

NOTICE OF VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, on the 5th day of November, 2024, in accordance with the following order:

ORDER CALLING AN ELECTION TO RATIFY SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES PURSUANT TO SECTION 26.08 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Victoria Independent School District (“District”) seeks to ensure a high quality education program for all of its students, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is authorized to levy taxes to fund the maintenance and operations of the District and to pay the principal of and interest on bonded debt, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the maintenance and operation tax rate should be increased by \$0.0900; and

WHEREAS, the District’s adopted total tax rate for 2024-2025 will exceed the calculated 2024-2025 voter-approval tax rate, and

WHEREAS, if the District’s adopted tax rate exceeds the voter-approval tax rate, Section 26.08(a), Texas Tax Code, requires the registered voters of the District to determine, at an election held for that purpose, whether to approve the adopted tax rate, and

WHEREAS, Section 26.08(b), Texas Tax Code, requires the Board of Trustees to order that the election be conducted in the District on a uniform election date, and

WHEREAS, Section 3.005(c), Texas Election Code, requires the Board of Trustees to order the election not later than the 78th day before election day, and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Section 31.092, Texas Election Code and other applicable provisions of the Code and other law, intends to contract for election services as set forth in this Order with Victoria County, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Board of Trustees of Victoria Independent School District that:

Section 1. A special voter-approval tax rate election (the “Election”) shall be conducted on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (“Election Day”), within and throughout the territory of the District at which all resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote. 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. Except as otherwise provided herein, the boundaries and territory of the respective Victoria 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. The precinct numbers for the District's election precincts shall

be the corresponding Victoria County precinct number of each precinct. The Election Day polling places shall be as shown in Exhibit A.

The precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Election Code"). The District shall also appoint any election clerks as needed pursuant to the terms of and in compliance with the Election Code. In making the clerk appointments, each presiding election judge shall make reasonable efforts to appoint a sufficient number of election clerks who are fluent in English and Spanish or other language as required by law to serve the needs of the voters of the precinct.

Section 3. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

During the period early voting is required or permitted by law, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the locations, on the dates and at the times as shown in Exhibit B. The main early voting polling place for voting by personal appearance shall be located at the polling place as shown in Exhibit B. The early voting clerk shall keep said early voting places open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance.

The Board of Trustees hereby appoints the Administrator (as defined herein) as the early voting clerk. 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 4. 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 5. At said election, ballots shall be prepared to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the proposition:

VICTORIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FOR | RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$0.8935 IN THE VICTORIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF 18.32 PERCENT IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS COMPARED TO THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL \$9,284,439. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST | |

Section 6. The mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is as follows:

Victoria County Elections Administration
2805 N Navarro St., Suite 500
Victoria, Texas 77901

Section 7. Immediately after the election each presiding election judge for each precinct shall make, or cause to be made, returns of the results to the Board of Trustees.

Section 8. The Election shall be conducted by the Victoria County Elections Administrator (the “Administrator”) pursuant to the terms of a contract for election services and in accordance with the Election Code, the Texas Education Code, the Texas Tax Code and the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America.

Section 9. The District shall give notice of the election in substantially the form of this Order pursuant to the Election Code.

Section 10. The District’s internet website is: <https://www.visd.net/> Victoria County’s internet website is: <https://www.vctxelections.org/>

Section 11. In the event that the Superintendent shall determine from time to time (a) that one or more of the polling places hereby established and designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District’s best interests to relocate a polling place, or (b) that a precinct judge or alternate judge hereby appointed or hereinafter designated shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent is hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing substitute polling places, precinct judges or alternate judges, giving such notice as is required by the Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

The Superintendent shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions reasonable and necessary to insure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board. In addition, the Superintendent is authorized to engage legal counsel to advise and assist the District in connection with the preparation of proceedings necessary or appropriate for the administration of the Election; and, the President of the Board or the Superintendent is hereby authorized to approve, execute and deliver an engagement letter in such form as may be approved by either such official.

The Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, the President and Vice President of the Board are each authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election, including the execution and delivery of agreements and other instruments determined to be necessary or appropriate in connection with election services provided by the Administrator.

All prior actions of the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, the President and Vice President of the Board taken in accordance with the foregoing authorizations are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 12. It is hereby found and determined that the Secretary of the Board has posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting as required by Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

[Signature page follows.]

PASSED AND APPROVED this August 15, 2024.

/s/ Mike Mercer

President, Board of Trustees

/s/ Kathy Bell

Secretary, Board of Trustees

[DISTRICT SEAL]

EXHIBIT A

VICTORIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS

11/05/2024

Joint General Election - 26 Polling Centers

All polling locations are open from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Election Day

Polling Center	Vote Center	Physical Address	Located in Pct #
1	Hopkins Elementary School - Front Foyer	110 Hopkins Rd, Victoria, TX 77901	1
2	Victoria Public Library - Bronte Room	302 N Main St, Victoria, TX 77901	2
3	Patti Welder Middle School - Gym	1604 E. North St, Victoria, TX 77901	4
4	Victoria College - Sports Center Rm 102	2200 E Red River St., Victoria, TX 77901	5
5	O'Connor Elementary School - Cafeteria	3402 Bobolink St, Victoria, TX 77901	7
6	Shields Elementary School - Hall by Rm7	3400 Bluebonnet St, Victoria, TX 77901	8
7	Victoria Fine Arts Center Annex	1002 Sam Houston Dr, Victoria TX 77901	10
8	Precinct 4 Portable Bld.	14721 J-2 Ranch Rd, Victoria TX 77905	11
9	Placedo VFD	284 S. Williams St, Placedo TX 77977	12
10	The Gym in Bloomington	12657 State Hwy 185, Bloomington, TX 77951	13
11	DaCosta Volunteer Fire Department	144 Commerce Ave, Victoria, TX 77905	14
12	Aloe Elementary School - Cafeteria	62 Chaparral Dr, Victoria TX 77905	18
13	Smith Elementary School - Cafeteria	2901 Erwin St, Victoria TX 77901	19
14	Service Supply of Victoria	16012 NW Zac Lentz Pkwy, Vict., TX 77905	20
15	Vickers Elementary School - Cafeteria	708 Glasgow, Victoria TX 77904	21
16	Mission Valley VFD	34 Reinecke Rd, Victoria TX 77905	22
17	Precinct No. 2 Service Center	13323 Nursery Dr, Nursery TX 77976	23
18	Grace Memorial Chapel	8919 US Hwy 87 N, Victoria TX 77904	24
19	Rowland Elementary School - Room 2	2706 Leary LN, Victoria TX 77904	25
20	Telferner Methodist Church	81 Old Hwy Rd, Telferner TX 77988	26
21	Inez Volunteer Fire Department	296 Railroad St, Inez TX 77968	27
22	Wood Hi Community Center	101 Wood Hi School Rd Inez, TX 77968	28
23	DeLeon Elementary School - Library	1002 Santa Barbara, Victoria TX 77904	29
24	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church	4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria TX 77901	30
25	Holy Family Catholic Church - St. Peter's Hall	704 Mallette Dr, Victoria TX 77904	33
26	Pattie Dodson Public Health Center- Rm A	2805 N. Navarro, Victoria TX 77901	Main

**Please note that the Election Day Polling Locations are subject to change.*

EXHIBIT B

VICTORIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Early Voting

October 21 - November 1, 2024

Main Early Voting - Pattie Dodson Health Center

2805 N. Navarro, Class Room A, Victoria, TX

Monday, October 21, 2024.....8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, October 22, 2024.....8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 23, 2024.....8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 24, 2024.....8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday, October 25, 2024.....8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 26, 2024.....7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 27, 2024.....12:00 Noon to 6:00 pm
Monday, October 28, 2024.....7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, October 29, 2024.....7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 30, 2024.....7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 31, 2024.....7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday, November 1, 2024.....7:00 am to 7:00 pm

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