

**CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WALKER

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The undersigned officer of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3 hereby certifies as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners of Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3 convened in a regular meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, at the Crabbs Prairie Volunteer Fire Department, 28 FM 1696, Huntsville, Texas 77320, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

Robert McCaffety	President
Huey Campbell	Vice President
Billy Don Avritt	Secretary
Mike Bilberry	Treasurer
Floyd Garner	Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

and all of said persons were present, except Commissioner Garner, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at the meeting:

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was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that such Order be adopted; and after full discussion, such motion, carrying with it the adoption of such Order prevailed, carried, and became effective by the following vote:

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2. A true, full and correct copy of the Order adopted at the meeting described in the above paragraph is attached to this certificate; the Order has been duly recorded in the District's minutes of the meeting; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the aforesaid meeting and that the Order would be introduced and considered for adoption at the meeting, and each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of the meeting for such purpose; the meeting was open to the public as required by law; and public notice of the time, place and subject of the meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

SIGNED AND SEALED the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

  
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President, Board of Commissioners

  
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Secretary, Board of Commissioners



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WHEREAS, Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3 (the "District") is a governmental agency and body politic and corporate of the State of Texas created pursuant to Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code to accomplish the purposes provided by Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution (the "Article"); and

WHEREAS, the Article states that the District has all the rights, powers, privileges, District, functions and duties necessary convenient to accomplish the purposes of Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution allows for the levy of an ad valorem tax on property in the District not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10) per \$100 valuation for the support of the District, which has been approved by a vote of the qualified voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, Sections 26.04, 26.05 and 26.06, Texas Tax Code, as amended, provide that before the Board adopts an ad valorem tax rate, the Board shall give proper notice of each meeting of the Board at which the adoption of a tax rate will be considered; such notice of the public hearings on the District's tax rate shall be substantially in one of the forms set forth in Sections 26.06, 26.061 and 26.062, Texas Tax Code, as amended, and shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the District at least five (5) days before the date of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, if the Board adopts a total tax rate that would exceed the greater of the District's voter approval tax rate or *de minimis* rate, the District shall be required to hold an election to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate in accordance with the procedures provided by Texas Tax Code, §§26.07 and 26.081 and subject to the allowance for a petition for a rollback election to determine whether to reduce the tax rate adopted by the District to the voter-approval tax rate under Texas Tax Code, §26.075; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Collector for the District has received the certified tax roll from the Walker County Appraisal District providing the 2024 taxable valuation of District property and presented such information to the Board for its consideration in setting the 2024 tax rate, including the 2024 tax rate calculations prepared by the Walker County Appraisal District which includes the debt service and maintenance and operations components thereof, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the tax levy is necessary for operations and maintenance purposes of the District and is permitted by the Texas Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3, THAT:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that prior to adopting the ad valorem tax rate for 2024, the District has provided all proper notices of the public hearings required to set the District's tax rate and has otherwise satisfied the requirements of Section 26.06, Texas Tax Code, as amended.

Section 2. The Board hereby levies and causes to be assessed upon all property (real, personal or mixed) subject to taxation within the District a total ad valorem tax rate of \$0.10000 per \$100 of assessed value for the 2024 tax year.

Section 3. The total ad valorem tax rate is only comprised of \$0.10000 per \$100 assessed valuation for operations and maintenance purposes.

Section 4. Walker County Appraisal District, the District's Tax Assessor and Collector, shall take all steps necessary and authorized by law to collect taxes as owed pursuant to this Order. Said ad valorem taxes shall be levied, assessed and collected at the rate of \$0.1000000 per \$100 of assessed valuation as provided for in Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code, and all other applicable laws.

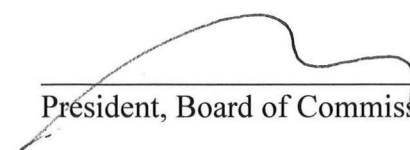
**Section 5. THE DISTRICT'S TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE DISTRICT'S TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE INCREASED BY 27.58 PERCENT (27.58%) AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$21.62.**

Section 6. Pursuant to State law, all taxes shall be due and payable on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

Section 7. The President or Vice President is authorized to do all things necessary for execution of this Order; and the President or Vice President is further authorized to execute, and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary to attest, this Order on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

(EXECUTION PAGE FOLLOWS)

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

  
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President, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Board of Commissioners

