

ORDER CALLING VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GALVESTON §
SANTA FE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Santa Fe Independent School District (the “District”) has adopted the District’s tax rate for the current year (the “Adopted Tax Rate”); and

WHEREAS, Section 26.08(a), Texas Tax Code, provides that if the Adopted Tax Rate exceeds the District’s voter-approval tax rate (as described in Section 26.08(n), Texas Tax Code), the registered voters of the District must determine whether to approve the Adopted Tax Rate at an election held for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 26.08, Texas Tax Code, the Board determines that it is necessary and appropriate to call an election to ratify the Adopted Tax Rate (the “Election”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.184(b-1), Texas Education Code, an efficiency audit is not required before holding the Election in view of the Lieutenant Governor’s disaster proclamation, dated July 5, 2024, as amended and expanded to include Galveston County on July 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the District may enter into one or more election agreements (the “Election Agreements”) with Galveston County, Texas (the “County”), by and through the County’s elections administrator or other election officers (collectively, the “Administrator”) and possibly other political subdivisions, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (the “State”) and applicable federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Board 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 SANTA FE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Call of Election; Date; Eligible Electors; and Hours. An election (the “Election”) shall be held on November 4, 2025 (“Election Day”), which is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the “Election Order”), within and throughout the territory of the District at which all resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote. The Board hereby finds that holding the Election on such date is in the public interest. The hours during which the polling places are to be open on Election Day shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 2. Voting Precincts; Polling Places; Election Officers. Except as otherwise provided herein, the boundaries and territories of the respective County election precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of the District are hereby designated as the voting precincts of the District for the Election and the precinct numbers for the District’s election

precincts shall be the corresponding County precinct number of each precinct. The Election Day polling places shall be as shown in Exhibit A to this Election Order. The precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the “Election Code”).

In the event that the Superintendent or their shall determine from time to time that (a) a polling place hereafter designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District’s best interests to relocate such polling place, or (b) a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge hereafter designated shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent or their designees are hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing a substitute polling place, presiding judge or alternate presiding judge, and correct or modify the exhibits to this Election Order, giving such notice, if any, as is required by the Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

Section 3. Proposition. At the Election there shall be submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the “Proposition”):

SANTA FE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT – PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Santa Fe Independent School District be authorized to levy an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.1014 per \$100 of the taxable assessed valuation of property within the Santa Fe Independent School District for the current tax year, being a rate that is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7522 per \$100 of such taxable assessed valuation (and the maximum rate for maintenance and operations for which the District may levy in each year hereafter, being then subject only to annual Board approval) and a debt service tax rate of \$0.3492 per \$100 of such taxable assessed value (an amount that is set annually by the Board), which combined tax rate of \$1.1014 will result in –\$159,992 of additional maintenance and operations tax revenue to the District in the 2025-2026 school year, which represents a –1.02 percent increase in maintenance and operations tax revenue when compared to the amount collected for the preceding year, calculated pursuant to Section 26.08 Texas Tax Code, as amended.

Section 4. Ballot. The ballot shall conform to the requirements of the Election Code and shall have written or printed thereon the following:

The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to designate the early voting ballot board and other officers required to conduct early voting for the Election.

Section 7. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the precinct judges and alternate judges or clerks appointed by the Board, in accordance with the Election Agreements, the Education Code, the Election Code and the Constitution and laws of the State and the United States of America. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to enter into, execute and deliver one or more Election Agreements, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Election Code. The terms and provisions of the Election Agreements are hereby incorporated into this Election Order. To the extent of any conflict between this Election Order and the Election Agreements, the terms and provisions of the Election Agreements shall prevail, and the President of the Board, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to make such corrections, changes, revisions and modifications to this Election Order, including the exhibits hereto, as are deemed necessary or appropriate to conform to the Election Agreements, to comply with applicable state and federal law and to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced by this Election Order. The Administrator shall be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in the Election and appointing the personnel necessary for such station.

Section 8. Bilingual Election Materials. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in both English and Spanish and persons capable of acting as translators in both English and Spanish shall be made available to assist Spanish language speaking voters in understanding and participating in the election process.

