#### **CERTIFICATE OF ORDER SETTING RATE AND LEVYING TAX FOR 2020**

## STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF FORT BEND** FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 37

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 37 (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

The Board convened in regular session, open to the public, on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at 1301 Misty Bend, Katy, Texas, and the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Stephen Berckenhoff	President
Rudolph C. Ammer	Vice President
Larry W. Davis	Secretary
Kenneth L. Comeaux	Assistant Secretary
Greg Murray	Treasurer

All members of the Board were present except the following: thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon other business, the following was transacted at such Meeting: A written

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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:

AYES:



A true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Order adopted at the Meeting described in the above foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; such Order has been duly recorded in the Board's minutes of such Meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board's minutes of such Meeting pertaining to the adoption of such Order; 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 are duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place, and purpose of such Meeting, and that such Order would be introduced and considered for adoption at such meeting, and each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of such Meeting for such purpose; and such Meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of such Meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and Section 49.063 of the Texas Water Code, as amended.

SIGNED this 16th day of September, 2020.

President, Board of Directors

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WHEREAS, Texas Water Code § 49.107, as amended, provides that the District may levy and collect a tax for operation and maintenance purposes, including funds for planning, constructing, acquiring, maintaining, repairing, and operating all necessary land, plants, facilities, improvements, appliances, and equipment of the District and for paying costs of proper services, engineering and legal fees, and organization and administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code § 49.236, as amended, provides that before the Board adopts an ad valorem tax rate for debt service, operation and maintenance purposes, or contract purposes, the Board shall give notice of each meeting of the Board at which the adoption of a tax rate will be considered; such notice of the public hearing on the District's tax rate shall be in substantially the form set forth in Texas Water Code § 49.236, as amended, and shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the District at least seven (7) days before the date of the hearing or mailed to each owner of taxable property in the District at the address for notice shown on the most recently certified tax roll of the District, at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code § 49.23602(d), provides that if any part of the District is located within an area declared a disaster area during the current tax year by either the governor or the president of the United States then the Board of the Directors of the District may give notice of and calculate the voter approval tax rate of the District in the manner provided for under Texas Water Code § 49.23601; and

WHEREAS, the District is located within an area declared a disaster area by the governor and the Board of Directors of the District has elected to calculate the District's voter approval tax rate in the manner provided for pursuant to Texas Water Code § 49.23601; and

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code § 49.23601, as amended, provides that if the Board adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would impose more than 1.08 times the amount of tax imposed by the District in the preceding year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead in the District in that year, disregarding any homestead exemption available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older, then an election must be held in accordance with the procedures provided by Sections 26.07(c)-(g) Tax Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor and Collector for the District has received the certified tax roll from the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District assessing the 2020 valuation of District property and presented such information to the Board for their consideration in setting the 2020 tax rate.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 37 THAT:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that prior to adopting the ad valorem tax rate for 2020, the District has provided proper notice of the public hearing to set the District's tax rate and otherwise satisfied the requirements of Texas Water Code 49.236, as amended.

<u>Section 2</u>. 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 \$0.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation for maintenance and operation purposes only. 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 taxes shall be levied, assessed and collected at the rate of \$0.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation for 2020 as provided for in Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code, and all other applicable laws.

Section 3. The Board hereby finds that the total ad valorem tax rate of 0.49 per 100 of assessed value for the year 2020 does not impose more than 1.08 times the amount of tax imposed by the District in the preceding year on a residential homestead in the District and therefore does not exceed the District's voter approval rate.

<u>Section 4</u>. Pursuant to law, all taxes shall be due and payable on or before the 31st day of January, 2021.

<u>Section 5.</u> 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 Directors.

### (EXECUTION PAGES FOLLOW)

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT this 16th day of September, 2020.

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

