#### NOTICE OF ELECTION

# TO: THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO RESIDE IN FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2:

The Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 has issued an Order calling for an election to be held on May 4, 2024 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., at which election all eligible voters residing within the boundaries of FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 will be entitled to vote on the following:

#### LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX -- Texas Health and Safety Code § 775.0751

#### **Proposition A:**

**AGAINST** 

FOR The adoption of a local sales and use tax in Fort

Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2 at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) in

any location in the district.

**LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES:** Qualified voters residing in the Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2 may vote in the appropriate polling place locations designated for the election. The consolidated county election precincts and the respective Election Day polling places are described in Attachment 1, below.

**EARLY VOTING**: Early voting shall be conducted by **Keri Reitenour**, the Early Voting Clerk, from April 22, 2024, through April 30, 2024. The consolidated county election precincts and the respective Early Voting polling places are described in Attachment 2, below.

The Early Voting Clerk's official mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is Early Voting Clerk, Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2, 2700 Spring Green Blvd., Katy, Texas 77494. The phone number for the Early Voting Clerk is (281) 395-0011. The email address for the Early Voting Clerk is <a href="mailto:keri.reitenour@willowforkfire.com">keri.reitenour@willowforkfire.com</a>. The internet website for the Early Voting Clerk is <a href="www.willowforkfire.com">www.willowforkfire.com</a>. The location of the main early voting place is 2700 Spring Green Blvd., Katy, TX 77494. The ballot applications must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than April 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

By: /s/ Robert Miller, President

ATTEST: By: /s/ Wes Noonan, Secretary

# ATTACHMENT 1 (Election Day)

### **Fort Bend County Precincts**

### **Polling Place**

1004, 1014, 1038, 1122,1130, 1133, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1148, 1156, 1159

Fire Station No. 2 26950 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, Texas 77494

ATTACHMENT 2 (Early Voting)

Fire Station No. 3 2700 Spring Green Blvd., Katy, TX 77494

Days/Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

PARA: LOS VOTANTES CALIFICADOS DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND, TEXAS, QUE RESIDEN EN EL DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND:

La Junta de Comisionados de Servicios de Emergencia del DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND ha emitido una Orden que convoca a una elección para celebrarse el 4 de mayo de 2024, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., en la que todos los votantes elegibles que residen dentro de los límites del DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND tendrán derecho a votar por lo siguiente:

IMPUESTO LOCAL A LAS VENTAS Y AL USO -- Código de Salud y Seguridad de Texas § 775.0751

#### Proposición A:

A FAVOR

**EN CONTRA** 

La adopción de un impuesto local a las ventas y al uso en el Distrito de Servicios de Emergencia del Distrito Nro. 2 del Condado de Fort Bend a una tasa que no supere el dos por ciento (2%) en cualquier lugar en el distrito.

**UBICACIONES DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN:** Los votantes calificados que residen en el Distrito de Servicios de Emergencia Nro. 2 del Condado de Fort Bend pueden votar en los lugares de votación correspondientes designados para la elección. Los precintos electorales consolidados del condado y los respectivos lugares de votación del Día de Elección se describen en el Adjunto 1, más adelante.

**VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA:** La votación anticipada la llevará a cabo **Keri Reitenour**, Oficial de Votación Anticipada, del 22 de abril de 2024 al 30 de abril de 2024, inclusive. Los precintos electorales consolidados del condado y los respectivos lugares de votación de Votación Anticipada se describen en el Adjunto 2, más adelante.

La dirección postal oficial del Oficial de Votación Anticipada a la cual se pueden enviar las solicitudes para boletas de votación y las boletas de votación por correo es Early Voting Clerk, Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2, 2700 Spring Green Blvd., Katy, Texas 77494. El número de teléfono de la Oficial de Votación Anticipada es (281) 395-0011. La dirección de correo electrónico de la Oficial de Votación Anticipada keri.reitenour@willowforkfire.com. El sitio web en internet de la Oficial de Votación Anticipada es www.willowforkfire.com. La ubicación del lugar principal de votación anticipada es 2700 Spring Green Blvd., Katy, TX 77494. Las solicitudes de boletas de votación deben ser recibidas por la Oficial de Votación Anticipada a más tardar el 23 de abril de 2024 a las 5:00 p.m.

DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND

Por: /firma/ Robert Miller, Presidente

ATESTIGUA: Por: /firma/ Wes Noonan, Secretario

ADJUNTO 1 (Día de Elección)

### Precintos del Condado de Fort Bend

Lugar de Votación

1004, 1014, 1038, 1122,1130, 1133, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1148, 1156, 1159

Estación de Bomberos Nro. 2 26950 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, Texas 77494

ADJUNTO 2 (Votación anticipada)

Estación de Bomberos Nro. 3 2700 Spring Green Blvd., Katy, TX 77494

Días/Horarios: Lunes a viernes, de 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m. AMENDED ORDER FOR ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 4, 2024 ON THE PROPOSITION OF AUTHORIZING A TWO PERCENT (2%) SALES TAX IN FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §775.0751 AND §775.0752

