# NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRISON

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## TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF

### HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ELECTION HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED CAN BE FOUND AT <u>https://www.harrisoncountytexas.gov/page/harrison.Elections</u>.

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the County of Harrison, Texas on November 5, 2024 in accordance with an order duly entered by the Commissioners Court of Harrison County, Texas on August 13, 2024, which order reads substantially as follows:

AN ORDER calling an election to be held in Harrison County, Texas, to authorize the creation of the Harrison County Assistance District and the imposition of a sales and use tax for the purpose of financing the operations of the district; making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election.

WHEREAS, Local Government Code, Chapter 387, as amended (the "Act"), provides for the creation of a county assistance district composed of all or part of the County creating the same; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the combined rate of all local sales and use taxes imposed, including the rate to be imposed by the district if approved at the election would not exceed the combined rate of sales and uses taxes imposed by political subdivisions that is prescribed by Tax Code, Sections 321.101 and 323.101; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Harrison County, Texas (the "County") hereby finds that an election should be held to create the Harrison County Assistance District No. 1 (the "District") and to authorize the imposition of an additional sales and use tax for the purpose of financing the operations of the district; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS:

<u>SECTION 1:</u> An election shall be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 ("Election Day"), within the boundaries of the proposed District set forth in Section 2 hereof, which date is not less than seventy-eight (78) days from the date of the adoption hereof and is a uniform

election date pursuant to Texas Election Code, Section 41.001, for the purpose of submitting the following measure:

"SHALL the Harrison County Assistance District No. 1 (with boundaries being all portions of the territory situated in Harrison County, Texas excluding all territory within the municipal limits of the Cities of Hallsville, Marshall, Uncertain, Longview, Nesbitt, Scottsville, and Waskom) be created and a sales and use tax at the rate of 2.00 percent be imposed for the purpose of financing the operations of the District?"

<u>SECTION 2:</u> The boundaries of the proposed District shall be all portions of the territory of Harrison County, Texas excluding all territory within the municipal limits of the Cities of Hallsville, Marshall, Uncertain, Longview, Nesbitt, Scottsville and Waskom.

<u>SECTION 3:</u> In accordance with the provisions of an election services contract (the "Contract") with the Harrison County Elections Administrator, the location, dates and times for early voting for this election shall be as shown in **Exhibit A**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. Donald Robinette, Harrison County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed early voting clerk and shall appoint and designate deputy clerks for early voting in accordance with the Contract.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board for this election shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

<u>SECTION 4:</u> The Election Day Voting Locations are as shown in **Exhibit B** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. The election officers for each Voting Location and the maximum number of clerks shall be determined and appointed in accordance with the Contract. For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board for this election shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. On election day, the polls shall be open as designated on **Exhibit B**.

<u>SECTION 5:</u> A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting by personal appearance and by mail and for election day voting.

Ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and permit electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

### HARRISON COUNTY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 PROPOSITION A

"Authorizing the creation of the Harrison County Assistance District No. 1 and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of 2.00 percent for the purpose of financing the operations of the District."

<u>SECTION 6:</u> The Central Counting Station for the tabulation and counting of ballots for this election shall be located at the Harrison County Elections Office, 415 East Burleson Street, Marshall, Texas, and the persons to serve as Manager, Tabulation Supervisor, Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge at the Central Counting Station shall be appointed in accordance with the Contract. The Manager and Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station may

appoint clerks to serve at such Station, as provided by Section 127.006 of the Election Code. The County Clerk 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.

<u>SECTION 7:</u> All resident qualified electors within the boundaries of the proposed district shall be permitted to vote at said election. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Act, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

<u>SECTION 8:</u> A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice shall be published at least one time not more than thirty (30) days or less than ten (10) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. Additionally, the notice shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the Commissioners Court meetings, and (ii) on the County's internet website not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to election day.

<u>SECTION 9:</u> The County Judge, County Clerk, County Auditor or other appropriate official, is hereby authorized to correct, modify or change the information herein based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by and between the Harrison County Elections Administrator and the County Judge. Additionally, the County Judge and other County officials are hereby authorized to sign this Order and all other documents associated with the election.

