## ORDER OF ELECTION TO CREATE WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 13

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Judge received a petition for the creation of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13, on December 1, 2022 (the "Petition"), a copy of the Petition is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein for all purposes;

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Davis Election Administrator of Williamson County, certified on May 15, 2023 that he had examined the Petition and determined that of the 221 signatures on the Petition, 100 voters were found to be qualified voters of Williamson County, a copy of which certification is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein for all purposes;

WHEREAS, the Petition was presented to the Williamson County Commissioners Court on May 23, 2023, and was determined by the Commissioners Court to be consistent with the requirements set forth in section 775.013 of the Texas Health and Safety Code ("Code");

WHEREAS, the proposed district is entirely within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Austin, on December 14, 2022, the petitioners requested written consent from the City of Austin to include the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction in the proposed district;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Austin considered the petitioners' request to include the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction within the proposed district and provided its written consent to the request on January 26, 2023, a copy of which consent is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein for all purposes;

WHEREAS, the proposed district overlaps Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1, and in accordance with section 775.018 (h) and (g) of the Code, the County Judge will send to the Board of Commissioners of the Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1 a copy of the Petition and requested to adopt a statement before the date of the election required by this section that specifies the types of emergency services the existing district will provide or continue to provide in the overlapping territory if the proposed district is created.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court set a public hearing on May 23, 2023, for an election to be held to determine whether or not the proposed district shall be created within the boundaries set forth in the Petition and illustrated in the map in Exhibit B of the Petition;

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Clerk has provided notice of the hearing stating the following:

- that creation of a district is proposed; (i)
- that the district is to be created and is to operate under Article III, Section 48-e of (ii) the Texas Constitution as proposed by S.J.R. No. 27, Acts of the 70<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, and adopted by the voters at an election on November 3, 1987;

- (iii) the name of the proposed district;
- (iv) the district's boundaries as stated in the petition;
- (v) the place, date, and time of the hearing; and
- (vi) that each person who has an interest in the creation of the district may attend the hearing and present grounds for or against creation of the district;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 775.015 (e) of the Code, the Williamson County Sheriff has posted one copy of the Notice of the hearing at the courthouse door at least 21 days before May 23, 2023, the date on which the hearing will be held which is evidenced in the Return of Notice attached hereto as **Exhibit D** and incorporated herein for all purposes;

Whereas, in accordance with section 775.015 (e) of the Code, the Williamson County Sheriff has also published Notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the proposed district once a week for two consecutive weeks with the first publication at least 21 days before May 23, 2023, the date on which the hearing will be held which is evidenced in the Return of Notice attached hereto as **Exhibit E** and incorporated herein for all purposes;

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Commissioners Court has exclusive jurisdiction pursuant to section 775.016 (c) of the Code to determine each issue relating to the creation of the proposed district, including the authority to issue incidental orders it considers proper in relation to the issues before the Commissioners Court;

WHEREAS, satisfactory proof has been made to the Commissioners Court, and it finds that:

- (i) The Petition is in proper form and conforms to the requirements of sections 775.0112 and 775.013 of the Code.
- (ii) The petitioners have deposited with the County Clerk an amount of money equal to the amount required by section 775.013 (b) of the Code for the costs related to the proposed creation of the district.
- (iii) The Petition is signed by at least 100 qualified voters who own taxable real property in the territory of the proposed district.

Now, Therefore, The Williamson County Commissioners Court Does Hereby Order That:

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Truth of Recitals.</u> The matters and facts set out in the preamble of this Order are hereby found and declared to be true and correct.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Election Ordered.</u> An election shall be held within the territory described in the Petition, Exhibit A and illustrated in the map in Exhibit B to the Petition, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, during the hours of the early voting period (October 23 through November 3, 2023) and on Election Day, November 7, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. within said territory to decide whether or not to create the District and approve the authority to levy a tax allowed by Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution on the ad valorem property situated in said district at a rate not to exceed Ten Cents (10¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation for the support thereof.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Boundaries of District.</u> If a majority those voters voting in the election to form Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 approve the formation of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13, the boundaries of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 shall be the territory described in Exhibit A and illustrated in the map in Exhibit B to the petition for the creation of this district, which is attached to this order as Exhibit A.

