AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THE WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Walker County Hospital District of Walker County, Texas (the "District") is a hospital district that was created pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section 9 of the Texas Constitution, is operating under Chapter 1111, Texas Special District Local Laws Code, as amended, and is governed by the Board of Hospital Managers (the "Board") of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that it is in the public interest to order a bond election during the next general election to determine whether the District shall be authorized to issue bonds in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the "Election") as authorized and provided under Section 1111.203, Texas Special District Local Laws Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that such Election shall be held on a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended, as required by Texas law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF HOSPITAL MANAGERS OF THE WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The Election shall be held in Walker County, Texas (the "County"), on the 4th day of November, 2025 (the "Election Day"), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is not less than 78 days from the date of the adoption of this Order (the "Order"), for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the qualified voters of the District:

PROPOSITION A THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

"Shall the Board of Hospital Managers (the "Board") of the Walker County Hospital District of Walker County, Texas (the "District"), in the name and on the faith and credit of the District, be authorized to issue bonds, in the amount of \$198,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds for purchasing, constructing, acquiring, repairing, or renovating buildings or improvements and equipping buildings or improvements for hospital purposes, including (a) constructing, acquiring, improving and equipping a new community hospital, (b) renovating the District's existing hospital facilities, and (c) the acquisition of land and/or other property rights for authorized hospital purposes; such bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than forty (40) years from their date or dates, to be issued in various issues or series, to be sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates, not to exceed the maximum rate now or hereafter authorized by law, all as shall be determined within the discretion of the Board at the time of issuance; and shall the Board be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes for the benefit of the District, Within the limitations prescribed by law, on all taxable property in the District sufficient to pay the annual interest on the bonds and to create a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity and to pay the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?"

SECTION 2. The Election shall be held as a joint election by the County pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and a joint election agreement or similar agreement (the "Contract") between or among, as applicable, the District, Riverside Special Utility District, Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3, and the City of Huntsville and/or any other political subdivisions located in the County that are holding an election on Election Day.

On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the locations designated by the Tax Assessor-Collector/County Election Officer of the County (the "Walker County Elections Officer") in accordance with the Contract. The locations of such polling places on Election Day are set forth in **Exhibit A** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places designated by the Walker County Elections Officer and to conform to the Contract.

SECTION 3. The locations, dates and times for early voting for this Election shall be as shown in **Exhibit B**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes. Diana L. McRae, Walker County Elections Officer, is hereby appointed early voting clerk and shall appoint and designate deputy clerks for early voting in accordance with the Contract.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board for this Election shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

SECTION 4. The Central Counting Station for the tabulation and counting of ballots for this Election shall be located at the Walker County Elections Department, 1301 Sam Houston Ave., Huntsville, Texas 77340, or such other location as may be established pursuant to the Contract, and the Manager, Tabulation Supervisor, Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge at such Central Counting Station shall be determined, appointed and designated in accordance with the Contract. The Manager and Presiding Judge of such Central Counting Station may appoint clerks to serve at such Station, as provided by Texas Election Code, Section 127.006, as amended.

SECTION 5. A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting by personal appearance and by mail and for Election Day voting. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the Walker County Elections Officer shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election.

SECTION 6. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

<u>PROPOSITION A</u> THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

"The issuance of \$198,000,000 hospital district bonds for the purpose of providing funds for purchasing, constructing, acquiring, repairing, or renovating buildings or improvements and equipping buildings or improvements for hospital purposes, including (a) constructing, acquiring, improving and equipping a new community hospital, (b) renovating the District's existing hospital facilities, and (c) the acquisition of land and/or other property rights for authorized hospital purposes; and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds"

SECTION 7. All resident qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to vote at the Election. The Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, Chapter 1251, Texas Government Code, as amended, Chapter 1111, Texas Special District Local Laws Code, as amended, and as may be required by any other law. To the

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extent required by law, all materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in English and Spanish.

SECTION 8. A substantial copy of this Order, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the first of these publications to appear in such newspaper not more than 30 days, and not less than 14 days, prior to Election Day. Moreover, a substantial copy of this Order, and the voter information document, substantially as set forth in **Exhibit C**, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes, including Spanish translations thereof, shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board regularly used for posting notices of Board meetings not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) at three additional public places within the District not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting, and (iv) in a prominent location on the County's internet website and the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day. A sample ballot shall be posted on the County's internet website and the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 9. In accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, the District, as of the date of the adoption of this Order, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$0.00; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such District debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$0.00; and the District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.00 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Based on the bond market conditions on the date of the adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 6.50% (expressed as a net effective interest rate applicable to any such series of bonds). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise overall a specified number of years (not more than 40 years from their date of issuance), though the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30.25-year period from their respective date of issue. The foregoing maximum net effective interest rate and estimated amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance, and do not serve as a cap on the interest rate or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of the Election.

