

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WISE

CITY OF RHOME

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
CITY OF RHOME

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Rhome on November 2, 2021 in accordance with a resolution adopted by the City Council which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads substantially as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE WISE COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION

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WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS (the "City"), located in Wise County, Texas (the "County"), hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the Council shall be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the City in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the City will contract with the Elections Administrator (the "Administrator") of the County to conduct all aspects of the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that the necessity to construct capital improvements within the City necessitates that it is in the public interest to call and hold the Election at the earliest possible date to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purposes hereinafter identified; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the City;

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

SECTION 1. ORDER FOR ELECTION. The Election shall be held in the CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS on the 2nd day of November, 2021 (“Election Day”), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is not less than 78 days nor more than 90 days from the date of the adoption of this Ordinance (the “Ordinance”), for the purpose of submitting the following propositions to the qualified voters of the City:

PROPOSITION A

“Shall the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas be authorized to issue and sell one or more series of general obligation bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$5,760,000 for the purpose of making permanent public improvements or other public purposes, to wit: construction, improvement and equipment of a city services campus for the City, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with law; and any issue or series of said bonds to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the City Council, provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of said bonds; and shall the City Council of the City be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, within the limitations prescribed by law, on all taxable property in said City sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?”

PROPOSITION B

“Shall the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas be authorized to issue and sell one or more series of general obligation bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$4,000,000 for the purpose of designing, acquiring, constructing, maintaining, renovating, improving, repairing, extending, expanding, and enhancing streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, intersections, screening walls, streetscape, wayfinding, fixtures, entryway signs beautification and other public ways, participation in joint projects with federal, state and local public entities and agencies, computerized signalization and monitoring equipment and other traffic controls, grade separations, street lighting, necessary or incidental utility relocation, and drainage improvements in connection with the foregoing; such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period of not to exceed FORTY (40) years from their date, to be issued and sold in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the City sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?”

PROPOSITION C

“Shall the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas be authorized to issue and sell one or more series of general obligation bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$150,000 for the purpose of constructing, renovating, developing, improving, expanding, furnishing and equipping the By Well Neighborhood Park and other park and recreational facilities; such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period of not to exceed FORTY (40) years from their date, to be issued and sold in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the City sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?”

SECTION 2. JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT. Prior to the election, the City will enter into an agreement for election services with the Wise County Elections Administrator. The City shall contract with the Wise County Elections Administrator to perform all duties normally performed by the City Secretary in regular elections with respect to early voting, election day voting, and preparing the official ballots.

The City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Joint Election Contract with the Wise County Elections Administrator for the conduction of a joint election to be held on November 2, 2021, and to execute any amendments thereof.

The Wise County Elections Administrator, or her designee, will serve as the Early Voting Clerk and appoint the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges and Elections Clerks.

SECTION 3. MAIL BALLOTS. Applications requesting a ballot by mail for either early voting or election day voting shall be mailed to: Wise County Elections, Early Voting Clerk, 200 South Trinity Street, Decatur, Texas 76234. Applications for early voting ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 22, 2021.

SECTION 4: POLLING LOCATIONS. All resident qualified voters of the City 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 in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, Chapters 1251 and 1331, as amended, Texas Government Code, and as may be required by any other law. To the extent required by law, all materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5. EARLY VOTING. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on the following dates and times beginning Monday, October 18, 2021 and ending Friday, October 29, 2021 at the following Wise County Early Voting Locations and any other locations set by the Wise County Elections Administrator.

Wise County Early Voting Dates and Times

| DATE | TIME | DATE | TIME |
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| Monday, October 18, 2021 | 8A-5P | Monday, October 25, 2021 | 8A-5P |
| Tuesday, October 19, 2021 | 7A-7P | Tuesday, October 26, 2021 | 7A-7P |
| Wednesday, October 20, 2021 | 8A-5P | Wednesday, October 27, 2021 | 8A-5P |
| Thursday, October 21, 2021 | 8A-5P | Thursday, October 28, 2021 | 8A-5P |
| Friday, October 22, 2021 | 8A-5P | Friday, October 29, 2021 | 8A-5P |

Wise County Early Voting Locations

All Wise County Registered Voters may vote at any Wise County Early Voting Location

| Location | Address |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Alvord City Hall | 215 West Elm Street, Alvord, TX 76225 |
| Bridgeport Law Enforcement Center | 1000 Thompson Street, Bridgeport, TX 76426 |
| Boyd Community Center | 420 East Morton Avenue, Boyd, TX 76023 |

Main Early Voting Polling Place

Wise County Fairgrounds Women’s Center, 3101 S FM 51, Decatur, TX 76234

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated as the Early Voting Clerk is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 6. ELECTION DAY. The Election shall be held jointly with other political subdivisions in Wise County on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

| Election Precinct | Polling Place and Address |
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| 24 | Boyd Community Center, 420 East Morton Avenue, Boyd, TX 76023 |
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SECTION 7. DIRECT RECORDING SYSTEM. In accordance with Section 123.001 of the Texas Election Code, the Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems approved by the Secretary of State are hereby adopted for the election on November 2, 2021.

SECTION 8. ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM. Section 61.012 of the Code states the City will provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. The City shall use, in Early Voting and Election Day Voting, a voter assist terminal as approved by the Secretary of State.

SECTION 9. BALLOT. 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 propositions which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

“THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,760,000 OF CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR A CITY SERVICES CAMPUS, AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS”

PROPOSITION B

“THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000 OF CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS”

PROPOSITION C

“THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 OF CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS”

SECTION 10. ELECTION NOTICES. Notice of election, 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 City, 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 Ordinance and the voter information attached as Exhibit A, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) at City Hall not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) at three additional public places within the City 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 City’s internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day. A sample ballot will be posted on the City’s internet website not less than 21 days prior to the Election Date.

SECTION 11. In accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, as of the date of this Ordinance the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the City’s debt is \$3,927,000; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such City debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$3,998,099; and the City ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations is \$0.2268 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Based on the bond market conditions on the date of this Ordinance, the maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 15% (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), as preserved by applicable Texas law, though the City estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue.

The foregoing estimated maximum net effective interest rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance; they do not serve as a cap on the per annum interest rate at which any series of bonds authorized at the Election may be sold, or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.

SECTION 12. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

SECTION 13. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordained herein.

SECTION 14. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 15. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance 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 Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 16. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 17. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, as amended, Texas Government Code, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

YOU WILL, THEREFORE, take notice of all matters and facts set out in the foregoing Notice of Election.

//s// Shannon Montgomery, City Secretary, City of Rhome, Texas

Website: www.cityofrhome.com

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Exhibit A

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

City of Rhome, Texas Proposition A:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FOR <input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST | THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,760,000 OF CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR A CITY SERVICES CAMPUS, AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS |
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City of Rhome, Texas Proposition B:

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City of Rhome, Texas Proposition C:

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| principal of debt obligations to be authorized | \$9,910,000.00 |
| estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 2.75% | \$3,463,600.00 |
| estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 26 years | \$13,373,600.00 |
| as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations | \$3,927,000.00 |
| as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations | \$3,998,099.00 |
| as of the date the election was ordered, estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over 23 years | \$7,925,099.00 |
| 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. This figure assumes the amortization of the City's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligation; changes in estimated future appraised values within the City; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations. | \$103.20 |

