#### ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

# THE STATE OF TEXAS TOM GREEN COUNTY WALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Wall Independent School District (the "District") desires to adopt this order (the "Order") to provide for the calling of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election to be held on November 4, 2025 (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has, on the date of adoption of this Order, set the District's 2025-26 tax rate at \$0.9093 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation, which is a rate that exceeds the District's voter-approval rate, excluding the District's current debt rate under Section 26.08(n)(3), Texas Tax Code, and therefore the Board is obligated to call an election to ratify such tax rate pursuant to Section 26.08(b), Texas Tax Code, as hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, the District is contracting with Tom Green County, Texas (the "County") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the County (the "Election Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Tom Green County Elections Administrator (the "Administrator") in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election; and

WHEREAS, in response to public advice provided by the Public Finance Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas that Senate Bill Number 1025 (2025) ("SB 1025") is applicable to the Election, the Board hereby finds and determines that the required statement under SB 1025 appearing "at the top of the proposition" refers to the fact that a caption for each proposition is consistent with the provisions of Section 52.095 of the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

**Section 1**. Recitals. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025 ("Election Day") which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order for the purpose of submitting the proposition below to the qualified voters of the District. The Election is to be conducted and administered by the County as provided by Chapter 271 and Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), and the Election Contract. Voting on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. The locations in Exhibit A are hereby designated at the voting locations. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and/or the Code.

- Section 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the County. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 20, 2025 and conclude on October 31, 2025 and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit A attached hereto and which locations are hereby designated as the early voting locations. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and/or the Code.
- **Section 4**. Election Officials. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Administrator.
- **Section 5**. <u>Voting by Mail</u>. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law, by mail to Tom Green County Elections Administration, Attn: Early Voting Clerk, 113 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas 76903.
- **Section 6**. Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election, and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Administrator. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.
- **Section 7**. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.
- **Section 8**. <u>Proposition</u>. At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

### WALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION PROPOSITION A: THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.7730 per \$100 valuation in Wall Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 12 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$848,421.

**Section 9**. <u>Ballots</u>. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

## WALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION PROPOSITION A: THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

EOD	) Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$ 0.7703 per \$100 valuation in Wal
FOR	) Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result
	) in an increase of 12 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue
AGAINST	) for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year
	) which is an additional \$848,421.

Section 10. Compliance with Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Administrator in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 11. The Board hereby authorizes the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Board and the Superintendent and the Business Manager of the District, individually but not collectively, to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the County.

**Section 12**. Notice of the Election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. Additionally, notice of the Election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted in a public place in each election precinct within the District not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day before Election Day.

Section 13. The Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board, the Superintendent and the Business Manager of the District, individually or collectively, or the respective designee of either, to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board.

Section 14. 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. 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.

Section 15. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

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#### SIGNED AND SEALED ON AUGUST 13, 2025.

Secretary, Board of Trustees Wall Independent School District

President, Board of Trustees Wall Independent School District

