

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS  
LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; LEVYING AN AD  
VALOREM TAX IN SUPPORT OF THE BONDS; APPROVING THE FORMS OF  
PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENTS, THE FORMS OF PURCHASE  
AGREEMENTS AND ESCROW AGREEMENTS; ESTABLISHING THE  
PROCEDURES FOR SELLING AND DELIVERING ONE OR MORE SERIES OF THE  
BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS**

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

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**WHEREAS**, the County has duly issued and there is now outstanding various series of limited and unlimited ad valorem tax obligations; and.

**WHEREAS**, the County now desires to issue refunding bonds to refund all or a portion of such outstanding ad valorem tax obligations (collectively, the "Refundable Obligations," and those Refundable Obligations designated by the Pricing Officer in each Pricing Certificate, each as defined herein, to be refunded are herein referred to as the "Refunded Obligations"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of the County deems it advisable and in the best interest of the County to refund the Refunded Obligations in order to achieve a net present value debt service savings of not less than 3.00% of the principal amount of the Refunded Obligations net of any County contribution with such savings, among other information and terms to be included in each pricing certificate to be executed by the County Auditor, acting as the designated pricing officer of the County, or, in the absence of the County Auditor, the County Judge, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 1207 and 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207") authorizes the County to issue refunding bonds and to deposit the proceeds from the sale thereof together with any other available funds or resources, directly with a place of payment (paying agent) for the Refunded Obligations or a commercial bank or trust company, and such deposit, if made before such payment dates, shall constitute the making of firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 1207 further authorizes the County to enter into an escrow agreement with a paying agent for the Refunded Obligations or a commercial bank or trust company with respect to the safekeeping, investment, reinvestment, administration and disposition of any such deposit, upon such terms and conditions as the County and such paying agent may agree, provided that such deposits may be invested and reinvested in Defeasance Securities, as defined herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Escrow Agreement hereinafter authorized, constitutes an agreement of the kind authorized and permitted by said Chapter 1207; and

**WHEREAS**, all the Refundable Obligations mature or are subject to redemption prior to maturity within 20 years of the date of the bonds hereinafter authorized: and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. RECITALS, AMOUNT AND PURPOSE OF EACH SERIES OF THE BONDS.** The recitals set forth in the preamble hereof are incorporated herein and shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in this section. The bond or bonds of the County are hereby authorized pursuant to Chapters 1371 and 1207, Texas Government Code to be issued and delivered in the maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$76,010,000 for the purpose of: (i) refunding the Refunded Obligations and (ii) paying costs of issuance of the Bonds.

**Section 2. DEFINITIONS.** When used in this Bond Order, except in Section 5, and in any resolution or order amendatory or supplemental hereto, the terms listed below shall have the meanings specified below, unless it is otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

"Accreted Value" means, with respect to a Premium Compound Interest Bond, as of any particular date of calculation, the original principal amount thereof, plus all interest accrued and compounded to the particular date of calculation, as determined in accordance with the Pricing Certificate and the Accretion Table attached as an exhibit to each Pricing Certificate relating to the Bonds that shows the Accreted Value per \$5,000 maturity amount on the calculation date of maturity to its maturity.

"Accretion Table" means the exhibit attached to each Pricing Certificate, if necessary, that sets forth the rounded original principal amounts at the Issuance Date for the Premium Compound Interest Bonds and the Accreted Values and maturity amounts thereof as of each Compounding Date until final maturity.

"Authorized Denominations" means the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof with respect to the Current Interest Bonds and in the denomination of \$5,000 in maturity amount or any integral multiple thereof with respect to the Premium Compound Interest Bonds.

"Bonds" means one or more Series of the Bonds and includes collectively the Premium Compound Interest Bonds and Current Interest Bonds initially issued and delivered pursuant to this Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate and all substitute Bonds exchanged therefor, as well as all other substitute bonds and replacement bonds issued pursuant hereto, and the term "Bond" shall mean any of the Bonds.

"Bond Insurer" means the insurer, if any, of any Series of the Bonds.

"Bond Order" or "Order" means this order of the Commissioners Court authorizing the issuance of one or more Series of the Bonds.

"Business Day" means any day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Paying Agent/Registrar is authorized by law or executive order to remain closed.

"Commissioners Court" means the governing body of the County.

"Compounded Amount" means, with respect to a Premium Compound Interest Bond, as of any particular date of calculation, the original principal amount thereof plus all interest accrued and compounded to the particular date of calculation.

"Compounding Dates" means the dates on which interest is compounded on the Premium Compound Interest Bonds as set forth in the Accretion Table attached to each Pricing Certificate.

"County" means Williamson County, Texas and any other public agency succeeding to the powers, rights, privileges, and functions of the County and, when appropriate, the Commissioners Court of the County.

"Current Interest Bonds" means the Bonds paying current interest and maturing in each of the years and in the aggregate principal amounts set forth in each Pricing Certificate.

"Defeasance Securities" means (i) Federal Securities, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the Commissioners Court adopts or approves proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds or otherwise provide for the funding of an escrow to effect the defeasance of the Bonds are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent, (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the Commissioners Court adopts or approves proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds or otherwise provide for the funding of an escrow to effect the defeasance of the Bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm no less than "AAA" or its equivalent, and (iv) any other then authorized securities or obligations under applicable State law that may be used to defease obligations such as the Bonds.

"Escrow Agent" means the escrow agent designated by the Pricing Officer or any successor escrow agent under the Escrow Agreement.

"Escrow Agreement" means the agreement by and between the County and the Escrow Agent relating to the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds.

"Federal Securities" means direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America (including Interest Strips of the Resolution Funding Corporation).

"Financial Obligation" means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that

"financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

"Fiscal Year" means the twelve-month accounting period for the County, which presently is the twelve-month period beginning on October 1 of each year and ending on September 30 of the following year, but which may be changed from time to time by the Commissioners Court.

"Initial Bond(s)" means the Bond(s) authorized, issued, and initially delivered as provided in Section 3 of this Bond Order.

