

ORDINANCE CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Longview, Texas (the “City”) deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the “Election”); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1251, Texas Government Code, and various provisions of the Texas Election Code (the “Code”), including Section 42.002 of the Code, and the City is contracting with each of Gregg County, Texas and Harrison County, Texas (individually, a “County” and jointly, the “Counties”) for the administration of the Election pursuant to separate interlocal agreements with each County (individually, an “Election Contract” and jointly, the “Election Contracts”); and

WHEREAS, the Counties, acting through each of the Gregg County Elections Administrator and the Harrison County Elections Administrator (individually, an “Elections Administrator” and jointly, the “Elections Administrators”) in accordance with each respective Election Contract, will provide for the administration of the Election; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preambles of this Ordinance are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

SECTION 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the City between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2022 (“Election Day”). The Election is to be conducted by the Counties, as provided by Chapter 271 of the Code and the Election Contracts. On Election Day, voting for the Election shall occur during the hours stated above at the designated polling places as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

SECTION 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the Counties. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 25, 2022 and conclude on May 3, 2022, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the City at such voting place. **Exhibit B** shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

SECTION 4. 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 Elections Administrators in accordance with the Election Contracts and the Code. The Elections Administrators may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station.

SECTION 5. Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the City shall be submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed to the applicable address below prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law.

(a) Applications for voting by mail for all Gregg County residents of the City shall be sent as follows:

Postal Mail:	Early Voting Clerk P.O. Box 2827 Longview, Texas 75606
Commercial Carrier or Personal Delivery	Gregg County Elections Gregg County Courthouse 101 E. Methvin, Suite 112 Longview, Texas 75601
Telephone	(903) 236-8458
Email	elections@co.gregg.tx.us

(b) Applications for voting by mail for all Harrison County residents of the City shall be sent as follows:

Postal Mail:	Harrison County Elections Office P.O. Box 8409 Marshall, Texas 75671
Commercial Carrier or Personal Delivery	Harrison County Elections Office 415 East Burlison Street (at the corner of Alamo Blvd) Marshall, Texas 75670
Telephone	(903) 935-4822
Email	ballotbymail@co.harrison.tx.us

SECTION 6. Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrators. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

SECTION 7. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the City, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

SECTION 8. Proposition. At the Election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS PROPOSITION A

Shall the City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, be authorized to issue and sell the bonds of said City, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$45,600,000, for the purpose of funding all or a portion of the City's unfunded, accrued liability to the Longview Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund; with said bonds to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature, bear interest at such rate or rates, not to exceed the respective limits prescribed by law at the time of issuance, and to be sold at

such price or prices, as the City Council in its discretion shall determine; and shall there be levied and pledged, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said City in an amount sufficient, within the limits prescribed by law, to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity?

SECTION 9. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid PROPOSITION, with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS PROPOSITION A

FOR	_____) THE ISSUANCE OF \$45,600,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF
) LONGVIEW, TEXAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING ALL OR A
) PORTION OF THE CITY’S UNFUNDED, ACCRUED LIABILITY TO
AGAINST	_____) THE LONGVIEW FIREMEN’S RELIEF AND RETIREMENT FUND,
) AND LEVYING A TAX SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS OF
) PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST THEREON.

SECTION 10. Compliance with State and Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. 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 City hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Elections Administrators 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 City in its elections.

SECTION 11. Debt Obligations. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b) of the Code.

- (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is set forth in Sections 8 and 9 hereof.
- (d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Council will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the City, sufficient, within the limits prescribed by law, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.
- (e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Ordinance, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 3.20%. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided

as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.

(f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a period not to exceed 30 years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds.

(g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the City's debt obligations which are secured by ad valorem taxes as of the date of this Ordinance is \$121,035,000.

(h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the City's debt obligations which are secured by ad valorem taxes as of the date of this Ordinance is \$39,994,367.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the City as of the date of this Ordinance is \$0.1459 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

(j) The website for the City (as the authority conducting the Election) is <https://www.longviewtexas.gov> and the websites for the Counties (as the entities administering the Election) are <https://www.greggcountyvotes.com> (Gregg County) and <https://harrisoncountytexas.org/elections> (Harrison County).

SECTION 12. Further Procedures. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, the City Manager, the Director of Financial Services, the City Secretary, and all other officers, employees and agents of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, if necessary, to do and perform all such acts and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and on behalf of the City, such documents, agreements, certificates and other instruments, whether or not mentioned in this Ordinance, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms, provisions and actions provided for in this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and it is accordingly so ordered.

Exhibit A

Election Day Hours

May 7, 2022
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Election Day Polling Locations

Gregg County

<u>Building</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Address</u>
Longview Community Center	small dining room	500 E Whaley St., Longview
Judson Community Center	main room	1129 FM 1844, Longview
Pine Tree Community Center	meeting room	1701 Pine Tree Rd., Longview
Greggton Community Center	meeting room	3211 W Marshall Ave., Longview
Gladewater First Methodist Church	gymnasium	217 W Quitman Ave., Gladewater
Sabine ISD Old Elementary	cafeteria	5219 Old Hwy 135 N, Gladewater
Meadowbrook Country Club	dining room	1306 Houston St., Kilgore
Elderville Community Center	main room	10450 Highway 349, Longview
Longview ISD Education Support Center	boardroom	1301 E Young St., Longview

Harrison County

Woodland Hills Baptist Church	2105 E Loop 281	Longview, Texas
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Exhibit B

Early Voting Polling Locations, Dates and Hours

Gregg County

Main Early Voting Location

Gregg County Courthouse	101 E Methvin St., 1 st Floor	Longview, Texas
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Branch Early Voting Locations

Pine Tree Community Center	1701 Pine Tree Rd.	Longview, Texas
White Oak ISD - Main Office	200 S. White Oak Rd.	White Oak, Texas
Longview ISD Education Support Center	1301 E. Young St.	Longview, Texas
Meadowbrook Country Club	1306 Houston St.	Kilgore, Texas

Monday, April 25, 2022 - Friday, April 29, 2022: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday, May 2, 2022 - Tuesday, May 3, 2022: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Harrison County

Woodland Hills Baptist Church	2105 E Loop 281	Longview, Texas
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Voter Information Document - City of Longview, Texas Special Election

Proposition A

The following information is prepared to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019).

Ballot Information: At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

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The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition A passes, and all outstanding obligations of the City secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal Amount of Bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Principal of City’s Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 2/14/22)	Remaining interest on City’s Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 2/14/22)	Combined Principal and Interest to timely pay City’s Outstanding Debt (as of 2/14/22)
\$45,600,000	\$21,335,040	\$66,935,040	\$121,035,000	\$39,994,367	\$161,029,367

⁽¹⁾ The interest on the proposed bonds was estimated at a rate of 3.20% based on market conditions as of February 14, 2022, and therefore, the interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the City with a taxable appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds, if approved, is \$25.70. This estimate assumes annual growth of the City’s base taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 1.75% through tax year 2047.