AN ORDER CALLING A TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE YOAKUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THAT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the YOAKUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in DeWitt, Gonzales and Lavaca Counties, Texas (individually, the *County*; together, the *Counties*), hereby finds and determines that, as a result of its adoption of an ad valorem tax rate in excess of its voter approval tax rate, the District must hold an election allowing its registered voters to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate (the *Election*) as required by Section 26.08 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that, on multiple occasions within the last two years, the Governor of the State of Texas (the *Governor*) declared a state of disaster for one or more of the Counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.184 of the Texas Education Code and the Governor's disaster declarations, the District is not required to conduct an efficiency audit; and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the respective election administrators of the Counties (individually, the *Administrator*; together, the *Administrators*) to conduct all aspects of the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Election may be conducted by each County and held jointly with other political subdivisions for which each County is also conducting their elections (collectively, the *Participants*) pursuant to a joint election agreement according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, because Senate Bill Number 1025 (2025) applies to the Election, the Board hereby finds and determines that the bill's required statement to appear "at the top of the proposition" refers to the fact that a caption at the top of each proposition is required by Section 52.095 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions described above are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE YOAKUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Election Ordered; Purpose; Tax Rate. The Election will be held in the YOAKUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on November 4, 2025 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Code and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order, for the purpose of submitting the following legal question to the eligible voters of the District:

Measure A

For the purpose of District salaries and instructional enhancements, should the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the Yoakum Independent School District (the *District*) be authorized to levy, pursuant to an order of the Board adopted on August 18, 2025, 2025, an ad valorem tax rate of $1.04385 per $100 of the taxable assessed value of property within the District for the current tax year, which is comprised of a debt service tax rate of $0.34695 (an amount that is set annually by the Board) and a maintenance and operations tax rate of $0.69690 (the legal maximum for this rate under current Texas law and the maximum rate for maintenance and operations for which the District may, if now approved by the District's electorate at this Election, levy in each year hereafter, being then subject only to annual Board approval) and which represents an increase of -10.5920 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year (which means a reduction in tax revenue) and which is an additional -$1,296,271, as calculated pursuant to Section 26.08 of the Texas Tax Code (which means a reduction in tax revenue).

SECTION 2. Method of Voting; Ballots. The Board authorizes voting electronically, by paper, or any combination thereof. Voters will vote on the official ballots by marking "FOR" or "AGAINST" the measure above with the following ballot language:

YOAKUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A: THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of $1.04385 per $100 valuation in the Yoakum Independent School District for the current year for salaries and instructional enhancements, a rate that will result in an increase of -10.5920 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional -$1,296,271.

SECTION 3. Polling Details.

A. One or more District election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election. Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on October 24, 2025. Applications should be sent to the Elections Administrators named below. 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.

SECTION 4. Election Officials.

A. The Election Administrators will appoint poll workers in compliance with legal requirements, including access to Spanish translators and any other applicable languages.

B. For DeWitt County, the Early Voting Clerk is Deidra McCollum; mailing and physical address: 115 N. Gonzales Street, Suite A, Cuero, TX 77954; phone: (361) 275-0859; fax: (361) 275-0860; and email: Deidra.McCollum@dwcotx.org. For Gonzales County, the Early Voting Clerk is Gwen Schaefer; mailing address: P.O. Box 1753, Gonzales, TX 78629; physical address: 427 Saint George, Suite 306, Gonzales, TX 78629; phone: (830) 519-4054; and email: ea@co.gonzales.tx.us. For Lavaca County, the Early Voting Clerk is Tenia Hudson; mailing address: P.O. Box 727, Hallettsville, TX 77964; physical address: 412 N. Texana, Hallettsville, TX 77964; phone: (361) 798-3594; fax: (361) 798-4016; and email: elections@co.lavaca.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerks will appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks.

C. Each Elections Administrator is authorized to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board for their respective counties and to designate their respective Presiding Judges and, if needed, their respective members of the Signature Verification Committee.

D. The Board authorizes each Administrator to utilize a Central Counting Station (the *Stations*) if needed. Each Elections Administrator or their designee is appointed as the Manager of their respective Station with the authority to appoint the Tabulation Supervisor, the Programmer, and any Clerks for their respective Stations.

SECTION 5. Legal Compliance. The Election and notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials relating to the Election will be printed in English, Spanish, and any other required language.

SECTION 6. Contracting Authority. The Board authorizes the District's President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designees to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, or similar contracts with the Counties, acting by and through the Administrators, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law.

SECTION 7. Modifications. The Board acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibit to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the Board therefore authorizes the District's Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board, or their designees to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to the extent permitted by applicable law. Additionally, the Board authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the intent of the Board as evidenced in this Order.

SECTION 8. Findings. The recitals in this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 9. Conflicts. 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 will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 10. Controlling Law. This Order will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 11. Open Meetings. It is found 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 the meeting, including this Order, was given.

SECTION 12. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

SECTION 13. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on August 18, 2025.

YOAKUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

/Glen Kusak/
Glen Kusak
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/Darlene Renken/
Darlene Renken
Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

[Signature Page to Tax Ratification Election Order]

Exhibit A *(Anexo A)*

Polling, places, dates and times to be determined at a later date.