

AN ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE CHINA SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF A JOINT ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the CHINA SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in McLennan and Bosque Counties, Texas (the *Counties*), hereby finds and determines that, as a result of its adoption of an ad valorem tax rate in excess of its voter approval tax rate (formerly called the rollback tax rate), the District must hold an election allowing its registered voters to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate (the *Election*) as required by Section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that, on February 12, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas (the *Governor*) declared a state of disaster for all Texas counties as a result of Winter Storm Yuri, and the Governor declared another storm-related disaster affecting Bosque County on February 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.184 of the Texas Education Code, as amended, and the Governor's disaster declarations, the District is not required to conduct an efficiency audit; and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the respective elections administrators of the Counties (individually, the *Administrator*; together, the *Administrators*) to conduct all aspects of the Election in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Election will be conducted by the respective Counties and may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) as provided pursuant to a joint election agreement or similar agreement entered into according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions herein described are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHINA SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on November 8, 2022 (the *Election Day*) in the CHINA SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, which date the District has determined is a permissible date on which the Election can be held in compliance with applicable law, for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the District:

MEASURE A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the China Spring Independent School District be authorized to levy, pursuant to an order of such Board adopted on August 15, 2022, an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.290604 per \$100 of the taxable assessed valuation of property within the China Spring Independent School District for the current tax

year, being a rate that is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.974600 per \$100 of such taxable assessed valuation, and the maximum rate for maintenance and operations for which the District may, if now approved by the District's electorate at this Election, levy in each year hereafter, being then subject only to annual Board approval) and a debt service tax rate of \$0.316004 per \$100 of such taxable assessed value (an amount that is set annually by the Board), which combined tax rate of \$1.290604 adopted by the Board on August 15, 2022 represents an increase of an additional \$2,365,188 when compared to the prior year's revenue and is \$0.120000 higher per \$100 of such taxable assessed valuation than the school district voter-approval tax rate for the current tax year, calculated pursuant to Section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code?

SECTION 2: One or more District election precincts are hereby established for the purpose of holding the Election, and one or more polling places hereby designated for holding the Election in the District election precinct as identified in Exhibit A to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). In compliance with the Code, the Administrators will identify and formally approve the appointment of the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election. The District's Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Trustees, or their designees can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Order based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by the District, the Administrators, and the Participants, if any and as applicable, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

A. To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations must include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

B. On Election Day, the polls shall be open as designated on Exhibit A.

C. The main early voting location is designated in Exhibit B to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). The individual named as the Early Voting Clerk as designated in Exhibit B is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct such early voting in the Election. The Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks. This office or place shall remain open to permit early voting each day on the days and at the times as stated in Exhibit B. Early voting shall commence as provided on Exhibit B and continue through the date set forth on Exhibit B, all as provided by the provisions of the Code.

Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained in accordance with the Code. In the event such permanent and/or temporary branch locations are established, information regarding the locations, dates, and hours of operation for early voting at these offices shall be identified in Exhibit B hereto.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge 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 3: Any legally permissible voting method may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance, and when required by the Code, at least one accessible voting system per polling place will be provided. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail according to the Code.

SECTION 4. The Board authorizes each Administrator to utilize a Central Counting Station (the *Stations*) as provided by the Code. The Administrators, or designees thereof, are hereby appointed as the Manager of their respective Stations who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Stations according to the Code. The Board authorizes the Administrators, or the designees thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judges, the Tabulation Supervisors, and the Programmers of their respective Stations and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Administrators will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for their respective Stations according to the Code.

SECTION 4: The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Code so as to permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.290604 PER \$100 VALUATION IN THE CHINA SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF 12.31 PERCENT IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS COMPARED TO THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL \$2,365,188.

SECTION 5: All resident, qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to vote at the Election, and on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling places. The Election shall be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, all election materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 6: A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper notice of the Election. This notice, 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, this notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not later than 21 days prior to Election Day. During the 21 days prior to Election Day, the District shall, in a prominent manner, maintain such notice on its Internet website.

SECTION 7: The Board authorizes the District’s President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either, to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, and/or similar contracts or agreements with the County, acting by and through the Administrators, and any Participants if desired or if

required to comply with applicable law, as permitted and in accordance with the Code. In addition, the Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either of such parties 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.

SECTION 8: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 9: 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.

SECTION 10: This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 11: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

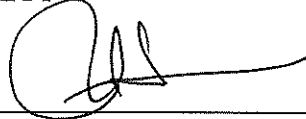
SECTION 12: If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 13: This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

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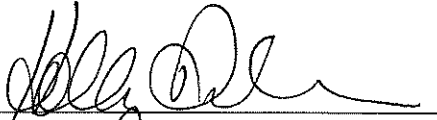
PASSED AND APPROVED on August 15, 2022.

