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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING SEPARATE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD FOR SIX DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE CITY OF **AUSTIN ON MAY 4, 2024, ON THE QUESTION OF DISANNEXING EACH OF** THOSE AREAS; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. One election will be held for each area; only the voters registered in the area described in the ballot language may vote on the issue of disannexation of that area. The ballot for voters in a particular area will contain the proposition, labeled A, B, C, D, E, or F, regarding disannexation of their area from the City.

PART 2. A special municipal election shall be held in the area of the City of Austin commonly known as "Lost Creek" on May 4, 2024, to submit to the voters of that area the question of whether to disannex the area from the City of Austin. A map of the area is included in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "Yes" or "No" (or "For" or "Against") on the Proposition:

Proposition A: "Shall the City disannex approximately 738 acres of land commonly known as "Lost Creek," located in Travis County, west of the intersection of Lost Creek Boulevard and Capital of Texas Highway, (the Area), thereby removing the Area from the full purpose city limits of Austin, resulting in the Travis County Sherriff's Office providing law enforcement, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 providing fire response, and Austin-Travis County EMS continuing to provide emergency services; the City would be required to continue to impose a property tax each year on the property in the Area at the same rate that is imposed on other property in the City until the taxes collected from the Area equal its pro rata share of the area's indebtedness, which is \$7,772,513.84 and is estimated to take two years to pay off, or until such time as the inhabitants of the area otherwise collectively pay the identified pro rata share of the indebtedness in full with no prepayment penalty; fees related to the City's full purpose jurisdiction would no longer be collected; and the board of the Lost Creek Limited District, a special district in the area, would continue to operate unless the board elects to dissolve the district."

PART 3. A special municipal election shall be held in the area of the City of Austin commonly known as "Mooreland Addition" on May 4, 2024, to submit to the voters of that area the question of whether to disannex that area from the City of Austin. A map of the area is included in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "Yes" or "No" (or "For" or "Against") on the Proposition:

Proposition B: "Shall the City disannex approximately 4 acres of land commonly known as "Mooreland Addition," located in southwestern Travis County, east of the intersection of Manchaca Road and Mooreland Drive, (the Area), thereby removing the Area from the full purpose city limits of Austin, resulting in the Travis County Sherriff's Office providing law enforcement, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 5 providing fire response, and Austin-Travis County EMS continuing to provide emergency services; the City would be required to continue to impose a property tax each year on the property in the Area at the same rate that is imposed on other property in the City until the taxes collected from the Area equal its pro rata share of the area's indebtedness, which is \$30,146.39 and is estimated to take two years to pay off, or until such time as the inhabitants of the area otherwise collectively pay the identified pro rata share of the indebtedness in full with no prepayment penalty; and fees related to the City's full purpose jurisdiction would no longer be collected."

PART 4. A special municipal election shall be held in the area of the City of Austin commonly known as "Blue Goose Road" on May 4, 2024, to submit to the voters of that area the question of whether to disannex the area from the City of Austin. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "Yes" or "No" (or "For" or "Against") on the Proposition:

Proposition C: "Shall the City disannex approximately 28 acres of land commonly known as "Blue Goose Road," located in eastern Travis County, east of Blue Goose Road approximately 975 feet northwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 290 East and Blue Goose Road, (the Area), thereby removing the Area from the full purpose city limits of Austin, resulting in the Travis County Sherriff's Office providing law enforcement, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 providing fire response, and Austin-Travis County EMS continuing to provide emergency services; the City would be required to continue to impose a property tax each year on the property in the Area at the same rate that is imposed on other property in the City until the taxes collected from the Area equal its pro rata share of the area's indebtedness, which is \$19,131.36 and is estimated to take two years to pay off, or until such time as the inhabitants of the area otherwise collectively pay the identified pro rata share of the indebtedness in full with no prepayment penalty; and fees related to the City's full purpose jurisdiction would no longer be collected."