Section 4. Right to Vote. At the election, the voters residing within the territory described in Exhibit A and illustrated in the map in Exhibit B to that petition shall vote on whether to create the Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13, composed of and including the territory within the boundaries described in Exhibit A and illustrated in the map in Exhibit B to that petition and whether to impose the tax allowed by Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution on the ad valorem property situated in said district at a rate not to exceed Ten Cents  $(10\phi)$  on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation for the support thereof.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Method of Voting</u>. Voting in the election for the proposition shall be by the voting method authorized for use in Williamson County, which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. The voting method used in the election shall include the following ballot:

#### **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

#### **PROPOSITION**

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THE CREATION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 13 AND ADOPTION OF A TAX ON THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY SITUATED IN SAID DISTRICT AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED TEN CENTS ON THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS VALUATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT.

Section 6. Compliance with the Election Code. All aspects of the election on the proposed creation of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and any related orders approved by the Commissioners Court for the election to be held on November 7, 2023. These aspects include at least language interpretation assistance, early voting and election day polling place locations, election personnel.

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall occur on the dates and at the times established by the Williamson County Elections Administrator. The early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail shall be sent is:

Christopher J. Davis Williamson County Elections Administrator 301 SE Inner Loop Ste. 104 Georgetown, TX 78626.

Early voting by personal appearance for said election shall be conducted at the early voting polling places to be designated by the Williamson Elections Admistrator.

<u>Section 7.</u> <u>Notice of Election.</u> Notice of the election shall be given by publishing a substantial copy of the election order once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Williamson County, not earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day or later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day before election day.

Not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day before election day, a copy of the notice, which must include the location of each polling place, shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas.

The person posting the notice shall make a record at the time of posting stating the date and place of posting. That person shall sign the record and deliver it to the County Judge of Williamson County, Texas.

<u>Section 8.</u> <u>Conduct of Election and Canvass of Election Returns</u>. The election on the proposed creation of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and any related orders approved by the

Commissioners Court for the election to be held on November 7, 2023. The Williamson County Elections Administrator, Christopher J. Davis, shall conduct or supervise the conduct of the election, including early voting.

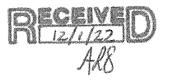
Election returns shall be canvassed in accordance with Chapter 67 of the Texas Election Code. Election results shall be declared in accordance with section 775.019 of the Code.

Be it so ordered on this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023.

Judge Bill Gravell Jr.
Williamson County Judge
As Presiding Officer of the Williamson County
Commissioners Court

## Exhibit A

## Petition for Creation of Emergency Services District



#### PETITION FOR CREATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

THE STATE OF TEXAS § IN THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT

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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

### TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS OF SAID COURT:

NOW COME 100 or more qualified voters who own taxable real property in Williamson County, Texas pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code, Section 775.011, requesting the creation of an Emergency Services District and would respectfully show the following:

I.

That the proposed Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 (the "District") will be created and operated under the provisions of Article III, Section 48-e of the Constitution of Texas and Chapter 775 of the Health & Safety Code of the State of Texas.

II.

That the name of the proposed District shall be "WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 13."

III.

That the area of the District will overlap Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1 located in Williamson County (the "Overlapping District"), and will generally include all or portions of the city limits of the City of Austin, and portions of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Austin. The boundaries of the District are more particularly described by the description attached as **Exhibit "A"**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, and generally shown on the attached sketch in **Exhibit "B"**.

