

**BEAUMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION**

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2024, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Beaumont Independent School District (the "District"), located in Jefferson County, Texas, adopted a tax rate for the current year of \$0.96491 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation, which exceeds the District's voter-approval rate;

WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code Section 26.08(b) requires the Board to order an election to ratify an adopted tax rate that exceeds the District's voter-approval rate;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Texas Tax Code, the Board hereby finds and determines that it should Order a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election to be held on November 5, 2024, (the "Election");

WHEREAS, the District will enter an interlocal agreement with Jefferson County, Texas (the "County") for the administration of the Election (the "Election Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Jefferson County Elections Administrator (the "Administrator") in accordance with the Election Contract, will administer the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Election will be held jointly with other political subdivisions for which Jefferson County is also conducting elections, in accordance with the provisions of Texas Election Code Section 271.002; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted by the Board 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 BEAUMONT 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. Order of Election; Election Date; Eligible Electors.** The Election shall be held in the District on November 5, 2024, ("Election Day"), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order, at which all resident, qualified electors shall be entitled to vote on the proposition below:.

**Section 3. Conduct of the Election.** The Election is to be conducted and administered by the County as provided by the Election Contract, Chapter 271 and Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), the Texas Education Code, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

**Section 4. Voting.** Voting on Election Day shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit A (attached hereto and incorporated herein for all intents and purposes) and hereby designated as 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.**

Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). As required by the Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Paper ballots may be used for early voting by mail.

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.

Each voter desiring to vote in favor of the Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating “FOR” such Proposition, and each voter desiring to vote against the Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating “AGAINST” such Proposition. Voting will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

**Section 5. Early Voting.** Early voting by personal appearance and by mail shall be administered by the County. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 21, 2024, and conclude on November 1, 2024, at the polling locations specified in Exhibit A and hereby designated as the early voting locations. The early voting locations shall remain open for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District during the times designated in Exhibit A. The polling locations and times listed in 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.

The Election Administrator is appointed as the Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballots for voting by mail shall be addressed as designated in Section 7 below. For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the early voting clerk shall provide each voter with a ballot with instructions to mark the ballot indicating his or her vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the Proposition.

**Section 6. 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. Pursuant to the Election Code, a public school of instruction for all election officers and clerks may be held as arranged or contracted by the Election Administrator.

**Section 7. Voting by Mail.** Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law to:

Jefferson County Clerk  
P.O. Box 1151  
Beaumont, Texas 77701  
Email: countyclerk@jeffco.tx.us  
Facsimile to (409) 839-2394.

If submitted by email or facsimile, a hard copy of the application must be mailed to the foregoing address within four business days of sending the email or facsimile. For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote by mail, the voting clerk shall provide each voter with a ballot with instructions to mark the ballot indicating his or her vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the Proposition.

**Section 8. Proposition.** At the Election there shall be submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

**Beaumont Independent School District - Proposition A**

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Beaumont Independent School District be authorized to levy an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.96491 per \$100 of the taxable assessed valuation of property within the Beaumont Independent School District for the current tax year, being a rate that is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.8023 per \$100 of such taxable assessed valuation (an amount that is set annually by the Board, as limited by the maximum amount previously authorized by the District's voters and certain other limitations imposed by applicable law) and a debt service tax rate of \$0.16261 per \$100 of such taxable assessed value (an amount that is set annually by the Board), which combined tax rate of \$0.96491 represents an increase of 14.3 percent (%) (or \$13,087,884) in maintenance and operations tax revenue to the District in the 2024-2025 school year as compared to the preceding year, pursuant to Section 26.08, Texas Tax Code, as amended?

**Section 9. Ballot.** Ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Election Code and shall have written or printed thereon the following:

**BEAUMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FOR     | ) | Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.96491 per \$100    |
|                                  | ) | valuation in Beaumont Independent School District for       |
|                                  | ) | the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of |
|                                  | ) | 14.3% percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST | ) | for the district for the current year as compared to the    |
|                                  | ) | preceding year, which is an increase of \$13,087,884.       |

**Section 10. Authority to Execute Election Contract.** The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the County.

**Section 11. Multilingual Election Material.** For Jefferson County, all notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in languages required by law and persons capable of acting as translators in languages required by law shall be made available to assist in understanding and participating in the election process.

**Section 12. Notice of Election.** 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. Authority of the Superintendent.** The Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board, the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer 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. Delivery of Voted Ballots; Counting; Tabulation; Canvassing of Returns; Declaring Results.** The ballots shall be counted by one or more teams of election officers assigned by the presiding judges, each team to consist of two or more election officers. After completion of his responsibilities under the Election Code, including the counting of the voted ballots and the tabulation of the results, the presiding judge shall make a written return of the Election results to the District in accordance with the Election Code. The Board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election.

If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the District voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of the Proposition, then the tax rate for the current year shall be the rate adopted by the Board. If the Proposition is not approved, then the Board may not adopt a rate that exceeds the District's voter-approval tax rate.

**Section 15.** 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 16. Effective Date.** This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Board.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON AUGUST 15, 2024.