"Interest Payment Date" means a date on which interest on the Current Interest Bonds is due and payable as set forth in each Pricing Certificate.

"Issuance Date" means the date of delivery of a Series of the Bonds.

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"Outstanding" when used with reference to Bonds, means, as of a particular date, all Bonds theretofore and thereupon delivered except; (a) any Bond canceled by or on behalf of the County at or before said date, (b) any Bond defeased or no longer considered Outstanding pursuant to the provisions of this Order or otherwise defeased as permitted by applicable law and (c) any such Bond in lieu of or in substitution for which another Bond shall have been delivered pursuant to this Order.

"Premium Compound Interest Bonds" means the Bonds on which no interest is paid prior to maturity, maturing in various amounts and in the aggregate principal amount as set forth in each Pricing Certificate.

"Pricing Certificate" means each Pricing Certificate of the County's Pricing Officer to be executed and delivered pursuant to Section 3 hereof in connection with the issuance of one or more series of Bonds.

"Pricing Officer" means the County Auditor, acting as the designated pricing officer of the County to execute each Pricing Certificate. In the absence of the County Auditor, the County Judge may act as the designated pricing officer of the County to execute each Pricing Certificate.

"Record Date" means, with respect to an Interest Payment Date, the dates are set forth in each Pricing Certificate.

"Redemption Date" means a date fixed for redemption of any Bond pursuant to the terms of this Bond Order and each Pricing Certificate.

"Refundable Obligations" means all or a portion of the outstanding unlimited and limited ad valorem tax obligations of the County.

"Refunded Obligations" means those Refundable Obligations designated by the Pricing Officer in each Pricing Certificate to be refunded.

"Register" means the registry system maintained on behalf of the County by the Registrar in which are listed the names and addresses of the Registered Owners and the principal amount of Bonds registered in the name of each Registered Owner.

"Registered Owner" means any person or entity in whose name a Bond is registered.

"Registrar" or "Paying Agent/Registrar" means the bank, trust company, financial institution, or other entity designated by the Pricing Officer to act as paying agent and registrar for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Bond Order.

"Replacement Bonds" means the Bonds authorized by the County to be issued in substitution for lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken Bonds as provided in Section 9 of this Bond Order.

"Rule" means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Series" means any designated series of Bonds issued pursuant to this Bond Order.

"Tax-Exempt Bonds" means each Series of Bonds bearing interest which is excludable from gross income for federal taxation purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the IRS Code.

"Taxable Series" means each Series of Bonds bearing interest at a taxable rate.

"Tax-Exempt Series" means each Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds.

"Underwriter" means the senior managing underwriter as selected by the Pricing Officer for each series of the Bonds issued pursuant to this Bond Order and the other co-managers for each series of Bonds as the Pricing Officer deems appropriate.

**Section 3. DESIGNATION, DATE, DENOMINATIONS, NUMBERS AND DELEGATION OF EACH SERIES OF THE BONDS TO PRICING OFFICER.** (a) Each bond issued pursuant to this Bond Order shall be designated: **"WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BOND"** and initially there shall be issued, sold, and delivered hereunder one or more Series of fully registered bonds without interest coupons, which may be in the form of Current Interest Bonds or Premium Compound Interest Bonds, numbered consecutively from R-1 upward, in the case of Current Interest Bonds, and from PC-1 upward, in the case of Premium Compound Interest Bonds (except the Initial Bond delivered to the Attorney General of the State of Texas which shall be numbered T-1 and TPC-1, respectively) payable to the respective initial Registered Owners thereof, or to the registered assignee or assignees of said Bonds or any portion or portions thereof, in Authorized Denominations, with each Series of Bonds maturing not later than February 15, 2045 serially or otherwise on the dates, in the years and in the



principal amounts, respectively, and dated, all as set forth in each Pricing Certificate to be executed and delivered by the Pricing Officer pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The Pricing Certificate is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Bond Order. The title of each Series of the Bonds shall be designated by the year in which it is awarded pursuant to Section 3(b) below. The authority for the Pricing Officer to execute and deliver each Pricing Certificate for a Series of the Bonds shall expire at 5:00 p.m. C.S.T. on May 13, 2026. Bonds priced on or before May 13, 2026 may be delivered to the Underwriters or initial purchaser, as applicable, after such date.

(b) As authorized by Chapter 1371 and Section 1207.007, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the County in selling and delivering one or more Series of the Bonds, determining if a Series of Bonds is a Taxable Series or a Tax-Exempt Series and determining which of the Refundable Bonds shall be refunded and constitute Refunded Bonds under this Bond Order and carrying out the other procedures specified in this Bond Order, including determining the date of the Bonds, any additional or different designation or title by which the Bonds shall be known, the price at which the Bonds will be sold, the years in which the Bonds will mature, the principal amount to mature in each of such years, the aggregate principal amount of Current Interest Bonds and Premium Compound Interest Bonds, the rate or rates of interest to be borne by each such maturity, the interest payment periods, the dates, price and terms upon and at which the Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County, as well as any mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions and all other matters relating to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, all of which shall be specified in each Pricing Certificate; provided that (i) the price to be paid for a Series of the Bonds shall not be less than 90% of the aggregate original principal amount thereof plus accrued interest thereon from its date to its delivery, (ii) none of the Bonds shall bear interest at a rate, or yield in the case of Premium Compound Interest Bonds, greater than the maximum authorized by law, and (iii) the refunding must produce a net present value debt service savings of at least 2.00% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds, net of any County contribution. In establishing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, the Pricing Officer shall establish an amount not to exceed the amount authorized in Section 1, which shall be sufficient to provide for the purposes for which the Bonds are authorized and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.

(c) To achieve advantageous borrowing costs for the County, the Bonds shall be sold on a negotiated, placement or competitive basis as determined by the Pricing Officer in each Pricing Certificate. In determining whether to sell the Bonds by negotiated, placement or competitive sale, the Pricing Officer shall take into account any material disclosure issues which might affect the net borrowing costs on a Series of the Bonds.