SECTION 10. The Board authorizes the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary of the Board, the Administrator of the District, and the Walker County Elections Officer, or the respective designee of such parties, to make such 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. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board. To the extent needed or desirable, the Walker County Elections Officer is hereby appointed as custodian of voted ballots in the County for the purposes of Section 31.096, as amended, Texas Election Code.

SECTION 11. 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 12. 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 13. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America. 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 this Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

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SECTION 14. 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.

<u>SECTION 15</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, as amended, Texas Government Code, this Order shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on August 12, 2025.

WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS

Anne Woodard, Chairman

ATTEST:

Curtis Montgomery, Secretary

Signature Page to Order Calling a Bond Election

Exhibit A

WALKER COUNTY ELECTION DAY PRECINCT AND POLLING INFORMATION*

*Walker County, Texas participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified above or on the County's website at https://www.co.walker.tx.us/department/index.php?structureid=16. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the County's website.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Polling Place	Address	
WALKER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	3925 SH 30 W, Huntsville, Texas 77340	
WALKER COUNTY STORM SHELTER / VETERAN'S COMPLEX	455 SH 75 N, Huntsville, Texas 77320	
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL	2400 Sycamore Avenue, Huntsville, Texas 77340 - Voter entrance off Palm Street	
NEW WAVERLY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	460 Fisher Street, New Waverly, Texas 77358	
HUNTSVILLE ISD TRANSPORTATION BUILDING	96 Martin Luther King, Huntsville, Texas 77320	
COOK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	1936-A SH 75 N, Huntsville, Texas 77320	
NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH	1207 FM 980, Huntsville, Texas 77320	
RIVERSIDE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH	2341 FM 980, Huntsville, Texas 77320	
WALKER COUNTY ANNEX	1301 Sam Houston Ave. Ste. 101, Huntsville, Texas 77340	

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Exhibit B

WALKER COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS*

*Early Voting Locations, dates, and times are subject to change at any time. Any registered voter may vote at any Early Voting Location. For more information visit https://www.co.walker.tx.us/department/index.php?structureid=16. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the County's website.

Early voting begins Monday, October 20, 2025 and ends on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Date(s)	Time
October 20, 2025 – October 24, 2025	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 25, 2025 – October 26, 2025	No Voting
October 27, 2025 – October 29, 2025	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 30, 2025 – October 31, 2025	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Polling Place	Address
WALKER COUNTY STORM SHELTER/ VETERAN'S COMPLEX	455 SH 75 N, Huntsville, Texas 77320

Early Voting by Mail

Applications for voting by mail should be received (not post marked) no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on [Monday, October 20, 2025]. Applications should be sent to:

Early Voting Clerk
1301 Sam Houston Ave., Suite 114
Huntsville, Texas 77340
fax: (936) 436-4961
email: walkervr@co.walker.tx.us

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.

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Exhibit C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Walker County Hospital District of Walker County, Texas

□ FOR	Proposition A THIS IS A TAX INCREASE
□ AGAINST	The issuance of \$198,000,000 hospital district bonds for the purpose of providing funds for purchasing, constructing, acquiring, repairing, or renovating buildings or improvements and equipping buildings or improvements for hospital purposes, including (a) constructing, acquiring, improving and equipping a new community hospital, (b) renovating the District's existing hospital facilities, and (c) the acquisition of land and/or other property rights for authorized hospital purposes; and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds"

1.	principal of debt obligations to be authorized	\$198,000,000
2.	estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 6.500%	\$276,669,598
3.	estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 30.25 years	\$474,669,598
4.	as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations	\$0.00
5.	as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations	\$0.00
6.	as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations	\$0.00
7.	estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved	\$105.40
	This figure assumes (i) the proposed debt obligations will be issued in two series of bonds; (ii) the amortization of the District's proposed debt obligations of 30.25 years; (iii) 8.00% growth in estimated future appraised values within the District; (iv) an assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations of 6.500%; and (v) tax collections at a rate of 98% annually.	

The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including the major assumptions listed above) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the debt obligations are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to (and expressly do not) give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the Board of Hospital Managers to issue debt obligations on behalf of the District in accordance with the Proposition set forth in the bond election order.

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