WHEREAS, FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 (the "District") operates pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, § 48-e, and Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the District is a Fort Bend County District and is therefore governed by an appointed Board of Emergency Services Commissioners under Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, §775.0345, Health & Safety Code, requires that such Election be held in conformity with § 41.001, of the Texas Election Code, providing for Uniform Election Dates; and

WHEREAS, §775.0751, Texas Health & Safety Code, provides that the District may adopt a sales and use tax at an election held as provided by §775.0752 of the Texas Health & Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the District may impose the tax at a rate from one-eighth of one percent to two percent in increments of one-eighth of one percent; and

WHEREAS, the District may not adopt a tax if as a result of the adoption of the tax the combined rate of all sales and use taxes imposed by the District and other political subdivisions of this state having territory in the District would exceed two percent (2%) at any location in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District specifically excludes from the application of any increase in its sales and use tax rate any areas where the combined rate does currently or would as a result of the election and application of the District's entire two percent (2%) exceed a total local sales and use tax of two percent (2%); and

WHEREAS, the District Board of ESD Commissioners finds that it would be in the best interests of the District and the residents and commercial interests situated in the District to afford the eligible voters within the District the opportunity to determine whether the District should impose a local sales and use tax at a rate of two percent (2%), excluding any areas where there currently exists a two percent (2%) local sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, Texas Health & Safety Code, §775.0752 and Texas Tax Code, §323.403, requires that such Election be held on the next uniform election day not less than 30 days after the day on which the order calling the election was passed,

WHEREAS, the next uniform date for an election called under such circumstances is May 4, 2024,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that an Election be held in Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2 on Saturday, May 4, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on the following proposition:

"The adoption of a local sales and use tax in FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) in any location in the district."

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- 1. The ballot for the Sales Tax Election shall provide for voting "for" or "against" the above stated proposition. A majority of the votes cast either "for" or "against" the proposition shall determine whether the proposition is adopted. A vote "for" shall mean a vote in favor of the proposition and a vote "against" shall mean a vote against the proposition.
  - 2. Election shall by a plurality vote.
- 4. The Election shall be held within one (1) District Election Precinct and at the Polling Place designated by Order of the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, subject to any changes as may be made under the authority of such Order:

#### **Fort Bend County Precincts**

#### Location

1004,	1014,	1038,	1122,	1130,
1133,	1142,	1143,	1144,	1145,
1146,	1148,	1156,	1159	

Willowfork Fire Department Station 2 26950 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, Texas 77494

- 5. Only persons qualified to vote within the geographic boundaries of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2, shall be allowed to vote in the Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2 Election and each voter shall vote at the Polling Place designated by Order of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2.
- 6. The voting in the District's Election Precincts shall utilize the Verity Voting System (Hart version 2.5) as certified by Texas Secretary of State, April 1, 2020.
- 7. **Keri Reitenour**, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for this Election. Early voting shall be conducted on weekdays from April 22, 2024 (the date which represents the earliest date on which early voting may begin) through April 30, 2024 (the date which represents the last day on which early voting may be performed). The location of main early voting is designated as follows:

# 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Willowfork Fire Department Station 3 2700 Spring Green Boulevard Katy, TX 77494

8. For the use of those voters in the District who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the Early Voting Clerk above named shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be

voted by mail in accordance with the Texas Election Code. For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote an early voting ballot by mail, the District shall provide each voter with a paper ballot and instructions to make a mark on the paper ballot.

- 9. Ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at Willowfork Fire Department Station 3, 2700 Spring Green Boulevard Katy, TX 77494. There shall be no provision for telephonic facsimile transmission of ballot applications. The ballot applications must be received by April 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- 11. The following concurrent and subsequent Orders, among other Orders, may be made by the District to facilitate the Election: Order Approving and Appointing an Agent; Order Establishing and Designating Election Precincts and Polling Places; Order Appointing Presiding Election Judges; Order Appointing Early Voting Ballot Board; Order Appointing an Early Voting Clerk.
- 12. In accordance with all applicable Federal and State law, there shall be provided a Spanish translation of the ballot as well as other election materials.
- 13. This Order constitutes the Election Order of FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 Election to conduct an election on the proposition "The adoption of a local sales and use tax in FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) in any location in the district." The Notice of the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the law and shall be given by publication of the Notice of Election along with the Order designating the Voting Precincts and Polling Places for the Election. Such publication shall be made one time in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the geographic boundaries of the District, said publication to be made not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day before the Election Date. Further, a copy of such Notice shall, not later than the 21st day before the Election Date, be posted on the bulletin board or other place conspicuous to the public used for posting Notices of the meetings of the District Board of ESD Commissioners and a copy shall be filed with the County Clerk of Fort Bend County, Texas. After publication, the District Board of ESD Commissioners shall retain a copy of the published Notice that contains the name of the newspaper in which it was published and the date of publication.

# ADOPTED at Open Meeting this the 14th day of February 2024, by a vote of 5\_ to \_\_.

# FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

By:

Robert Miller President

ATTEST:

By:

Secretary