ORDINANCE NO. 20250813-010

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS A PROPOSED PROPERTY (AD VALOREM) TAX RATE THAT EXCEEDS THE VOTER APPROVAL RATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING OR EXPANDING PROGRAMS INTENDED TO INCREASE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND REDUCE HOMELESSNESS; IMPROVE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES; ENHANCE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY; ENSURE FINANCIAL STABILITY; AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER GENERAL FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AS APPROVED OR AMENDED BY CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION; 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 ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

PART 1. A special municipal election shall be held in the City on November 4, 2025, to submit to the voters a proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate that exceeds the voter approval rate, for the purpose of funding or expanding programs intended to increase housing affordability and reduce homelessness; improve parks and recreation facilities and services; enhance public health services and public safety; ensure financial stability; and provide for other general fund maintenance and operation expenditures included in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget as approved or amended by City Council. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "FOR" or "AGAINST" the proposition:

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THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of $0.574017 per $100 valuation in the City of Austin for the current year, a rate that is $0.05 higher per $100 valuation than the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Austin, for the purpose of funding or expanding programs intended to increase housing affordability and reduce homelessness; improve parks and recreation facilities and services; enhance public health services and public safety; ensure financial stability; and provide for other general fund maintenance and operation expenditures included in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget as approved or amended by City Council. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the City of Austin was $0.4776 per $100 valuation.

PART 2. The election 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, email, and internet addresses are provided in Exhibit A, 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 3. As specified in Resolution No. 20231019-006, the City adopts Travis County's electronic voting system for use during early voting and for voting conducted on election day in Travis County. The central counting station for Travis County is established at the Travis County Clerk's Office, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751.

PART 4. As specified in Resolution No. 20231019-006, the City adopts Williamson County's electronic voting system for use during early voting and for voting conducted on election day in Williamson County. The central counting station for Williamson County is established at Williamson County Elections Department, 301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 104, Tabulation Room, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

PART 5. As specified in Resolution No. 20231019-006, the City adopts Hays County's electronic voting system for use during early voting and for voting conducted on election day in Hays County. The central counting station for Hays County is established at Hays County Elections, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

PART 6. Notice of the election shall be posted and published in accordance with state law. The notice shall be posted, in 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 the election 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.

PART 7. In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the November 4, 2025, special election may be held jointly with the various political subdivisions that share territory with the City 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 8. Council finds that the need to immediately begin required preparations for the election 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

August 13, 2025

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Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED: Deborah Thomas
Deborah Thomas
City Attorney

ATTEST: E Brady
Erika Brady
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Main Early Voting Locations,

Early Voting Dates and Hours,

Early Voting Clerk Mailing Address,

Email Address, and Website

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Main Early Voting Locations, Early Voting Dates and Hours, and Early Voting Clerk Mailing Address, Email Address, and Website November 4, 2025 – Tax Rate Election

Main Early Voting Locations:

Travis County:

Address: Travis County Clerk's Office, 5501 Airport Blvd., Austin Texas
E-mail: elections@traviscountytx.gov
Website: https://votetravis.gov/

Hays County:

Address: Hays County Elections Office, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas
E-mail: elections@hayscountytx.gov
Website: https://www.hayscountytx.gov/elections

Williamson County:

Address: Georgetown Annex, HR 108, 100 Wilco Way, Georgetown, Texas
E-mail: electionentities@wilcotx.gov
Website: https://www.wilcotx.gov/185/Elections

Early Voting Dates:

Monday, October 20, 2025 – Friday, October 31, 2025

Designated Early Voting Schedule:

Travis County:

- Monday, October 20, 2025 – Saturday, October 25, 2025 (7am-7pm)
- Sunday, October 26, 2025 (12pm-6pm)
- Monday, October 27, 2025 – Wednesday, October 29, 2025 (7am-7pm)
- Thursday, October 30, 2025 – Friday, October 31, 2025 (7am-10 pm)

Hays County:

- Monday, October 20, 2025 – Friday, October 24, 2025 (8am-5pm)