If the Pricing Officer determines that the Bonds should be sold at a competitive sale, the Pricing Officer shall cause to be prepared a notice of sale and official statement in such manner as the Pricing Officer deems appropriate, to make the notice of sale and official statement available to those institutions and firms wishing to submit a bid for the Bonds, to receive such bids, and to award the sale of the Bonds to the bidder submitting the best bid in accordance with the provisions of the notice of sale.

If the Pricing Officer determines that the Bonds should be sold by a negotiated sale or placement, the Pricing Officer shall designate the placement purchaser or the Underwriters for the Bonds and such additional investment banking firms as the Pricing Officer deems appropriate to assure that the Bonds are sold on the most advantageous terms to the County. The Pricing Officer, acting for and on behalf of the County, is authorized to enter into and carry out a purchase agreement for a Series of the Bonds to be sold by negotiated sale or placement, with the Underwriters or placement purchasers respectively, at such price, with and subject to such terms as determined by the Pricing Officer pursuant to Section 3(b) above. Each purchase agreement shall be substantially in the form and substance previously approved by the County in connection with the previously issued ad valorem tax debt with such changes as are acceptable to the Pricing Officer.

In satisfaction of Section 1201.022(a)(3), Texas Government Code, the County hereby determines that the delegation of the authority to the Pricing Officer to approve the final terms and conditions of each Series of the Bonds as set forth in this Bond Order is, and the decisions made by the Pricing Officer pursuant to such delegated authority and incorporated in the Pricing Certificate will be, in the best interests and shall have the same force and effect as if such determination were made by the County and the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to make and include in a Pricing Certificate an appropriate finding to that effect.

(d) The Current Interest Bonds shall bear interest calculated on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months from the dates specified in the FORM OF BONDS set forth in this Bond Order to their respective dates of maturity or redemption, if applicable, at the rates per annum set forth in each Pricing Certificate.

The Premium Compound Interest Bonds shall bear interest from the Issuance Date, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months (subject to rounding to the Compounded Amounts thereof), compounded on the Compounding Dates as set forth in each Pricing Certificate, and payable, together with the principal amount thereof, in the manner provided in the Form of Bonds at the rates set forth in the Pricing Certificate. Attached to each Pricing Certificate, if Premium Compound Interest Bonds are to be issued, shall be the Accretion Table. The Accreted Value with respect to any date other than a Compounding Date is the amount set forth on the Accretion Table with respect to the last preceding Compounding Date, plus the portion of the difference between such amount and the amount set forth on the Accretion Table with respect to the next succeeding Compounding Date that the number of days (based on 30-day months) from such last preceding Compounding Date to the date for which such determination is being calculated bears to the total number of days (based on 30-day months) from such last preceding Compounding Date to the next succeeding Compounding Date.

**Section 4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BONDS.** (a) Registration, Transfer, Conversion and Exchange; Authentication. The County shall keep or cause to be kept at the Paying Agent/Registrar books or records for the registration of the transfer, conversion and exchange of the Bonds (the "Register"), and the County hereby appoints the Paying Agent/Registrar as its registrar and transfer agent to keep such books or records and make such registrations of transfers and exchanges under such reasonable regulations as the County and Paying Agent/Registrar may prescribe; and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall make such registrations, transfers and exchanges

as herein provided. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain and record in the Register the address of the Registered Owner of each Bond to which payments with respect to the Bonds shall be mailed, as herein provided; but it shall be the duty of each Registered Owner to notify the Paying Agent/Registrar in writing of the address to which payments shall be mailed, and such interest payments shall not be mailed unless such notice has been given. The County shall have the right to inspect the Register during regular business hours of the Paying Agent/Registrar, but otherwise the Paying Agent/Registrar shall keep the Register confidential and, unless otherwise required by law, shall not permit their inspection by any other entity. The County shall pay the Paying Agent/Registrar's standard or customary fees and charges for making such registration, transfer, exchange and delivery of a substitute Bond or Bonds. Registration of assignments, transfers and exchanges of Bonds shall be made in the manner provided and with the effect stated in the FORM OF BOND set forth in this Bond Order. Each substitute Bond shall bear a letter and/or number to distinguish it from each other Bond.

Except as provided in Section 4(c) of this Bond Order, an authorized representative of the Paying Agent/Registrar shall, before the delivery of any such Bond, date and manually sign said Bond, and no such Bond shall be deemed to be issued or outstanding unless such Bond is so executed. The Paying Agent/Registrar promptly shall cancel all paid Bonds and Bonds surrendered for exchange. No additional orders or resolutions need be passed or adopted by the Commissioners Court of the County or any other body or person so as to accomplish the foregoing exchange of any Bond or portion thereof, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the printing, execution, and delivery of the substitute Bonds in the manner prescribed herein. Pursuant to Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, as amended, and particularly Subchapter D thereof, the duty of exchange of Bonds as aforesaid is hereby imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and, upon the execution of said Bond, the exchanged Bond shall be valid, incontestable, and enforceable in the same manner and with the same effect as the Bonds which initially were issued and delivered pursuant to this Bond Order, approved by the Attorney General, and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

(b) Payment of Bonds and Interest. The County hereby further appoints the Paying Agent/Registrar to act as the paying agent for paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds, all as provided in this Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall keep proper records of all payments made by the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar with respect to the Bonds, and of all conversions and exchanges of Bonds, and all replacements of Bonds, as provided in this Bond Order. However, in the event of a nonpayment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new Record Date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the County. Notice of the past due interest shall be sent at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Registered Owner appearing on the Register at the close of business on the last Business Day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

(c) In General. The Bonds (i) shall be issued in fully registered form, without interest coupons, with the principal of and interest on such Bonds to be payable only to the Registered Owners thereof, (ii) may be transferred and assigned, (iii) may be exchanged for other Bonds, (iv)

shall have the characteristics, (v) shall be signed, sealed, executed and authenticated, (vi) the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable, and (vii) shall be administered and the Paying Agent/Registrar and the County shall have certain duties and responsibilities with respect to the Bonds, all as provided, and in the manner and to the effect as required or indicated, in the Pricing Certificate and the FORM OF BOND set forth in this Bond Order. The Initial Bond(s) are not required to be, and shall not be, authenticated by the Paying Agent/Registrar, but on each substitute Bond issued in exchange for any Initial Bond or Bonds issued under this Order the Paying Agent/Registrar shall execute the PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE, in the form set forth in the FORM OF BOND.