7 FOR  
0 AGAINST  
0 OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ellis Hickman*

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**President, Board of Trustees**

**ATTEST:**

*Dennis Wallace Spomer*

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**Secretary, Board of Trustees**

**EARLY VOTING  
October 21 – November 1**

*November Presidential Election – Countywide Polling – All precincts may vote at any Vote Center.  
(Noviembre Presidencial eleccion – Lugares de votacion en todo el condado – Todos los precinctos pueden votar en cualquier centro de votacion.)*

| <b>Election Day Polling Places</b><br><i>Localizaciones</i> | <b>Address</b><br><i>Direccion</i> | <b>City, State, Zip Code</b><br><i>Ciudad, Estado, Código postal</i> |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)           | 20205 W. Hwy 90                    | China, TX 77613  |
| Rogers Park Community Center                                | 6540 Gladys Ave                    | Beaumont, TX 77706   |
| Hebert Library (Community Room)                             | 2025 Merriman St                   | Port Neches, TX 77651  |
| Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)                     | 19217 FM 365                       | Beaumont, TX 77705   |
| Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)            | 2712 Nederland Ave                 | Nederland, TX 77627  |
| Groves Activity Building (Lounge)                           | 6150 39 <sup>th</sup> Street       | Groves, TX 77619   |
| Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)                     | 525 Lakeshore Dr                   | Port Arthur, TX 77640  |
| Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)                  | 4615 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue        | Port Arthur, TX 77642  |
| Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby)                         | 1085 Pearl St                      | Beaumont, TX 77701   |
| John Paul Davis Community Center                            | 3580 E. Lucas Dr                   | Beaumont, TX 77703   |
| Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)                       | 4255 Fannett Rd                    | Beaumont, TX 77705   |

| <b>DATES AND HOURS FOR ALL ABOVE LOCATIONS:</b><br>(Fechas y Horas para todas las localizaciones anteriores): |                                      |                        |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| October 21 – 25, 2024<br>(Octubre 21 – 25, 2024)  | Monday - Friday<br>(Lunes -Viernes)  | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  |
| October 26, 2024<br>(Octubre 26, 2024)  | Saturday<br>(Sábado)                 | 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  |
| October 27, 2024<br>(Octubre 27, 2024)  | Sunday<br>(Domingo)                  | 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| October 28 – November 1, 2024<br>(Octubre 28 – Noviembre 1, 2024)   | Monday – Friday<br>(Lunes – Viernes) | 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  |

**ELECTION DAY  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

*November Presidential Election – Countywide Polling – All precincts may vote at any Vote Center.  
(Noviembre Presidencial eleccion – Lugares de votacion en todo el condado – Todos los precinctos pueden votar en cualquier centro de votacion.)*

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|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Amelia Elementary School (Gymnasium)                        | 565 S. Major Dr                    | Beaumont, TX 77707   |
| BISD Administration Building (Boardroom)                    | 3395 Harrison Ave                  | Beaumont, TX 77706   |
| Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)           | 20205 W. Hwy 90                    | China, TX 77613  |
| Rogers Park Community Center                                | 6540 Gladys Ave                    | Beaumont, TX 77706   |
| RC Miller Library (Meeting Room)                            | 1605 Dowlen Road                   | Beaumont, TX 77706   |
| Caldwood Elementary (Gymnasium)                             | 102 Berkshire Lane                 | Beaumont, TX 77707   |
| Bevil Oaks Civic Center                                     | 7390 Sweetgum Road                 | Bevil Oaks, TX 77713   |
| Hebert Library (Community Room)                             | 2025 Merriman St                   | Port Neches, TX 77651  |
| Jefferson County WCID 10 Fire Station (Front Lobby)         | 2024 Spurlock Rd.                  | Nederland, TX 77627  |
| Nederland Recreation Center (Meeting Room)                  | 2301 Avenue H                      | Nederland, TX 77627  |
| Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)                     | 19217 FM 365                       | Beaumont, TX 77705   |
| Jefferson County ESD #4 (Main Meeting Room)                 | 12880 FM 365                       | Beaumont, TX 77705   |
| Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)            | 2712 Nederland Ave                 | Nederland, TX 77627  |
| Groves Activity Building (Lounge)                           | 6150 39 <sup>th</sup> Street       | Groves, TX 77619   |
| Hamshire VFD and Community Center                           | 12318 2 <sup>nd</sup> St           | Hamshire, TX 77622   |
| DeQueen Elementary (Fifth Grade Hall)                       | 740 DeQueen Blvd                   | Port Arthur, TX 77640  |
| Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)                     | 525 Lakeshore Dr                   | Port Arthur, TX 77640  |
| El Vista Community Center                                   | 615 Ellias Street                  | Port Arthur, TX 77640  |
| Port Acres Elementary (Main Hallway)                        | 5900 Jade Ave                      | Port Arthur, TX 77640  |
| Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)                  | 4615 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue        | Port Arthur, TX 77642  |
| R.L. Gabby Eldridge Center                                  | 5262 S. Gulfway Dr                 | Sabine Pass, TX 77655  |
| Travis Elementary (Library)                                 | 1115 Lakeview Ave                  | Port Arthur, TX 77642  |
| Alice Keith Park Recreation Center                          | 4075 Highland Ave                  | Beaumont, TX 77705   |
| Charlton-Pollard Elementary (Gymnasium)                     | 825 Jackson St                     | Beaumont, TX 77701   |
| Lamar University Montagne Center (Cardinal Club Room)       | 4401 S. MLK Pkwy                   | Beaumont, TX 77705   |
| Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby) Main Polling Location   | 1085 Pearl St                      | Beaumont, TX 77701   |
| John Paul Davis Community Center                            | 3580 E. Lucas Dr                   | Beaumont, TX 77703   |
| Precinct 4 Service Center (Conference Room)                 | 7780 Boyt Rd                       | Beaumont, TX 77713   |
| Roy Guess Elementary (Hallway near Gymnasium)               | 8055 Voth Rd.                      | Beaumont, TX 77708   |
| Sterling Pruitt Center (Multi-purpose Room)                 | 2930 Gulf St                       | Beaumont, TX 77703   |
| Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)                       | 4255 Fannett Rd                    | Beaumont, TX 77705   |