

NOTICE OF VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENTS, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LUMBERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election (a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election) will be held in LUMBERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the District the following proposition:

LUMBERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT – PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.9592 in Lumberton Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 8.97 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$0.06.

The election will be held in accordance with the following Order (adopted August 17, 2026):

AN ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Lumberton Independent School District (the “District”), located in the County of Hardin, Texas, on August 17, 2026 adopted a budget for the 2026-2027 school year and adopted an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.9592 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation that exceeds the District’s 2026 voter-approval tax rate (“VATR”); and

WHEREAS, because the adopted tax rate exceeds the VATR, Texas Tax Code § 26.08(a) requires the District to hold a voter-approval tax rate election (“VATRE”); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold the VATRE on the November 3, 2026 uniform election date pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 26.08 and the Texas Election Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LUMBERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order (the “Order”) are true and correct and are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board, by separate Resolution adopted on August 17, 2026, levied and set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2026 at a total tax rate of \$0.9592, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$0.7292 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and
\$0.2300 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

Section 3. An election shall be held on November 3, 2026 (the “Election Date”) in the District, a date that is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of this Order and a uniform election date, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted in accordance with Texas Tax Code § 26.08(b) and Texas Election Code § 52.072(e):

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Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. Election Precincts, Voting Locations, and Voting Hours on Election Day. The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated fully herein. The Board hereby authorizes Alysa Freeman, Hardin County Elections Administrator, to designate voting locations. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each election precinct shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Hardin County Elections Administrator or their designee. The Hardin County Elections Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A, and such locations are hereby approved. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates, and Times.

(a) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times, and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B and such locations are hereby approved.

(b) Alysa Freeman is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Hardin County. Applications for ballot by mail or electronic mail shall be sent to: Hardin County Elections Department, 300 W. Monroe Street, Suite B-110, P.O. Box 159, Kountze, TX 77625, or via electronic mail at elections@hardincountytexas.gov. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerks as necessary for the Election. More information regarding the election can be found at www.hardincountytexas.gov/page/ElectionsDepartment.

(c) Applications for ballots by mail via post or electronic submission must be received no later than the close of business on October 23, 2026.

Section 7. Appointment of Election Officers.

(a) The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed; election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed.

(b) The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the presiding judges and alternate presiding judges appointed by the Hardin County Elections Administrator, in accordance with the Education Code, the Election Code, the Constitution, and laws of the State and the United States of America. The presiding judges shall appoint not less than two (2) or more than three (3) qualified election clerks for the conduct of the Election. The Board hereby authorizes the Hardin County Elections Administrator to appoint any such other officials not designated herein as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 8. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one (1) time not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or otherwise complies with State law), (ii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and in at least three (3) public places in the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election, and (iii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election and the contents of the Proposition, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the county clerk of Hardin County and the Elections Administrator not later than the 30th day before Election Day (consistent with Election Code § 4.008(b)).

Section 9. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, the Texas Tax Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 10. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition. The ballot shall be printed in mixed-case typewritten letters and shall appear substantially as follows:

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| ☐ | FOR |) | "THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.9592 in Lumberton Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 8.97 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$0.06." |
| ☐ | AGAINST |) | |

Section 11. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 12. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 17th day of August 2026.

/s/ Lauren Rothe
Lauren Rothe
President, Board of Trustees
Lumberton Independent School District

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Spears
Sharon Spears
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Lumberton Independent School District

EXHIBIT A

Election Day Voting Precinct Locations

PRECINCT 1

Hardin County Courthouse—County Courtroom
300 West Monroe Street, Kountze, TX 77625

PRECINCT 2

Hardin County ESD #6—Main Building
1205 N. 5th Street, Silsbee, TX 77656

PRECINCT 3

Saratoga Fire Station—Main Building
16628 FM 770, Saratoga, TX 77585

PRECINCT 4

First Baptist Church of Batson—Fellowship Hall
42803 HWY 105, Batson, TX 77519

PRECINCT 5

PRECINCT 10

St. Johns Episcopal Church
1305 Roosevelt Drive, Silsbee, TX 77656

PRECINCT 11

Genesis Baptist Church—Fellowship Hall
8840 HWY 92, Silsbee, TX 77656

PRECINCT 12

Kountze Church of Christ—Fellowship Hall
1035 North Pine Street, Kountze, TX 77625

PRECINCT 13

Lumberton Event Center—Main Building
826 North Main Street, Lumberton, TX 77657

PRECINCT 14

Thicket-Votaw Fire Station—Main Building
27917 FM 787, Thicket, TX 77374

PRECINCT 6

Crestwood Baptist Church—Fellowship Hall
1150 HWY 69 South, Kountze, TX 77625

PRECINCT 7

Honey Island Assembly of God Church—Fellowship Hall
9097 FM 1293, Kountze, TX 77625

PRECINCT 8

Village Mills VFW Post 1514—Main Building
13534 HWY 69 North, Village Mills, TX 77663

PRECINCT 9

Silsbee City Hall—Economic Development Corporation Room
1220 HWY 327 East, Silsbee, TX 77656

Pinewood Fire Station— Main Building
333 Commercial Drive, Sour Lake, TX 77659

PRECINCT 15

Sour Lake Community Center
250 South Ann Street, Sour Lake, TX 77659

PRECINCT 16

Woodcrest Methodist Church—Fellowship Hall
1684 US 96, Lumberton, TX 77657

PRECINCT 17

Pine Ridge Baptist Church—Fellowship Hall
13430 FM 421 (ARIOLA RD), Kountze, TX 77625

PRECINCT 18

Lumberton Church of Christ
90 West Chance Road, Lumberton, TX 77657

PRECINCT 19

Rose Hill Acres Town Hall/Lumberton Fire Station #2—Main Building
100 Jordan Road (at Keith Road), Lumberton, TX 77657

EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following **Main Early Voting** Location:

La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en el siguiente lugar principal de votación anticipada:

Hardin County Courthouse, County Courtroom

300 W. Monroe Street, Kountze, TX 77625

Monday/Lunes October 19, 2026 19 de octubre de 2026	Tuesday/Martes October 20, 2026 20 de octubre de 2026	Wednesday/Miércoles October 21, 2026 21 de octubre de 2026	Thursday/Jueves October 22, 2026 22 de octubre de 2026	Friday/Viernes October 23, 2026 23 de octubre de 2026
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday/Lunes October 26, 2026 26 de octubre de 2026	Tuesday/Martes October 27, 2026 27 de octubre de 2026	Wednesday/Miércoles October 28, 2026 28 de octubre de 2026	Thursday/Jueves October 29, 2026 29 de octubre de 2026	Friday/Viernes October 30, 2026 30 de octubre de 2026
7:00 am - 7:00 pm	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

WEEKEND VOTING (MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION ONLY)

Saturday, October 24, 2026: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 25, 2026: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

BRANCH EARLY VOTING (WEEKDAYS ONLY)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

- **Silsbee City Hall – Economic Corporation Development Room** – 1220 East Hwy. 327, Silsbee, TX 77657
- **Lumberton Event Center** – 826 North Main Street, Lumberton, TX 77657
- **Sour Lake Community Center** – 350 S. Ann Street, Sour Lake, TX 77659