(d) Substitute Paying Agent/Registrar. The County covenants with the Registered Owners of the Bonds that at all times while the Bonds are outstanding the County will provide a competent and legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution, or other agency to act as and perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds under this Bond Order, and that the Paying Agent/Registrar will be one entity. The County reserves the right to, and may, at its option, change the Paying Agent/Registrar upon not less than 30 days written notice to the Paying Agent/Registrar, to be effective at such time which will not disrupt or delay payment on the next principal or interest payment date after such notice. In the event that the entity at any time acting as Paying Agent/Registrar (or its successor by merger, acquisition, or other method) should resign or otherwise cease to act as such, the County covenants that promptly it will appoint a competent and legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution, or other agency to act as Paying Agent/Registrar under this Bond Order. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar, the previous Paying Agent/Registrar promptly shall transfer and deliver the Register (or a copy thereof), along with all other pertinent books and records relating to the Bonds, to the new Paying Agent/Registrar designated and appointed by the County. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar, the County promptly will cause a written notice thereof to be sent by the new Paying Agent/Registrar to each Registered Owner of the Bonds, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, which notice also shall give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar. By accepting the position and performing as such, each Paying Agent/Registrar shall be deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Bond Order, and a certified copy of this Bond Order shall be delivered to each Paying Agent/Registrar.

(e) Book-Entry-Only System. The Bonds issued in exchange for the Initial Bond initially issued as provided in Section 4(h) shall be issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond for each of the maturities thereof registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company of New York ("DTC") and except as provided in subsection (f) hereof, all of the Outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

With respect to Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations on whose behalf DTC was created to hold securities to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among DTC participants (the "DTC Participant") or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any DTC

Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a Registered Owner, as shown on the Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, or (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any person, other than a Registered Owner, as shown on the Register of any amount with respect to principal of or interest on the Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond Order to the contrary, but to the extent permitted by law, the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Register as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal of and interest, with respect to such Bond, for the purposes of registering transfers with respect to such Bond, and for all other purposes of registering transfers with respect to such Bonds, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the order of the respective Registered Owners, as shown in the Register as provided in this Order, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the County's obligations with respect to payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a Registered Owner, as shown in the Register, shall receive a Bond evidencing the obligation of the County to make payments of principal, and interest pursuant to this Bond Order. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent/Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions in this Bond Order with respect to interest checks being mailed to the registered owner at the close of business on the Record Date the word "Cede & Co." in this Bond Order shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

(f) Successor Securities Depository; Transfer Outside Book-Entry-Only System. In the event that the County determines to discontinue the book-entry system through DTC or a successor or DTC determines to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bond, the County shall either (i) appoint a successor securities depository, qualified to act as such under Section 17(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notify DTC and DTC Participants of the appointment of such successor securities depository and transfer one or more separate Bonds to such successor securities depository or (ii) notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of Bonds and transfer one or more separate Bonds to DTC Participants having Bonds credited to their DTC accounts. In such event, the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, but may be registered in the name of the successor securities depository, or its nominee, or in whatever name or names the Registered Owner transferring or exchanging Bond shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of this Bond Order.

(g) Payments to Cede & Co. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond Order to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of, and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the Blanket Letter of Representations of the County to DTC.

(h) Initial Bond(s). The Bonds herein authorized shall be initially issued as fully registered Bonds, being one Bond in the denomination of the applicable principal amount and the Initial Bond shall be registered in the name of the Underwriter. The Initial Bond(s) shall be the Bond(s)

submitted to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas for approval, certified and registered by the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas and delivered to the Underwriters or initial purchaser, as applicable. Immediately after the delivery of the Initial Bond(s), the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cancel the Initial Bond(s) delivered hereunder and exchange therefor Bonds in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond for each of the maturities thereof registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC and except as provided in Section 4(f) herein, all of the Outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

(i) DTC Blanket Letter of Representations. The County confirms execution of a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations with DTC establishing the Book-Entry-Only System which will be utilized with respect to the Bonds.

**Section 5. FORM OF BOND.** The form of the Bond, including the form of Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate, the form of Assignment and the form of Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas to be attached to the Bonds initially issued and delivered pursuant to this Bond Order, shall be, respectively, substantially as follows, with such appropriate variations, omissions, or insertions as are permitted or required by this Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate.

#### **FORM OF FIRST PARAGRAPHS OF CURRENT INTEREST BONDS**

<b>NO. R-</b>	<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b> <b>STATE OF TEXAS</b> <b>WILLIAMSON COUNTY</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL</b> <b>AMOUNT</b> <b>\$ _____</b>
<b>WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS</b> <b>LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BOND</b> <b>SERIES _____*</b>		

<b><u>INTEREST RATE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF BOND</u></b>	<b><u>MATURITY DATE</u></b>	<b><u>CUSIP NO.</u></b>
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**REGISTERED OWNER:**

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOLLARS**

**ON THE MATURITY DATE** specified above, **WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS** (the "County"), being a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner set forth above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "Registered

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Owner") the principal amount set forth above, and to pay interest thereon from \_\_\_\_\_\*, on \_\_\_\_\_\* and semiannually thereafter on each \_\_\_\_\_\* and \_\_\_\_\_\* to the maturity date specified above, or the date of redemption prior to maturity, at the interest rate per annum specified above; except that if this Bond is required to be authenticated and the date of its authentication is later than the first Record Date (hereinafter defined), such principal amount shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication, unless such date of authentication is after any Record Date but on or before the next following interest payment date, in which case such principal amount shall bear interest from such next following interest payment date; provided, however, that if on the date of authentication hereof the interest on the Bond or Bonds, if any, for which this Bond is being exchanged is due but has not been paid, then this Bond shall bear interest from the date to which such interest has been paid in full. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during any period in which ownership of the Bonds is determined only by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, any payment to the securities depository, or its nominee or registered assigns, shall be made in accordance with existing arrangements between the County and the securities depository.

**THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON** this Bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without exchange or collection charges. The principal of this Bond shall be paid to the Registered Owner hereof upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at maturity or upon the date fixed for its redemption prior to maturity, at the Paying Agent/Registrar at their office in \_\_\_\_\_, Texas (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office"). The payment of interest on this Bond shall be made by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the Registered Owner hereof on each interest payment date by check or draft, dated as of such interest payment date, drawn by the Paying Agent/Registrar on, and payable solely from, funds of the County required by the order authorizing the issuance of this Bond (the "Bond Order") to be on deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar for such purpose as hereinafter provided; and such check or draft shall be sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, on each such interest payment date, to the Registered Owner hereof, at its address as it appeared on the close of business as of the last day of the month preceding each such date (the "Record Date") on the Register kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar (the "Register"). In addition, interest may be paid by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the Registered Owner. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the County. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five Business Days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each owner of a Bond appearing on the Register at the close of business on the last Business Day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

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**DURING ANY PERIOD** in which ownership of the Bonds is determined only by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, if fewer than all of the Bonds of the same maturity and bearing the same interest rate are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds of such maturity and bearing such interest rate shall be selected in accordance with the arrangements between the County and the securities depository.

**ANY ACCRUED INTEREST** due at maturity as provided herein or upon the redemption of this Bond prior to maturity shall be paid to the Registered Owner upon presentation and surrender of this Bond for payment at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. The County covenants with the Registered Owner of this Bond that on or before each principal payment date, interest payment date and accrued interest payment date for this Bond it will make available to the Paying Agent/Registrar, from the "Interest and Sinking Fund" created by the Bond Order, the amounts required to provide for the payment, in immediately available funds, of all principal of and interest on the Bonds, when due.

**FORM OF FIRST PARAGRAPHS OF PREMIUM COMPOUND INTEREST BONDS\***

<b>NO. PC-</b>	<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b> <b>STATE OF TEXAS</b> <b>WILLIAMSON COUNTY</b>	<b>MATURITY</b> <b>AMOUNT</b> <b>\$ _____</b>
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**WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BOND**  
**SERIES \_\_\_\_\_\***

<b><u>INTEREST RATE</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUANCE DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF BONDS</u></b>	<b><u>MATURITY DATE</u></b>
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**REGISTERED OWNER:**

<b>MATURITY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>
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**ON THE MATURITY DATE** specified above, **WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS** (the "County"), being a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner set forth above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "Registered Owner") the principal amount set forth above representing the principal amount hereof and accrued and compounded interest hereon. Interest shall accrue on the principal amount hereof from the Issuance Date at the interest rate per annum specified above, calculated on the basis of a 360 day year comprised of twelve 30 day months, compounded semiannually on \_\_\_\_\_\* and \_\_\_\_\_\* of each year commencing \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\*. For convenience of reference a table

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of the "Accreted Value" per \$5,000 Maturity Amount is printed on the reverse side of this Bond. The term "Accreted Value" as set forth in the table on the reverse side hereof shall mean the original principal amount plus initial premium per \$5,000 Maturity Amount compounded semiannually on \_\_\_\_\_\* and \_\_\_\_\_\* at the yield shown on such table.

**THE MATURITY AMOUNT** of this Bond is payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without exchange or collection charges. The Maturity Amount of this Bond shall be paid to the Registered Owner hereof upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at maturity, at the designated office for payment of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Texas which is the "Paying Agent/Registrar" for this Bond, and shall be drawn by the Paying Agent/Registrar on, and solely from, funds of the County required by the order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Order") to be on deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar for such purpose as hereinafter provided, payable to the Registered Owner hereof, as it appears on the Register kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar, as hereinafter described. The County covenants with the Registered Owner of this Bond that on or before the Maturity Date for this Bond it will make available to the Paying Agent/Registrar, from the "Interest and Sinking Fund" created by the Bond Order, the amounts required to provide for the payment, in immediately available funds of the Maturity Amount, when due. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during any period in which ownership of the Bonds is determined only by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, any payment to the securities depository, or its nominee or registered assigns, shall be made in accordance with existing arrangements between the County and the securities depository.

**[FORM OF REMAINDER OF EACH BOND]\***

**IF THE DATE** for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions in the county where the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions are authorized to close; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

**THIS BOND** is one of a series of Bonds dated \_\_\_\_\_\*, authorized in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas in the principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\*  
**[CONSTITUTING \$\_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT INTEREST BONDS AND \$\_\_\_\_\_ PREMIUM COMPOUND INTEREST BONDS]\*\* FOR THE PURPOSE OF (i) REFUNDING THE REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS AND (ii) PAYING CERTAIN COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.**

(INSERT REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN THE PRICING CERTIFICATE)

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\*\* To be included only if Current Interest Bonds and Premium Compound Interest Bonds are both issued and completed as determined in the Pricing Certificate

ON \_\_\_\_\_\*, or on any date thereafter, the Bonds maturing on and after \_\_\_\_\_\* may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, at the option of the County, with funds derived from any available and lawful source, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption as a whole, or from time to time in part, and, if in part, the particular Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed shall be selected and designated by the County and if less than all of a maturity is to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall determine by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, within such maturity to be redeemed (provided that a portion of a Bond may be redeemed only in integral multiples of \$5,000).

