. The District reserves the right to amend this order as necessary to conduct this election pursuant to applicable law and in compliance with the Wise County Elections Administrator or other appropriate authorities having jurisdiction.

Section 9. In compliance with applicable law, and for the applicability of the sales and use tax, if approved by the voters, the District excludes from the election and the applicability of any proposed sales and use tax any territory in the District where the sales and use tax is at then at two percent, specifically including, but not limited to, the City of Paradise, Texas and the City of Springtown, Texas. Further, the Board has

provided all required notice to the Commissioners Court of Wise County, Texas as required by applicable law.

RESOLVED AND ORDERED this 9th day of July 2026.

WISE COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3

By: _____
Steve Edwards,
President
Election Official

ATTEST:

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Rayanne Gentry, Secretary