Section 9. Delivery of Voted Ballots; Counting; Tabulation; Canvassing of Returns; Declaring Results. The ballots shall be counted by one or more teams of election officers assigned by the presiding judges, each team to consist of two or more election officers. After completion of their responsibilities under the Election Code, including the counting of the voted ballots and the tabulation of the results, the presiding judge shall make a written return of the Election results to the District in accordance with the Election Code. The Board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election.

If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the District voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of the Proposition, then the tax rate for the current year shall be the rate adopted by the Board. If the Proposition is not approved, then the Board may not adopt a rate that exceeds the District's voter-approval tax rate.

Section 10. Training of Election Officials. Pursuant to the Election Code, a public school of instruction for all election officers and clerks may be held as arranged or contracted by the Administrator.

Section 11. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by the Election Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, each notice of the Election shall include the District's internet website address, which is <https://www.sfisd.org>.

Section 12. Notice of Meeting. The Board officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Election Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the

District's administrative offices for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the District in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Election Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

Section 13. Authority of the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all reasonable or necessary actions to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed. Without limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, the Superintendent and their designees are hereby authorized to (a) complete and update, as necessary, the exhibits attached hereto with any alterations or changes in or additions to the polling locations and other information, as necessary, and (b) execute and deliver engagements and other agreements, certificates, notices and other instruments as are necessary in connection with the Election.

Section 14. Authorization to Execute. The President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to execute and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest this Election Order on behalf of the Board; and the President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 15. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

[signature page follows]

EXHIBIT A

GALVESTON COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS (Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

Joe Faggard Community Ctr
1750 Highway 87
Crystal Beach, TX 77650

High Island ISD
2113 6th Street Gym
High Island, TX 77623

Seaside Church
16523 Termini-San Luis Pass
Jamaica Beach, TX 77554

Galveston CO Courthouse
722 Moody Ave
(2nd Floor)
Galveston, TX 77550

Moody Methodist Church
2803 53rd Street
(Fellowship Hall)
Galveston, TX 77551

GISD Administration Bldg.
3904 Ave. T (Chambers)
Galveston, TX 77550

Galveston CO MUD 12
2929 Highway 6
(2nd Floor)
Bayou Vista, TX 77563

Greater St. Matthews
6333 Highway 6 (Fellowship Hall)
Hitchcock, TX 77563

Santa Fe ISD Museum
13304 Highway 6
Santa Fe, TX 77510

Carver Park Comm Ctr
6415 Park Ave
(Thomas Carter Rm)
Texas City, TX 77591

Nessler Center
2010 5th Ave North
(Surf Room)
Texas City, TX 77590

Elections and Records Center
10000 Emmett F. Lowry #1152
Texas City, TX 77591

La Marque Comm Room
1109 B Bayou Road
La Marque, TX 77568

Bay Colony West HOA
6621 Calder Road
Dickinson, TX 77539

Dickinson Community Ctr
2714 Highway 3
Dickinson, TX 77539

Dickinson City Hall
4403 Highway 3
(Meeting Rm 2)
Dickinson, TX 77539

**JP Court, Precinct 1
(Bayshore Annex Breakroom)**
4500 10th Street
Bacliff, TX 77518

Kemah Community Ctr
800 Harris
(Room 1)
Kemah, TX 77565

The Crossings
255 Egret Bay Blvd
(Hall)
League City, TX 77573

Education Support
2425 Main Street
(Boardroom)
League City, TX 77573

Hometown Hero's Park
1011 E. League City Pkwy.
League City, TX 77573

Public Works Operation Ctr
1701 W. League City Pkwy
League City, TX 77573

North County Annex
174 Calder Road
(Multipurpose Rm)
League City, TX 77573

First Baptist Friendswood
209 S. Friendswood Dr
Room, 209
Friendswood, TX 77546

Village on the Park
400 E. Parkwood
(Town Hall)
Friendswood, TX 77546

EXHIBIT B

**GALVESTON COUNTY
EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS AND TIMES**

Monday, October 20 thru Friday, October 24, 2025..... 8:00am to 5:00pm
Monday, October 27 thru Wednesday, October 29, 2025..... 8:00am to 5:00pm
Thursday, October 30 and Friday, October 31, 2025.....7:00am to 7:00pm

**Main Voting Location
Galveston CO Records and Election Center
10000 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway #1152
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