NOTICE OF AN ELECTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX

STATE OF TEXAS \$

VILLAGE MILLS EMERGENCY \$

SERVICES DISTRICT #8 \$

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that an election shall be held in said District provided in a RESOLUTION CALLING AN TO ADOPT A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE VILLAGE MILLS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #8 AT THE RATE OF TWO PERCENT duly passed by the Board of Directors of said District which RESOLUTION is substantially as follows:

RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE VILLAGE MILLS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 8 (THE "DISTRICT") AT THE RATE OF TWO PERCENT; EXCLUDING ANY TERRITORY IN THE DISTRICT WHERE THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IS AT TWO PERCENT; DIRECTING THE BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX TO THE HARDIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURTAND THE TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AS PRECINCTS 8 AND 11 IN HARDIN COUNTYY AND PRECINCT 6 IN TYLER COUNTYFOR THE ELECTION; ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING AND POLLING PLACES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENTWITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION: AUTHORIZING BOARD OFFICERS TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION AS AUTHORIZED BY §775.0751, §775.0752, TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND CHAPTER 323, TEXAS TAX CODE

The Village Mills Emergency Services District No. 8 (the "District") is an emergency services district operating under Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

Due to recent amendments to \$775.0752 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the District by resolution may order an election to adopt a local sales and use tax in the District. Said election to be governed by Subchapter E, Chapter 323, Texas Tax Code.

The Board of Directors of the District find that it would be in the best interest of the District to pursue an election to adopt a local sales and use tax in that territory within the District where the local sales and use tax rate would not exceed two percent and excluding from the election and the application of the local sales and use tax that area territory within the District where the local sales and use tax rate is at two percent.

The election to adopt a local sales and use tax may be called by the adoption of a Resolution by the Board of Directors of the District ordering said election on a statutory, uniform election date.

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VILLAGE MILLS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 8, THAT:

Section 1: An election shall be held within and for the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on the 5th day of November, 2024, at the Village Mills VFW Hall and Genesis Baptist Church Hardin County, Texas, in Hardin County and Don Stockton's Garage in Tyler County a place within the District which the Board of Directors of the District, after duly considering the requirements of the Texas Election Code, hereby finds to be a proper place for conducting said election. At said election, a proposition calling for the adoption of a local sales and use tax in the Village Mills Emergency Service District No. 8 at the rate of two percent be submitted to the qualified resident electors of the District excluding from the election and the applicability of any adopted local sales and use tax that territory in the District where the local sales and use tax is at two percent.

Section 2: The boundaries of the District are hereby established as and shall constitute Precinct 8 and 11 in Hardin County and Precinct 6 in Tyler County for the election, and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of said election:

Presiding Judge: TBD

Alternate Presiding Judge: TBD

The presiding judge shall have the authority to appoint at least two (2) clerks but is not to exceed six (6) clerks for the proper conduct of the election. If the regularly appointed presiding judge is unable to serve at the election, the alternate presiding judge shall serve as the presiding judge for the election. If the election is conducted by the regularly appointed presiding judge, he or she shall appoint the alternate presiding judge as one of the clerks to serve at the election.

The early ballot board shall consist of at least three members, appointed by the presiding judge, who are eligible to serve in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall occur on each weekday from October 21, 2024 to Friday, October 25, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday October 26, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Monday, October 28, 2024 through Friday November 1, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hardin County Courthouse located at 300 W Monroe Street, Kountze, Texas 77625. Early voting by personal appearance shall also occur in Tyler County at a the Tyler County Nutrition Center located at 201 Veterans Way Woodville, Texas and early voting by personal appearance times will be October 21, 2024 through October 25, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday October 26th, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and October 28, 2024 to November 1, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

<u>Section 3</u>: The duly qualified resident electors of the District shall be qualified to vote.

Section 4: The tax rate to be authorized in this election shall be the rate of two percent in accordance with §775.0751 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and will be applicable for the collection of local sales and use taxes within the District in those areas not currently within a territory in the District where the local sales and use tax rate of two percent is already imposed.

<u>Section 5</u>: Not later than the 30th day after the date on which the Board of Directors adopts this Resolution Calling the Local Sales and Use Tax Election, the Board shall give, for informational purposes,

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written or oral notice on the proposed imposition of the sales and use tax, including the reasons for the proposed change, to the Commissioners' Court of Hardin County, Texas and Tyler County, Texas.

<u>Section 6</u>: Voting shall be by the use of direct recording electronic voting system (DRE) in English and Spanish or paper ballots which shall be printed in both English and Spanish. The electronic and paper ballots used in the election shall have the following proposition:

THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE VILLAGE MILLS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 8 AT THE RATE OF TWO PERCENT, EXCLUDING ANY AREA OF THE DISTRICT WHERE A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IS ALREADY IMPOSED AT A RATE OF TWO PERCENT.

Persons vote FOR or AGAINST the proposition. The Presiding Judge and the early voting clerk shall be provided with official ballots sufficient for the proper conduct of the election as determined by the herein named election officials. Oral assistance in Spanish shall be made available to all persons requiring such assistance. Any person requiring oral assistance in Spanish should contact the Presiding Judge or early voting clerk.

Section 7: The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of the election to be published in English and Spanish once, not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day before the election in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in Hardin County, Texas and Tyler County, Texas.

Section 8: The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to this Board of Directors in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by §775.0751, §775.0752 and Chapter 323, Texas Tax Code. District hereby appoints the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District for the purpose as custodian of the election records. The Secretary shall maintain the election records in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

<u>Section 9</u>: The Presiding Judge and the Voting Clerk will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$12.00; all other early voting clerks and election clerks will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$10.00. Presiding Judge shall be compensated in the amount of \$25.00 for the delivery of election equipment and supplies if such delivery is necessary.

<u>Section 10</u>: The President, Secretary, and the District's attorneys are authorized and directed to take any action necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED August 13, 2024

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