RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, EASTLAND COUNTY, AUTHORIZING AND ORDERING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4. 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION: "TERMINATION OF THE CISCO 4A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ABOLITION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF CISCO FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND EXPANDED ENTERPRISES AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.50%); TERMINATION OF THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ABOLITION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF CISCO TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 505 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.50%); AND ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AT THE RATE OF TWO PERCENT (2.00%), WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF ONE PERCENT (1.00%)"; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION ORDER; PROVIDING FOR THE PROPOSED BALLOT PROPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR AN OFFICIAL BALLOT; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES AND TIMES; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND AN EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR AN EARLY BALLOT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR A CENTRAL COUNTING STATION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICERS, CLERKS AND COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE HART INTERCIVIC DUO VERITY HYBRID VOTING SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION, PUBLICATION AND POSTING: PROVIDING THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ELECTION ORDER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Cisco, Texas (the "City") has previously adopted a local sales and use tax at the rate of one percent (the "Municipal Sales Tax") pursuant to Chapter 321, Texas Tax Code;

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted a local sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises for the benefit of the Cisco 4A Development Corporation (the "4A Sales Tax"), pursuant to Chapter 504, Texas Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted a local sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for the benefit of the Type B Cisco Development Corporation (the "4B Sales Tax"), to undertake projects as authorized by Chapter 505, Texas Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, Section 505.2566 of the Texas Local Government Code, in conjunction with Section 321.409 of the Texas Tax Code, authorizes the City to, with a combined ballot proposition, lower or repeal any municipal sales tax, and by the same proposition raise any other municipal sales tax;

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that an election should be held under the provisions of Sections 504 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 321 of the Texas Tax Code to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on November 4, 2025, to the qualified voters of the City to terminate the Cisco 4A Development Corporation, with the abolition of the 4A Sales Tax, to terminate the Cisco Development Corporation, with the abolition of the 4B Sales Tax, and authorize the adoption of an increased Municipal Sales Tax in the City of Cisco from the rate of one percent (1%) to a rate of two percent (2%); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found and determined that a special election, as to such proposition set forth herein, has not been previously held within one year from the date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby further finds and determines that the City is not disqualified from adopting the proposed local sales and use tax in that the combined rate of all local sales and use taxes imposed by the City, and other political subdivisions having territory within the City does not and will not, with the abolition of the Type A Sales Tax and the Type B Sales Tax and with the adoption of the increased Municipal Sales Tax of two-percent, exceed two percent at any location within the City; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this resolution is considered is open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO:

Section 1. Findings Incorporated. The findings contained in the preamble set forth above are determined to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Election Order. There is hereby ordered a special election to be participated in by the qualified voters of the City of Cisco, Texas, to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City, to vote for or against, a ballot proposition set forth below regarding the termination of the Cisco 4A Development Corporation, with the abolition of the 4A Sales Tax, the termination of the Cisco Development Corporation, with the abolition of the 4B Sales Tax, and the adoption of an increased Municipal Sales Tax in the City of Cisco from the rate of one percent (1%) to a rate of two percent (2%). This special election shall be held within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cisco, Texas. All resident, qualified voters of the City of Cisco shall be permitted to vote for or against the proposition in said election.

Section 3. Proposed Ballot Proposition.

City of Cisco Proposition A

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

Termination of the Cisco 4A Development Corporation and abolition of the economic development sales and use tax within the City of Cisco for the promotion and development of new and expanded enterprises at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%); termination of the Cisco Development Corporation and abolition of the economic development sales and use tax within the City of Cisco to undertake projects as authorized by Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%); and adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of Cisco, Texas, at the rate of two percent (2.00%), which is an increase of one percent (1.00%).

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Section 4. Official Ballot. The official ballots to be used in this special election shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, the Local Government Code, and the Tax Code and shall state the proposition distinctly so that each voter may vote "For" or "Against". Any non-substantive changes that need to be made for the ballot are hereby approved. In addition, the official ballots and all election materials as outlined in Section 272.005, Texas Election Code, shall be printed in both English and Spanish for the use at the polling place and for early voting for said election.

Section 5. Polling Place and Time. The polls shall be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 ("Election Day"). The polling places and locations for Election Day shall be determined by the Joint Elections Administrator and published in accordance with State law.

Section 6. Early Voting, Early Voting Clerk. That Early Voting shall be conducted by the Elections Administrator, Temi Nichols, at 500 Conrad Hilton Blvd., Cisco, Texas, 76437 with the Hart Intercivic Duo Verity Hybrid Voting System for early voting by personal appearance and paper ballots shall be used for early voting by mail. Early voting by personal appearance for the election shall commence on October 20, 2025, and end on October 31, 2025. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted during the regular business hours of the City Secretary's Office each weekday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; and

The early voting clerk shall be the Elections Administrator, Temi Nichols, and her mailing address is 100 W. Main Street, Ste. 104, Eastland, Texas 76448. All applications for a ballot by mail shall be mailed to the early voting clerk, Elections Administrator, Attn: Temi Nichols, at 100 W. Main Street, Ste. 104, Eastland, Texas 76448, or by email at: electionsl@eastlandcountytexas.com. Ballots by mail must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025, unless the ballot may be counted late pursuant to State law.

Section 7. Early Ballot Board. That an Early Ballot Board is hereby designated to canvass the early votes cast by mail and by personal appearance as provided in the Texas Election Code, Section 87.002.

Section 8. Central Counting Station. That the Joint Elections Administrator's office located at 100 W. Main St., Suite 104, Eastland, Texas 76448, is hereby established as the Central Counting Station to receive and tabulate votes and mail ballots cast in said election.

Section 9. Election Officers, Clerks, Compensation. The Joint Elections Administrator shall appoint election day presiding judge(s), an early voting judge(s) as shall be needed, the appointment of which are approved and confirmed by this resolution.

In addition, the respective presiding judge and the Early Ballot Board as herein provided, shall be authorized to appoint a sufficient number of clerks as they may deem necessary to assist them in said election, provided, however that the number of clerks appointed shall not be less than two, the appointment of which are approved and confirmed by this resolution.

That the judges and clerks shall be compensated at the rate of twelve dollars and sixty-six cents (\$12.66) per hour. The judge(s) of the election shall be paid an additional twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) provided he or she also returns unused ballots, election supplies, and ballot boxes when he or she delivers the returns of the election.

Section 10. Use of Hart Intercivic Duo Verity Hybrid Voting System. That the Hart Intercivic Duo Verity Hybrid Voting System will be provided by the Joint Elections Administrator and shall be used for voting at the foregoing election precincts and electronic counting devices and equipment shall be used

for counting the ballots at said election.

Section 11. Notice of Election, Publication and Posting. The City Secretary is hereby directed to give notice of the election and publish and post the notice as required by law and the City Charter.

Section 12. That the Mayor is authorized to sign an Order of Election prescribed by the State of Texas on behalf of the City Council.

Section 13. That should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this resolution be held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution, but in all respects said remaining portion shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 14. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cisco this 14th day of July, 2025.

Stephen Forester, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William P. Chesser, City Attorney