CHINA SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT



Rick Hines
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Holly Dunham
Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

[Signature Page to China Spring Independent School District
Order Calling a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election]

Exhibit A (Anexo A)

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022 (DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN 8 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2022)

District's website (*sitio web del Distrito*): chinasingisd.net/
McLennan County's website (*sitio web del Condado de McLennan*): co.mclennan.tx.us/337/Elections
Bosque County's website (*sitio web del Condado de McLennan*): bosquecounty.us/elections/

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(*Lugares de votación del Día de la Elección abiertos de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.*)

District Precinct (<i>Precinto del Distrito</i>)	McLennan County Precincts (<i>Precinto del Condado de McLennan</i>)	Bosque County Precinct (<i>Precinto del Condado de Bosque</i>)	Polling Places* (<i>Lugars de la votación*</i>)
1	44, 81, 82, 83	-	China Spring Independent School District Administration Building 12166 Yankie Road China Spring, Texas 76633
2	-	11	Cayote Community Center 3339 FM 56 Valley Mills, TX 76689

* McLennan County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters of this County will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified on the County's website.
(* *Condado de McLennan participa en el programa de Lugar de Votación del Condado bajo la Sección 43.007, según enmendada, el Código Electoral de Texas. Los votantes registrados de este condado podrán emitir sus boletas el día de las elecciones en cualquiera de los centros de votación identificados en el sitio web del condado.*)

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Exhibit B (Anexo B)

EARLY VOTING (VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)

District's website (*sitio web del Distrito*): chinaspingsd.net/

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site in their county of registration. (*Los votantes con derecho a votar una boleta temprana por comparecencia personal pueden hacerlo en cualquier sitio de votación temprana en su condado de registro*).

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on October 28, 2022. (*Las solicitudes de votación por correo deben ser recibidas a más tardar al cierre de operaciones del 28 de octubre de 2022*). If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy. (*Si se envía por fax o correo electrónico una solicitud de boleta por correo (o si se envía por fax una solicitud postal federal), el solicitante también debe enviar la solicitud original para que el secretario de votación anticipada reciba el original a más tardar cuatro días después de recibir la copia enviada por correo electrónico o por fax.*)

McLennan County (Condado de McLennan)

McLennan County's website (*sitio web del Condado de McLennan*): co.mclennan.tx.us/337/Elections

October 24-28, 2022	(24-28 de octubre de 2022)	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
October 29, 2022	(29 de octubre de 2022)	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
October 30, 2022	(30 de octubre de 2022)	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
October 31, 2022	(31 de octubre de 2022)	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
November 1-4, 2022	(1-4 de noviembre de 2022)	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

McLennan County Elections Administration Office, Records Building (Basement)
214 North 4th Street, Suite 300, Waco, TX 76701 [main location (*ubicación principal*)]

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Robinson Community Center, 106 W. Lyndale Avenue, Robinson, TX 76706
Waco Multi-Purpose Community Center, 1020 Elm Avenue, Waco, TX 76704
First Assembly of God Church, 6701 Bosque Boulevard, Waco, TX 76710
Hewitt City Hall/Library, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

Applications for ballots by mail should be sent to (*Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben enviarse a*): Early Voting Clerk (*secretario de votación anticipada*): Jared Goldsmith; mailing address (*dirección de envío*): P.O. Box 2450, Waco 76703; physical address (*dirección física*): 214 N 4th Street, Suite 300, Waco, TX 76701; phone (*teléfono*): (254) 757-5043; fax (*fax*): (254) 757-5041; email (*correo electrónico*): ballotbymail@co.mclennan.tx.us

Bosque County (Condado de Bosque)

Bosque County's website (*sitio web del Condado de Bosque*): bosquecounty.us/elections/

October 24-26, 2022	(24-26 de octubre de 2022)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 27, 2022	(27 de octubre de 2022)	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
October 28, 2022	(28 de octubre de 2022)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 29, 2022	(29 de octubre de 2022)	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 31, 2022	(31 de octubre de 2022)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
November 1, 2022	(1 de noviembre de 2022)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
November 2, 2022	(2 de noviembre de 2022)	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
November 3-4, 2022	(3-4 de noviembre de 2022)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Elections Office, 104 W. Morgan, Meridian, TX 76665

[main location (*ubicación principal*)]

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Clifton Civic Center, Judge's Chamber Room, 403 West 3rd St., Clifton, Texas 76634

Applications for ballots by mail should be sent to (*Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben enviarse a*): Early Voting Clerk (*secretario de votación anticipada*): Ashley Rupp; mailing address (*dirección de envío*): P.O. Box 411 Meridian, TX 76665; physical address (*dirección física*): 104 W. Morgan Meridian, TX 76665; phone (*teléfono*): (254) 435-6650; fax (*fax*): (254) 435-2311; email (*correo electrónico*): elections@bosquecounty.us

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