- Sunday, October 25, 2025 (10am-6pm)
- Monday, October 27, 2025 – Wednesday, October 29, 2025 (8am-5pm)
- Thursday, October 30, 2025 – Friday, October 31, 2025 (7am-7pm)

Williamson County:

- Monday, October 20, 2025, - Saturday, October 25, 2025 (8am-6pm)
- Sunday, October 26, 2025 (12pm-6pm)
- Monday, October 27, 2025 - Friday, October 31, 2025 (7am-7pm)

Early Voting Clerk Mailing Addresses:

Ballots by Mail – Travis County
By Mail voters: P.O. Box 149325, Austin, Texas 78714-9325
By Contract Carriers/FedEx: 5501 Airport Blvd., Suite #100, Austin, Texas 78751

Ballots by Mail - Hays County
By Mail Voters: P.O. Box 907, San Marcos, TX 78667-0907

Ballots by Mail – Williamson County
By Mail voters: P.O. Box 209, Georgetown, Texas 78627

ADJUNTO A

Sitios Principales de la Votación Adelantada, Fechas y Horas de la Votación Adelantada, y Dirección Postal de los/las Secretarios/ias de la Votación Adelantada, Correo Electrónico, y Sitio Web
4 de Noviembre, 2025 – Elección de Tasa de Impuesto

Sitios Principales de la Votación Adelantada:

Condado de Travis:

Dirección: Travis County Clerk's Office, 5501 Airport Blvd., Austin Texas
Correo Electrónico: elections@traviscountytx.gov
Sitio Web: https://votetravis.gov/

Condado de Hays:

Dirección: Hays County Elections Office, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas
Correo Electrónico: elections@hayscountytx.gov
Sitio Web: https://www.hayscountytx.gov/elections

Condado de Williamson:

Dirección: Georgetown Annex, HR 108, 100 Wilco Way, Georgetown, Texas
Correo Electrónico: electionentities@wilcotx.gov
Sitio Web: https://www.wilcotx.gov/185/Elections

Fechas de la Votación Adelantada:

Lunes, 20 de octubre, 2025 – Viernes, 31 de octubre, 2025

Horario Designado para la Votación Adelantada:

Condado de Travis:

- Lunes, 20 de octubre, 2025 – Sábado, 25 de octubre, 2025 (7am-7pm)
- Domingo, 26 de octubre, 2025 (12pm-6pm)
- Lunes, 27 de octubre, 2025 – Miércoles, 29 de octubre, 2025 (7am-7pm)
- Jueves, 30 de octubre, 2025 – Viernes, 31 de octubre, 2025 (7am-10 pm)

Condado de Hays:

- Lunes, 20 de octubre, 2025 – Viernes, 24 de octubre, 2025 (8am-5pm)
- Domingo, 25 de octubre, 2025 (10am-6pm)
- Lunes, 27 de octubre, 2025 – Miércoles, 29 de octubre, 2025 (8am-5pm)
- Jueves, 30 de octubre, 2025 – Viernes, 31 de octubre, 2025 (7am-7pm)

Condado de Williamson:

- Lunes, 20 de octubre, 2025, - Sábado, 25 de octubre, 2025 (8am-6pm)
- Domingo, 26 de octubre, 2025 (12pm-6pm)
- Lunes, 27 de octubre, 2025 -Viernes, 31 de octubre, 2025 (7am-7pm)

Direcciones Postales de los/las Secretarios/ias de la Votación Adelantada:

Para Boletas por Correo-Condado de Travis
Enviadas por correo por los votantes: P.O. 149325, Austin, Texas 78714-9325
Enviadas usando transportista contratado/ Fedex: 5501 Airport Blvd., Austin, Texas 78751

Para Boletas por Correo – Condado de Hays
Enviadas por correo por los votantes: P.O. Box 907, San Marcos, TX 78667-0907

Para Boletas por Correo – Condado de Williamson
Enviadas por correo por los votantes: P.O Box 209, Georgetown, Texas 78627