[THE BONDS MATURING ON \_\_\_\_\_ 15, \_\_\_\_\_\* are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption by lot prior to maturity in the following amounts, on the following dates and at a price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

**Term Bonds Maturing \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_<sup>†</sup>**

<b>Redemption Date</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>
_____, 20__	\$ _____
_____, 20__	

<sup>†</sup>Final Maturity

**THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT** of the Bonds required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of the mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions shall be reduced, at the option of the County by the principal amount of any Bonds of the stated maturity which, at least 50 days prior to a mandatory redemption date, (1) shall have been acquired by the County at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, (2) shall have been purchased and cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the County with monies in the Interest and Sinking Fund at a price not exceeding the principal amount of the Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, or (3) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions and not theretofore credited against a mandatory sinking fund redemption requirement.]\*\*

**NO LESS THAN 30** calendar days prior to the date fixed for any optional redemption, the County shall cause the Paying Agent/Registrar to send notice by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid to the Registered Owner of each Bond to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the Register of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the 45th day prior to the redemption date and to major securities depositories, national bond rating agencies and bond

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\*\* To be included only if certain maturities of Bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption as determined by the Pricing Officer in the Pricing Certificate.

information services; provided, however, that the failure to send, mail or receive such notice, or any defect therein or in the sending or mailing thereof, shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the proceedings for the redemption of any Bonds. By the date fixed for any such redemption due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for the Bonds or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed. If due provision for such payment is made, all as provided above, the Bonds or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed thereby automatically shall be treated as redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, and they shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, and they shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the Registered Owner to receive the redemption price from the Paying Agent/Registrar out of the funds provided for such payment. If a portion of any Bonds shall be redeemed a substitute Bonds or Bonds having the same maturity date, bearing interest at the same rate, in any denomination or denominations in any integral multiple of \$5,000, at the written request of the Registered Owner, and in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof, will be issued to the Registered Owner upon the surrender thereof for cancellation, at the expense of the County, all as provided in the Bond Order.

**WITH RESPECT TO** any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless certain prerequisites to such redemption required by the Order have been met and moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed shall have been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice shall state that said redemption may, at the option of the County, be conditional upon the satisfaction of such prerequisites and receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon any prerequisite set forth in such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption and sufficient moneys are not received, such notice shall be of no force and effect, the County shall not redeem such Bonds and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that the Bonds have not been redeemed.

**ALL BONDS OF THIS SERIES** are issuable solely as fully registered Bonds, without interest coupons, in the denomination of any integral multiple of \$5,000. As provided in the Bond Order, this Bond, or any unredeemed portion hereof, may, at the request of the Registered Owner or the assignee or assignees hereof, be assigned, transferred and exchanged for a like aggregate principal amount of fully registered Bonds, without interest coupons, payable to the appropriate Registered Owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, having the same denomination or denominations in any integral multiple of \$5,000 as requested in writing by the appropriate Registered Owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, upon surrender of this Bond to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, all in accordance with the form and procedures set forth in the Bond Order. Among other requirements for such assignment and transfer, this Bond must be presented and surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, together with proper instruments of assignment, in form and with guarantee of signatures satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, evidencing assignment of this Bond or any portion or portions hereof in any integral multiple of \$5,000 to the assignee or assignees in whose name or names this Bond or any such portion or portions hereof is or are to be registered. The form of Assignment printed or endorsed on this Bond may be executed by the Registered Owner to evidence the assignment hereof, but such method is not exclusive, and other instruments of assignment satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar may be used to evidence the assignment of this Bond or any portion or portions

hereof from time to time by the Registered Owner. The Paying Agent/Registrar's reasonable standard or customary fees and charges for assigning, transferring, converting and exchanging any Bond or portion thereof will be paid by the County. In any circumstance, any taxes or governmental charges required to be paid with respect thereto shall be paid by the one requesting such assignment, transfer, conversion or exchange, as a condition precedent to the exercise of such privilege. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any such transfer, conversion, or exchange (i) during the period commencing on the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date or (ii) with respect to any Bond or portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 45 days prior to its redemption date; provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Registered Owner of the unredeemed balance of the Bond.

**WHENEVER** the beneficial ownership of this Bond is determined by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, the foregoing requirements of holding, delivering or transferring this Bond shall be modified to require the appropriate person or entity to meet the requirements of the securities depository as to registering or transferring the book entry to produce the same effect.

**IN THE EVENT** any Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is changed by the County, resigns, or otherwise ceases to act as such, the County has covenanted in the Bond Order that it promptly will appoint a competent and legally qualified substitute therefor, and cause written notice thereof to be mailed to the Registered Owners of the Bonds.

**IT IS HEREBY** certified, recited, and covenanted that this Bond has been duly and validly authorized, issued, and delivered; that all acts, conditions, and things required or proper to be performed, exist, and be done precedent to or in the authorization, issuance, and delivery of this Bond have been performed, existed, and been done in accordance with law; and that ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of this Bond, as such interest comes due, and as such principal matures, have been levied and ordered to be levied against all taxable property in the County, and have been pledged for such payment, within the limits prescribed by law.

**BY BECOMING** the Registered Owner of this Bond, the Registered Owner thereby acknowledges all of the terms and provisions of the Bond Order, agrees to be bound by such terms and provisions, acknowledges that the Bond Order is duly recorded and available for inspection in the official minutes and records of the governing body of the County, and agrees that the terms and provisions of this Bond and the Bond Order constitute a contract between each Registered Owner hereof and the County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County has caused this Bond to be signed with the manual or facsimile signature of the County Judge of the County and countersigned with the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk and County Treasurer, and has caused the official seal of the County to be duly impressed, or placed in facsimile, on this Bond.

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County Clerk

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County Judge

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County Treasurer

[COUNTY SEAL]

**FORM OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE**

**PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE**

(To be executed if this Bond is not accompanied by an  
executed Registration Certificate of the Comptroller  
of Public Accounts of the State of Texas)

It is hereby certified that this Bond has been issued under the provisions of the Bond Order described in the text of this Bond; and that this Bond has been issued in replacement of, or in exchange for, a Bond, Bonds, or a portion of a Bond or Bonds which originally was approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Dated

\_\_\_\_\_, Texas  
Paying Agent/Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

**FORM OF ASSIGNMENT**

**ASSIGNMENT**

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please insert Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number of Transferee

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print or typewrite name and address, including zip code, of Transferee

\_\_\_\_\_

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, attorney, to register the transfer of the

within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guaranteed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: The signature above must correspond with the name of the Registered Owner as it appears upon the front of this Bond in every particular without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever

**FORM OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF  
THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:**

**COMPTROLLER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE: REGISTER NO.**

I hereby certify that this Bond has been examined, certified as to validity, and approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and that this Bond has been registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Witness my signature and seal this \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Comptroller of Public Accounts  
of the State of Texas

[COMPTROLLER'S SEAL]

**INSERTIONS FOR THE INITIAL CURRENT INTEREST BOND**

(i) The initial Current Interest Bond shall be in the form set forth in this Section, except that:

A. immediately under the name of the Current Interest Bond, the headings "INTEREST RATE" and "MATURITY DATE" shall both be completed with the words "As shown below" and "CUSIP NO." shall be deleted.