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The District will provide emergency medical services in response to any emergency situation in accordance with the authority granted to emergency services districts under Chapter 775 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, but the District will not provide any services provided by the existing Overlapping District, as set forth in the statement of services to be provided in accordance with Section 775.018(g) of the Texas Health and Safety Code by that district.

V.

The creation of the District complies with Section 775.0205 of the Texas Health & Safety Code. The petitioners request that the County deliver a copy of this petition to the Board of Commissioners of the Overlapping District and request a statement of services in accordance with Section 775.018(g) of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

VI.

That Scott Artmann, who resides at 12516 Red Sparrow, Austin, Texas 78729, Jeff Christensen, who resides at 12520 Red Sparrow, Austin, Texas 78729, and Kean Chan, who resides at 12522 Red Sparrow, Austin, Texas 78729, petitioners herein, agree and obligate themselves to pay the cost incident to the formation of the District, including the costs of publishing notices, election costs, and other necessary and incidental expenses, such cost not to exceed one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars for Williamson County.

#### VII.

The city of Austin is the only municipality whose consent must be obtained under Section 775.014 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

#### VIII.

The signatures required by the Texas Health & Safety Code, Section 775.011, for the creation of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 are attached on <a href="Exhibit">Exhibit "C"</a> respectively.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioners pray that such notices be issued by the County Clerk of Williamson County as required by law; that a public hearing be held on this petition in the county; that a copy of this petition be sent to Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1 together with a request for a statement of services; and that, after the hearing, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County grant this petition and call a special election regarding the creation of the District.

PETITIONERS

By: <u>\( \lambda \)</u>

Printed Name: Scott Artmann

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Printed Name: Leff Christense

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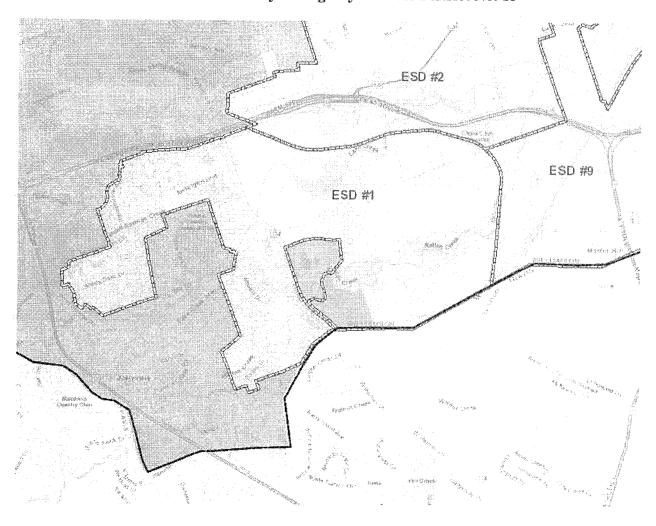
Printed Name: Kean Chan

#### Exhibit "A"

# Description of Proposed Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 Boundary Description

The boundaries of the proposed emergency services district are coterminous with the existing boundaries of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1.

Exhibit B
Map of Proposed
Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13



## Exhibit B

## Certificate of Voter Registration





Christopher Davis
ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

May 16, 2023

The Honorable Bill Gravell, County Judge
The Honorable Terry Cook, County Commissioner, Precinct 1
The Honorable Cynthia Long, County Commissioner, Precinct 2
The Honorable Valerie Covey, County Commissioner, Precinct
The Honorable Russ Boles, County Commissioner, Precinct 4
710 Main Street
Georgetown, TX 78626

Dear Judge and Commissioners,

A Petition for the Creation of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 was issued on December 1, 2022 and was filed in the office of the Elections Administrator on December 5, 2022.

In accordance with Section 775.011 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, I hereby certify that the total number of signatures on said Petition is greater than 100 and that the number of signatures of qualified voters is sufficient for the Commissioners Court to order an election on this issue.

Signed this 16th day of May, 2023 for submission on the Agenda for the May 23, 2023 Commissioners Court regular session.

