## ORDER FOR ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 3, 2025 ON THE PROPOSITION OF EXPANSION OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT BY ADDING TERRITORY TO THE DISTRICT UNDER TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 775.051

WHEREAS, SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT (the "District") operates pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article Ill, Section 48-e, and Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 775.051, Texas Health & Safety Code, provides that the District may expand the District territory upon receipt of a petition requesting such;

WHEREAS, the District has held a public hearing on such expansion following receipt of such a petition in proper form as provided by Section 775.051; and

WHEREAS, the District may call an election on such expansion following such public hearing to be held as provided by Section 775.051 and the applicable provisions of the Election Code if the Board of ESD Commissioners of the District finds that such annexation would be feasible and would benefit the District; and

WHEREAS, the District finds that the annexation as petitioned would be feasible and would benefit the District; and

WHEREAS, Texas Health & Safety Code, Section 775.051 requires that such Election be held on the next uniform election day; and

WHEREAS, the next uniform date for an election called under such circumstances is May 3, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an Election be held in SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT and the proposed annexation area on Saturday, May 3, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on the following propositions:

- A. "Adding all land located within San Jacinto County which is not currently in the territorial jurisdiction of the San Jacinto County Emergency Services District and which was previously removed from the Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1 by Order of March 15, 2005 to the San Jacinto County Emergency Services District."
- B. All land located within San Jacinto County which is not currently in the territorial jurisdiction of the San Jacinto County Emergency Services District and which was previously removed from the Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1 by Order of March 15, 2005 assuming its proportionate

share of the outstanding debts and taxes of the San Jacinto County Emergency Services District, if it is added to the district."

## IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- 1. The ballot for the Election shall provide for voting "for" or "against" the above stated propositions. A majority of the votes cast either "for" or "against" the propositions shall determine whether the propositions are adopted, provided however, that for passage the propositions must be approved by both a majority of the voters in the District election and must be approved by a majority of the voters in the annexation area generally described in the attached Exhibit "A". A vote "for" shall mean a vote in favor of the proposition and a vote "against" shall mean a vote against the proposition.
- 2. The Election may be held jointly with other San Jacinto County entities, if any, under the Joint Election Agreement promulgated by the San Jacinto County Elections Office.
- 3. The election will be conducted by the San Jacinto County Elections Office under the terms of the Election Services Agreement promulgated by the San Jacinto County Elections Office. To the full extent allowed by law, the District delegates to the San Jacinto County Elections Administrator all election duties described in the Agreement.
- 4. The Election shall be held within the Election Precincts and at the Polling Places designated by the Elections Administrator (also called "Contracting Officer") pursuant to the San Jacinto County Election Order for the San Jacinto County elections scheduled for May 3, 2025, subject to any such changes as may be made under the authority of such Order. The designation is adopted and approved by the Board of ESD Commissioners.
- 5. Only persons qualified to vote within the geographic boundaries of SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT and in the Annexation Area described in the attached Exhibit "A", shall be allowed to vote at the Election and each voter shall vote at the Polling Place designated by Order of San Jacinto County for the San Jacinto County elections.
- 6. The Notice of the Election shall be prepared in accordance with 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 Emergency Services Commissioners and a copy shall be filed with the County Clerk of San Jacinto County, Texas. After publication, the District Board of Emergency Services 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.

- 7. The voting in the District's Election Precincts shall utilize an Electronic Voting System procured and certified by the San Jacinto County Elections Office. San Jacinto County's certified electronic voting equipment is to be used in the May 3, 2025 Joint Election, as described in the Joint Election Agreement and/or Election Services Agreement.
- 8. **Cheri Walker**, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the Election. Early voting shall be conducted from April 22, 2025 (the date which represents the earliest date on which early voting may begin) through April 29, 2025 (the date which represents the last day on which early voting may be performed). As ordered by the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, early voting will be conducted on the days and hours and at the locations designated by the Elections Administrator pursuant to the Order of San Jacinto County for the San Jacinto County elections. As of the date of this Order, the location of main early voting place is designated as follows:

San Jacinto County Elections Administration 51 E. Pine Ave., Coldspring, TX 77331

- 9. 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 Early Voting Clerk t shall provide each voter with a paper ballot and instructions to make a mark on the paper ballot.
- 10. As described in the Election Services Agreement, the District Board orders that ballot applications and ballots voted shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at 51 E. Pine Ave., Coldspring, TX 77331, or as otherwise designated by the San Jacinto County Early Voting Clerk. The ballot applications must be received by April 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. If any Application for Ballot By Mail is submitted by email or fax or if a Federal Post Card Application is submitted by fax, to be effective, the application must also be submitted by mail and be received not later than the fourth (4th) business day after it is received by email or fax. All requests for early voting ballots to be voted by mail that are received by the District shall be forwarded in person or by email or fax to the Contracting Officer on the day of receipt. Original applications that are received by mail and forwarded by email or fax must also be mailed to the Contracting Officer for all processing. The Regular Early Voting Clerk for the District, as defined in the Election Services Agreement between San Jacinto County and the District, may also receive applications and forward same to the Early Voting Clerk, as described in the Election Services Agreement.
- 11. The following concurrent and subsequent Orders, among other Orders, may be made by the District to facilitate the Election: Joint Election Agreement; Order Approving and Appointing an Agent; Order Approving a Contract with San Jacinto County; Order Establishing And Designating Election Precincts And Polling Places; Order Appointing Presiding Election Judge(s); Order Appointing Early Voting Ballot

Board; Order Appointing An Early Voting Clerk; Order Establishing And Designating A Polling Place; Resolution Adopting Voting System.

- 12. In accordance with all applicable Federal and State law, there shall be provided Spanish translation of the ballot as well as other applicable election materials.
- 13. This Order constitutes the Election Order of SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT Election to conduct an election to expand the District's jurisdictional territory.

ADOPTED at Open Meeting this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to

SAN JACINTO COUNT EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT ATTEST:

District President

District Secretary

## Exhibit A

## Boundary Description of Proposed Annexation into San Jacinto County Emergency Services District

All Land located within San Jacinto County which is not currently in the territorial jurisdiction of the San Jacinto County Emergency Services District and which was previously removed from the Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1 by Order of March 15, 2005.

No territory currently within the Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1 is included in the Annexation Area.

No territory currently within San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2 is included in the Annexation Area.