B. the first paragraph shall be deleted and the following will be inserted:

**"ON THE MATURITY DATE SPECIFIED BELOW, Williamson County, Texas (the "County"), being a political subdivision, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified**

above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "Registered Owner"), on \_\_\_\_\_\* in each of the years, in the principal installments and bearing interest at the per annum rates set forth in the following schedule:

<u>Maturity</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>
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(Information from Pricing Certificate to be inserted)

The County promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) from \_\_\_\_\_\* at the respective Interest Rate per annum specified above. Interest is payable on \_\_\_\_\_\* and semiannually on each \_\_\_\_\_\* and \_\_\_\_\_\* thereafter to the date of payment of the principal installment specified above; except, that if this Bond is required to be authenticated and the date of its authentication is later than the first Record Date (hereinafter defined), such principal amount shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication, unless such date of authentication is after any Record Date but on or before the next following interest payment date, in which case such principal amount shall bear interest from such next following interest payment date; provided, however, that if on the date of authentication hereof the interest on the Bond or Bonds, if any, for which this Bond is being exchanged is due but has not been paid, then this Bond shall bear interest from the date to which such interest has been paid in full."

C. The initial Bond shall be numbered "T-1."

(ii) The Initial Compound Interest Bond shall be in the form set forth in this Section, except that:

A. immediately under the name of the Bond, the headings "INTEREST RATE" and "MATURITY DATE" shall both be completed with the words "As shown below" and "CUSIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_" shall be deleted.

B. the first paragraph shall be deleted and the following will be inserted:

**"WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS** (the "County"), being a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner set forth above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "Registered Owner") the Payment at Maturity on \_\_\_\_\_\* in each of the years and in installments of the respective Maturity Amounts set forth in the following schedule:

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<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>

(Information for the Premium Compound Interest Bonds  
from the Pricing Certificate to be inserted)

The amount shown above as the respective Maturity Amounts represent the principal amount hereof and accrued and compounded interest hereon. Interest shall accrue on the principal amount hereof from the Issuance Date at the interest rate per annum specified above, compounded semiannually on \_\_\_\_\_\* and \_\_\_\_\_\* of each year commencing \_\_\_\_\_. For convenience of reference, a table appears on the back of this Bond showing the "Compounded Amount" of the original principal amount plus initial premium, if any, per \$5,000 Maturity Amount compounded semiannually at the yield shown on such table."

C. the Initial Premium Compound Interest Bond shall be numbered "TPC-1."

**Section 6. INTEREST AND SINKING FUND.** A special Interest and Sinking Fund (the "Interest and Sinking Fund") is hereby created solely for the benefit of the Bonds, and the Interest and Sinking Fund shall be established and maintained by the County at an official depository bank of the County. The Interest and Sinking Fund shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the County and shall be used only for paying the interest on and principal of the Bonds. All ad valorem taxes levied and collected for and on account of the Bonds shall be deposited, as collected, to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund. During each year while any of the Bonds or interest thereon are outstanding and unpaid, the Commissioners Court of the County shall compute and ascertain a rate and amount of ad valorem tax which will be sufficient to raise and produce the money required to pay the interest on the Bonds as such interest comes due, and to provide and maintain a sinking fund adequate to pay the principal of the Bonds as such principal matures (but never less than 2% of the original principal amount of the Bonds as a sinking fund each year); and the tax shall be based on the latest approved tax rolls of the County, with full allowance being made for tax delinquencies and the cost of tax collection. The rate and amount of ad valorem tax is hereby levied, and is hereby ordered to be levied, against all taxable property in the County for each year while any of the Bonds or interest thereon are outstanding and unpaid; and the tax shall be assessed and collected each such year and deposited to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund. The ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of the Bonds, as such interest comes due and such principal matures, are hereby pledged for such payment within the legal limits prescribed by law. Accrued interest shall be deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund. Any remaining premium after payment of costs of issuance and deposits to the Escrow Fund shall be deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund and used to only pay principal of the Bonds.

**Section 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF ESCROW FUND AND DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.** (a) Escrow Fund. The proceeds of the Bonds less the costs of issuance and accrued

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interest, together with any cash contribution, in an amount necessary to refund the Refunded Obligations shall be deposited in the Escrow Fund created and governed by the terms of the Escrow Agreement substantially in the form previously used by the County in connection with refunding outstanding obligations, with such changes as approved by the Pricing Officer.

(b) Accrued Interest. Any accrued interest on the Bonds shall be deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund.

(c) Interest Earnings. Interest earnings derived from the investment of proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be used along with the Bond proceeds for the purpose for which the Bonds are issued as set forth in Section 1 hereof or to pay principal or interest payments on the Bonds; provided that after completion of such purpose, if any of such interest earnings remain on hand, such interest earnings shall be deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund. It is further provided, however, that any interest earnings on bond proceeds which are required to be rebated to the United States of America pursuant to Section 11 hereof in order to prevent the Bonds from being arbitrage bonds shall be so rebated and not considered as interest earnings for the purposes of this Section.

(d) Investment of Funds. The County hereby covenants that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds will be used as soon as practicable for the purposes for which the Bonds are issued. Obligations purchased as an investment of money in any fund shall be deemed to be a part of such fund. Any money in any fund created by this Bond Order, other than the Escrow Fund, may be invested as permitted by the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended. The Escrow Fund shall be invested only as directed by the Escrow Agreement.

(e) Security for Funds. All funds created by this Bond Order shall be secured in the manner and to the fullest extent required by law for the security of funds of the County.