<u>SECTION 10:</u> The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

<u>SECTION 11:</u> All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

<u>SECTION 12:</u> This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

<u>SECTION 13:</u> It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order 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 Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

<u>SECTION 14:</u> If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

<u>SECTION 15:</u> This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

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

//s// Liz James, County Clerk of the Commissioners Court

#### EXHIBIT A HARRISON COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATION, DATES AND HOURS

Early Voting Clerk: Donald Robinette, 415 East Burleson Street, Marshall TX 75670-3477

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

Early voting for this election shall begin on Monday, October 21, 2024 and end on Friday, November 1, 2024, and the dates and hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be as set forth below:

#### Main Early Voting Polling Place, Dates and Times

Harrison County Elections Office 415 East Burleson Marshall, Texas 75672

Dates Monday, October 21, 2024 through Friday, October 25, 2024 Saturday, October 26, 2024 Sunday, October 27, 2024 Monday, October 28, 2024 through Friday, November 1, 2024 <u>Hours</u> 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **Branch Early Voting Polling Places, Dates and Times**

Along with the Harrison County Elections Office, the following branch locations will be utilized for Early Voting by personal appearance on the dates as set forth below:

Dates	<u>Hours</u>
Monday, October 21, 2024 through Friday, October 25, 2024	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 28, 2024 through Wednesday, October 30, 2024	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 31, 2024 through Friday, November 1, 2024	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Locations

T.J. Taylor Community Center – 15642 FM 134 Karnack, Texas 75661 Waskom Sub-Courthouse – 165 W Texas Ave. Waskom, Texas 75692 Harrison County ESD 9 – 130 FM 451 Elysian Fields, Texas 75642

Gold Hall Community Center – 101 E Elm St. Hallsville, Texas 75650

Woodland Hills Baptist Church - 2105 E Loop 281 Longview, Texas 75605

Harleton Community Center – 4335 Community St. Harleton, 75641

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#### **Early Voting By Mail**

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, October 25, 2024. Applications should be sent to:

Mailing Address:	Early Voting Clerk Donald Robinette P.O. Box 8409 Marshall TX 75670-3477 415 East Burleson Street
Phone: Email: Fax: Website:	Marshall TX 75670 903-935-4822 ballotbymail@co.harrison.tx.us 903-938-1509 https://www.harrisoncountytexas.gov/page/harrison.Elections

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If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.

#### EXHIBIT B

## **ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS\***

Election Day: November 5, 2024 Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

VOTING LOCATION	ROOM	ADDRESS
Marshall Convention Center	Marshall Convention	2501East End Blvd, Marshall TX 75672
	Center	
East Texas Baptist University	Edwards Room	1 Tiger Drive, Marshall TX 75670
Wiley University, Student Center	Ballroom	711 Wiley, Marshall TX 75670
T J Taylor Community Center	Big room	15642 FM 134, Karnack, TX 75661
Harrison County ESD 9	Big room	130 FM 451, Elysian Fields, TX 75642
Harrison County ESD 3	Conference Room	9432 US Highway 80 East, Marshall
St. Marks Methodist Church	Fellowship Hall	1101 Jasper Drive, Marshall, TX 75672
ESD 2-Station 3-Nesbitt	Bay area	9091Highway 154, Marshall
Gold Hall	Big room	101 East Elm, Hallsville, TX 75650
West Harrison VFD ESD 1, Station 3	Bay area	19797 FM 449, Longview TX 75605
Woodlawn Community Center	Big room	199 Oak Lawn Ter., Woodlawn, TX 75694
Harleton Community Center	Big room	4335 Community St., Harleton TX 75651
Scottsville Community Center	Big room	135 Green St., Scottsville TX 75688
West Harrison VFD ESD 1, MAIN	Conference Room	2656 South Access Road, Longview 75602
Waskom Sub-Courthouse	Big room	165 West Texas Ave, Waskom, TX 75692
Friendship Baptist, Gill community	Fellowship Hall	1140 FM 1186, Marshall, TX 75672
Marshall Public Library	Gold Room	300 S. Alamo, Marshall, TX 75672
Morton Baptist Church	Fellowship Hall	22177 Highway 154, Diana TX 75640
Woodland Hills Baptist Church	Little chapel	2105 East Loop 281, Longview, TX 75605

\*Harrison County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters in Harrison County will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified above in Harrison County.

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