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PART 5. A special municipal election shall be held in the area of the City of Austin commonly known as "Lennar at Malone" on May 4, 2024, to submit to the voters of that area the question of whether to disannex the area from the City of Austin. A map of the area is included in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "Yes" or "No" (or "For" or "Against") on the Proposition:

Proposition D: "Shall the City disannex approximately 40.48 acres of land commonly known as "Lennar at Malone," located in southwestern Travis County, one-half mile south of the intersection of West Slaughter Lane and Slaughter Creek Drive, (the Area), thereby removing the Area from the full purpose city limits of Austin, resulting in the Travis County Sherriff's Office providing law enforcement, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 5 providing fire response, and Austin-Travis County EMS continuing to provide emergency services; the City would be required to continue to impose a property tax each year on the property in the Area at the same rate that is imposed on other property in the City until the taxes collected from the Area equal its pro rata share of the area's indebtedness, which is \$518,491.74 and is estimated to take two years to pay off, or until such time as the inhabitants of the area otherwise collectively pay the identified pro rata share of the indebtedness in full with no prepayment penalty; and fees related to the City's full purpose jurisdiction would no longer be collected."

PART 6. A special municipal election shall be held in the area of the City of Austin commonly known as "Wildhorse/Webb Tract" on May 4, 2024, to submit to the voters of that area the question of whether to disannex the area from the City of Austin. A map of the area is included in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "Yes" or "No" (or "For" or "Against") on the Proposition:

Proposition E: "Shall the City disannex approximately 104 acres of land commonly known as "Wildhorse/Webb Tract," located in eastern Travis County, at the northeastern corner of Decker Lane and Lindell Lane, (the Area), thereby removing the Area from the full purpose city limits of Austin, resulting in the Travis County Sherriff's Office providing law enforcement, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 providing fire response, and Austin-Travis County EMS continuing to provide emergency services; the City would be required to continue to impose a property tax each year on the property in the Area at the same rate that is imposed on other property in the City until the taxes collected from the Area equal its pro rata share of the area's indebtedness, which is \$4,076.87 and is estimated to take two years to pay off, or until such time as the inhabitants of the area otherwise collectively pay the identified pro rata share of the indebtedness in full with no prepayment penalty; and fees related to the City's full purpose jurisdiction would no longer be collected."

PART 7. A special municipal election shall be held in the area of the City of Austin commonly known as "River Place Outparcels" on May 4, 2024, to submit to the voters of that area the question of whether to disannex the area from the City of Austin. A map of the area is included in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "Yes" or "No" (or "For" or "Against") on the Proposition:

Proposition F: "Shall the City disannex approximately 212 acres of land commonly known as "River Place Outparcels," located in northwestern Travis County, adjacent to the boundary of the River Place Municipal Utility District, (the Area), thereby removing the Area from the full purpose city limits of Austin, resulting in the Travis County Sherriff's Office providing law enforcement, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 4 providing fire response, and Austin-Travis County EMS continuing to provide emergency services; the City would be required to continue to impose a property tax each year on the property in the Area at the same rate that is imposed on other property in the City until the taxes collected from the Area equal its pro rata share of the area's indebtedness, which is \$37.40, or until the debt is otherwise paid off in full with no prepayment penalty; and fees related to the City's full purpose jurisdiction would no longer be collected."

- **PART 8**. The elections shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The location of the main early voting polling place, the dates and hours for early voting, and the early voting clerk's official mailing address are provided in Exhibit B, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance. This ordinance will be amended prior to the election to add exhibits containing executed English and Spanish copies of this ordinance, providing the full lists of early voting sites and election day polling places, containing executed contracts and joint election agreements, and designating election judges and staff, as required by state law.
- **PART 9**. As specified in Resolution No. 20231019-006, the City adopts Travis County's electronic voting system for use in these elections for early voting and for voting conducted on election day. The central counting station is established at the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas.
- **PART 10.** Notice of these elections shall be posted and published in accordance with state law. The notice shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, in the office of the City Clerk and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21st day before election day. Notice of these elections shall be published one time, in English and Spanish, not earlier than the 30th day before the date of the elections or later than the 10th day before the date of the elections, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Austin.

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PART 11. In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the May 4, 2024, special municipal elections may be held jointly with the various political subdivisions that share territory with the City of Austin and that are holding elections on that day. The City Clerk may enter and sign joint election agreements with other political subdivisions for this purpose.

PART 12. The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required preparations for these elections constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: ____

Anne L. Morgan City Attorney Myrna Rios City Clerk

Mayor