Chris Davis

Elections Administrator, Williamson County

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 301 S.E. Inner Loop, Suite 104

Georgetown, Texas 78626 Phone 512.943.1630 Fax 512.943.1634 Email cidavis@wilco.org

## Exhibit C

## Written Consent of Austin, Texas

Health and Safety Code, section 775.014

## **RESOLUTION NO. 20230126-082**

WHEREAS, the City of Austin, Texas (the "City"), has received the petition, attached as Exhibit A, and a letter requesting the City's consent to the creation of an emergency services district ("District"), proposed to be known as Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13, which includes a portion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City within Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to grant its written consent to the inclusion of its extraterritorial jurisdiction that is within the proposed District; NOW, THEREFORE,

#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City gives its written consent to the creation of the District, proposed to be known as Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13, and to the inclusion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City that is within the boundaries of the District as more particularly described in Exhibit A. This consent is valid for a period of six months from the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED: January 26, 2023 ATTEST: Myrna Rios
City Clerk

## Exhibit D

## **Return of Sheriff Executing Notice**

(Courthouse Posting)

#### ACCEPTANCE OF PETITION

#### AND

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CREATION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 13

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of December, 2022, the Williamson County Judge accepted a Petition to Create Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13, and

WHEREAS, said Petition is in proper form as required by Section 775.013 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 775.015 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Commissioners Court is required to set a date, time and place for a public hearing to consider the Petition.

NOW THEREFORE, the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby notifies the public of the following:

- 1. That the creation of the Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 is proposed,
- 2. That the District is to be created and is to operate under Article III, Section 48-e, of the Texas Constitution, as proposed by S.J.R. No. 27, Acts of the 70<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, and adopted by the voters at an election held November 3, 1987.
- 3. That the name of the District shall be the Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13.
- 4. That the boundaries of said District are as stated in the Petition.
- 5. That the public hearing shall be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023, at the Williamson County Commissioners Court, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626 at 10:00 am.
- 6. That each person who has an interest in the creation of the District may attend the hearing and present grounds for or against creation of the District.

Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge

Attested by:

Nancy Rister County Clerk

# CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING FOR CREATION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 13

I certify that this notice of the public hearing set for May 23, 2023, at the Williamson County Commissioners Court, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626 at 10:00 a.m. was posted at the Williamson County Courthouse and the Williamson County Sheriff's Office website on April 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Fracie Perez

Public Information Officer

Williamson County Sheriff's Office

## Exhibit E

## **Return of Sheriff Executing Notice**

(Publication in Newspaper)



#### THE STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON** IN THE MATTER OF

Jollyville Fire Department Acceptance of Petition and Notice of Public Hearing For Creation of Williamson County **Emergency Services District No. 13** 

The Williamson County Sun/Sunday Sun, newspapers of general circulation, have been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in the County of WILLIAMSON, Texas, preceding the date of the above-referenced notice. Said notice was published in said paper as follows:

First insertion 26th day of April, 2023 Second insertion 3rd day of May, 2023 Third insertion day of May, 2023 Fourth insertion day of May, 2023

**Newspaper Representative** Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of May, 2023.

Witness my hand and/official seal.

Dawn Steele, Notary/Public

My Commission Expires August 26, 2024

ACCEPTANCE OF PETITION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CREATION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 13
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NOW THEREFORE, the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby notifies the public of the following:

1. That the creation of the Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 is proposed.

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3. That the name of the District shall be the Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13.

4. That the boundaries of said District are as stated in the Potition.

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5. That the public hearing shall be on the 23rd day of May, 2023, at the Williamson County Commissioners Count, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78828 at 10:00 am.

6. That each person who has an interest in the creation of the District may attend the hearing and present grounds for or against creation at the District.

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As Bill Gravell Jr.
Bill Gravell (Apr. 11, 2022 16:36 CDT)
Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge
Attested by:
As Nancy E. Rister
Nancy Rister, County Clerk

