

**EXHIBIT A**

Form of Bond

NO. R-\_\_<sup>1</sup>

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF TEXAS

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS  
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND REFUNDING BOND,  
SERIES 2015

<u>Maturity Date</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>Interest Rate</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>Dated Date</u>	<u>CUSIP No.</u> <sup>2</sup>
September 1, 20__	%	_____, 1, 20__	

ON THE MATURITY DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE, THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS (the “City”), in the Counties of Travis, Williamson and Hays, hereby promises to pay to

\_\_\_\_\_  
or to the registered assignee hereof (either being hereinafter called the “registered owner”) the principal amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

and to pay interest thereon, from the Dated Date specified above, to the Maturity Date specified above, or the date of its redemption prior to scheduled maturity, at the rate of interest per annum specified above, with said interest being payable on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, and semiannually on each September 1 and March 1 thereafter; except that if the Paying Agent/Registrar’s Authentication Certificate appearing on the face of this Bond is dated later than \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, such interest is payable semiannually on each September 1 and March 1 following such date.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The initial Bond shall be numbered T-1.

<sup>2</sup> To be omitted from the initial Bond.

<sup>3</sup> The first paragraph of the initial Bond shall read as follows:

“ON THE MATURITY DATES SPECIFIED BELOW, THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS (the “City”), in the Counties of Travis, Williamson and Hays, hereby promises to pay to \_\_\_\_\_ or to the registered assignee hereof (either being hereinafter called the “registered owner”) the principal amounts shown below: [Insert information regarding maturity dates, principal amounts and interest rates from the Pricing Certificate] and to pay interest thereon, from the Dated Date specified above, to the Maturity Dates specified above, or the date of its redemption prior to scheduled maturity, at the rates of interest per annum specified above, with said interest being payable on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, and semiannually on each September 1 and March 1 thereafter; except that if the Paying Agent/Registrar’s Authentication Certificate appearing on the face of this Bond is dated later than \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, such interest is payable semiannually on each September 1 and March 1 following such date.”

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON this Bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without exchange or collection charges. The principal of this Bond shall be paid to the registered owner hereof upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at maturity or redemption prior to maturity at the designated corporate trust office in Houston, Texas (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office") of U.S. Bank National Association, which is the "Paying Agent/Registrar" for this Bond. The payment of interest on this Bond shall be made by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner hereof as shown by the Registration Books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the record date, which is the 15th day of the month next preceding such interest payment date by check, dated as of such interest payment date, drawn by the Paying Agent/Registrar on, and payable solely from, funds of the City required to be on deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar for such purpose as hereinafter provided; and such check shall be sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, on each such interest payment date, to the registered owner hereof at its address as it appears on the Registration Books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar, as hereinafter described. Any accrued interest due at maturity or upon redemption of this Bond prior to maturity as provided herein shall be paid to the registered owner upon presentation and surrender of this Bond for redemption and payment at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. The City covenants with the registered owner of this Bond that no later than each principal payment and/or interest payment date for this Bond it will make available to the Paying Agent/Registrar from the Interest and Sinking Fund as defined by the ordinance authorizing the Bonds (the "Ordinance") the amounts required to provide for the payment, in immediately available funds, of all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, when due.

IN THE EVENT OF A NON-PAYMENT of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest ("Special Payment Date," which shall be fifteen (15) days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner of a Bond appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

IF THE DATE for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on this Bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions are authorized to close; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during any period in which ownership of the Bonds is determined only by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, any payment to the securities depository, or its nominee or registered assigns, shall be made in accordance with existing arrangements between the City and the securities depository.

THIS BOND is one of a series of Bonds of like tenor and effect except as to number, principal amount, interest rate, maturity and option of redemption, authorized in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas in the aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, for the purpose of providing funds with which to (i) make and acquire various public improvements for the City, (ii) refund the Refunded Obligations (as defined in the Ordinance) and (ii) pay the costs of issuance associated with the sale of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Obligations.

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 20\_\_\_\_, or on any date thereafter, the Bonds of this series maturing on September 1, 20\_\_\_\_, and thereafter may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, at the option of the City, in whole, or in part, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. The years of maturity of the Bonds called for redemption at the option of the City prior to stated maturity shall be selected by the City. The Bonds or portions thereof redeemed within a maturity shall be selected by lot or other customary random selection method by the Paying Agent/Registrar; provided, that during any period in which ownership of the Bonds is determined only by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, if fewer than all of the Bonds of the same maturity and bearing the same interest rate are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds of such maturity and bearing such interest rate shall be selected in accordance with the arrangements between the City and the securities depository.

THE BONDS maturing on September 1, 20\_\_ (the "Term Bonds") are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in part by lot or other customary random selection method pursuant to the terms of the Ordinance, on September 1 in the following years and in the following amounts, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, without premium:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
	\$
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\* Final Maturity

THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT of the Term Bonds required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of such mandatory redemption provisions may be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of the Term Bonds of the same maturity which (i) have been acquired by the City with funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund for the Bonds at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation or (ii) have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions above and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.

AT LEAST thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for any redemption, a written notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owner of each Bond or a portion thereof being called for redemption by depositing such notice in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to each such registered owner at his address shown on the Registration Books of the Paying Agent/Registrar. By the date fixed for any redemption due provision shall be made by the City with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for

this Bond or the portion hereof which is to be so redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption. If notice of redemption is given, and if due provision for such payment is made, all as provided above, this Bond, or the portion hereof which is to be so redeemed, thereby automatically shall be redeemed prior to its scheduled maturity, and shall not bear interest after the date fixed for its redemption, and shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the registered owner to receive the redemption price plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption from the Paying Agent/Registrar out of the funds provided for payment. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall record in the Registration Books all redemptions of principal of this Bond or any portion hereof. If a portion of any Bond shall be redeemed, a substitute Bond or Bonds having the same maturity date, bearing interest at the same rate, in any denomination or denominations in any integral multiple of \$5,000, at the written request of the registered owner, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof, will be issued to the registered owner upon the surrender thereof for cancellation, at the expense of the City, all as provided in the Ordinance. If a notice of redemption is given and sufficient funds are not received for the payment of the required redemption price for the Bonds which are to be redeemed, the notice shall be of no force and effect, the City shall not redeem the Bonds, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that the Bonds have not been redeemed.

ALL BONDS OF THIS SERIES are issuable solely as fully registered bonds, without interest coupons, in the denomination of any integral multiple of \$5,000 (an "Authorized Denomination"). As provided in the Ordinance, this Bond may, at the request of the registered owner or the assignee or assignees hereof, be assigned, transferred, and exchanged for a like aggregate principal amount of fully registered bonds, without interest coupons, payable to the appropriate registered owner, assignee, or assignees, as the case may be, having the same maturity date, and bearing interest at the same rate, in any Authorized Denomination as requested in writing by the appropriate registered owner, assignee, or assignees, as the case may be, upon surrender of this Bond to the Paying Agent/Registrar at its Designated Payment/Transfer Office for cancellation, all in accordance with the form and procedures set forth in the Ordinance. Among other requirements for such assignment and transfer, this Bond must be presented and surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, together with proper instruments of assignment, in form and with guarantee of signatures satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, evidencing assignment of this Bond or any portion or portions hereof in any integral multiple of \$5,000 to the assignee or assignees in whose name or names this Bond or any such portion or portions hereof is or are to be transferred and registered. The form of Assignment printed or endorsed on this Bond may be executed by the registered owner to evidence the assignment hereof, but such method is not exclusive, and other instruments of assignment satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar may be used to evidence the assignment of this Bond or any portion or portions hereof from time to time by the registered owner. The one requesting such exchange shall pay the Paying Agent/Registrar's reasonable standard or customary fees and charges for exchanging any Bond or portion thereof. The foregoing notwithstanding, in the case of the exchange of an assigned and transferred Bond or Bonds or any portion or portions thereof, such fees and charges of the Paying Agent/Registrar will be paid by the City. In any circumstance, any taxes or governmental charges required to be paid with respect thereto shall be paid by the one requesting such assignment, transfer, or exchange as a condition precedent to the exercise of such privilege. In any circumstance, neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to transfer or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption, in whole or in

part, within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date fixed for redemption; provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the uncalled principal of a Bond.

WHENEVER the beneficial ownership of this Bond is determined by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, the foregoing requirements of holding, delivering or transferring this Bond shall be modified to require the appropriate person or entity to meet the requirements of the securities depository as to registering or transferring the book entry to produce the same effect.

IN THE EVENT any Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is changed by the City, resigns, or otherwise ceases to act as such, the City has covenanted in the Ordinance that it promptly will appoint a competent and legally qualified substitute therefor, and promptly will cause written notice thereof to be mailed to the registered owners of the Bonds.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND RECITED that the issuance of this Bond, and the series of which it is a part, is duly authorized by law; that all acts, conditions and things required to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this series of bonds, and of this Bond, have been properly done and performed and have happened in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law; that sufficient and proper provision for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes has been made, which, when collected, shall be appropriated exclusively to the payment of this Bond and the series of which it is a part; and that the total indebtedness of the City of Austin, Texas, including the entire series of bonds of which this is one, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

BY BECOMING the registered owner of this Bond, the registered owner thereby acknowledges all of the terms and provisions of the Ordinance, agrees to be bound by such terms and provisions, acknowledges that the Ordinance is duly recorded and available for inspection in the official minutes and records of the governing body of the City, and agrees that the terms and provisions of this Bond and the Ordinance constitute a contract between each registered owner hereof and the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Bond has been duly executed on behalf of the City, under its official seal, in accordance with law.

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City Clerk,  
City of Austin, Texas

(SEAL)

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Mayor,  
City of Austin, Texas

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FORM OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE:

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

(To be executed if this Bond is not accompanied by an  
executed Registration Certificate of the Comptroller  
of Public Accounts of the State of Texas)

It is hereby certified that this Bond has been issued under the provisions of the proceedings adopted by the City as described in the text of this Bond; and that this Bond has been issued in conversion of and exchange for or replacement of a bond, bonds, or a portion of a bond or bonds of an issue which originally was approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Dated:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Paying Agent/Registrar

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

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FORM OF COMPTROLLER'S CERTIFICATE (ATTACHED TO  
THE BONDS UPON INITIAL DELIVERY THEREOF):

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER :  
STATE OF TEXAS : REGISTER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that there is on file and of record in my office a certificate of the Attorney General of the State of Texas to the effect that this Bond has been examined by him as required by law, and that he finds that it has been issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and that it is a valid and binding obligation of the City of Austin, Texas, payable in the manner provided by and in the ordinance authorizing same, and said Bond has this day been registered by me.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of office at Austin, Texas \_\_\_\_\_.

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Comptroller of Public Accounts of the  
State of Texas

(SEAL)

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FORM OF ASSIGNMENT:

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please insert Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number of Transferee

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/\_\_\_\_\_/

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please print or typewrite name and address, including zip code of Transferee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints  
\_\_\_\_\_ attorney to register the transfer of  
the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the  
premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guaranteed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: Signature(s) must be  
guaranteed by a member firm of the  
New York Stock Exchange or a  
commercial bank or trust company.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: The signature above must  
correspond with the name of the Registered  
Owner as it appears upon the front of this  
Bond in every particular, without alteration  
or enlargement or any change whatsoever.