(f) Maintenance of Funds. Any funds created pursuant to this Bond Order, other than the Escrow Fund, may be created as separate funds or accounts or as subaccounts of the County's General Fund held by the County's depository, and, as such, not held in separate bank accounts, such treatment shall not constitute a commingling of the monies in such funds or of such funds and the County shall keep full and complete records indicating the monies and investments credited to each such fund.

(g) Perfection. Chapter 1208, Texas Government Code, applies to the issuance of the Bonds and the pledge of the ad valorem taxes granted by the County under this Section, and is therefore valid, effective, and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid such that the pledge of the ad valorem taxes granted by the County under this Section is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, Business and Commerce Code, then in order to preserve to the Owners of the Bonds the perfection of the security interest in said pledge, the County agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, Business and Commerce Code and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in said pledge to occur.

(h) Appropriation of Available Funds. There is hereby appropriated from funds of the County lawfully available for such purpose a sum sufficient to pay the interest and/or principal to become due on the Bonds prior to receipt of applicable tax receipts.

**Section 8. DEFEASANCE OF BONDS.** (a) Any Bond and the interest thereon shall be deemed to be paid, retired and no longer outstanding (a "Defeased Bond") within the meaning of this Bond Order, except to the extent provided in subsections (c) and (e) of this Section, when payment of the principal of such Bond, plus interest thereon to the due date or dates (whether such due date or dates be by reason of maturity, upon redemption, or otherwise) either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof (including the giving of any required notice of redemption) or (ii) shall have been provided for on or before such due date by irrevocably depositing with or making available to the Paying Agent/Registrar or commercial bank or trust company for such payment (1) lawful money of the United States of America sufficient to make such payment, (2) Defeasance Securities, certified by an independent public accounting firm of national reputation to mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will ensure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to provide for such payment and when proper arrangements have been made by the County with the Paying Agent/Registrar or commercial bank or trust company for the payment of its services until all Defeased Bonds shall have become due and payable or (3) any combination of (1) and (2). At such time as a Bond shall be deemed to be a Defeased Bond hereunder, as aforesaid, such Bond and the interest thereon shall no longer be secured by, payable from, or entitled to the benefits of, the ad valorem taxes herein levied as provided in this Order, and such principal and interest shall be payable solely from such money or Defeasance Securities.

(b) The deposit under clause (ii) of subsection (a) shall be deemed a payment of a Bond as aforesaid when proper notice of redemption of such Bonds shall have been given, in accordance with this Bond Order. Any money so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar or commercial bank or trust company as provided in this Section may at the discretion of the Commissioners Court also be invested in Defeasance Securities, maturing in the amounts and at the times as hereinbefore set forth, and all income from all Defeasance Securities in possession of the Paying Agent/Registrar or commercial bank or trust company pursuant to this Section which is not required for the payment of such Bond and premium, if any, and interest thereon with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be turned over to the Commissioners Court.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of any other Section of this Bond Order which may be contrary to the provisions of this Section, all money or Defeasance Securities set aside and held in trust pursuant to the provisions of this Section for the payment of principal of the Bonds and premium, if any, and interest thereon, shall be applied to and used solely for the payment of the particular Bonds and premium, if any, and interest thereon, with respect to which such money or Defeasance Securities have been so set aside in trust. Until all Defeased Bonds shall have become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for such Defeased Bonds the same as if they had not been defeased, and the County shall make proper arrangements to provide and pay for such services as required by this Bond Order.

(d) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere in this Bond Order, if money or Defeasance Securities have been deposited or set aside with the Paying Agent/Registrar or commercial bank

or trust company pursuant to this Section for the payment of Bonds and such Bonds shall not have in fact been actually paid in full, no amendment of the provisions of this Section shall be made without the consent of the registered owner of each Bond affected thereby.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) immediately above, to the extent that, upon the defeasance of any Defeased Bond to be paid at its maturity, the County retains the right under Texas law to later call that Defeased Bond for redemption in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Order authorizing its issuance, the County may call such Defeased Bond for redemption upon complying with the provisions of Texas law and upon the satisfaction of the provisions of subsection (a) immediately above with respect to such Defeased Bond as though it was being defeased at the time of the exercise of the option to redeem the Defeased Bond and the effect of the redemption is taken into account in determining the sufficiency of the provisions made for the payment of the Defeased Bond.

**Section 9. DAMAGED, MUTILATED, LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED BONDS.** (a) Replacement Bonds. In the event any outstanding Bond is damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cause to be printed, executed, and delivered, a new Bond of the same principal amount, maturity, and interest rate, as the damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Bond, in replacement for such Bond in the manner hereinafter provided.

(b) Application for Replacement Bonds. Application for replacement of damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Bonds shall be made by the Registered Owner thereof to the Paying Agent/Registrar. In every case of loss, theft, or destruction of a Bond, the Registered Owner applying for a replacement bond shall furnish to the County and to the Paying Agent/Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless from any loss or damage with respect thereto. Also, in every case of loss, theft, or destruction of a Bond, the Registered Owner shall furnish to the County and to the Paying Agent/Registrar evidence to their satisfaction of the loss, theft, or destruction of such Bond, as the case may be. In every case of damage or mutilation of a Bond, the Registered Owner shall surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation the Bond so damaged or mutilated.

(c) No Default Occurred. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, in the event any such Bond shall have matured, and no default has occurred which is then continuing in the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, or interest on the Bond, the County may authorize the payment of the same (without surrender thereof except in the case of a damaged or mutilated Bond) instead of issuing a replacement Bond, provided security or indemnity is furnished as above provided in this Section.

(d) Charge for Issuing Replacement Bonds. Prior to the issuance of any replacement Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall charge the Registered Owner of such Bond with all legal, printing, and other expenses in connection therewith. Every replacement Bond issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section by virtue of the fact that any Bond is lost, stolen, or destroyed shall constitute a contractual obligation of the County whether or not the lost, stolen, or destroyed Bond shall be found at any time, or be enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Bond Order equally and proportionately with any and all other Bonds duly issued under this Bond Order.

(e) Authority for Issuing Replacement Bonds. In accordance with Subchapter D of Texas Government Code, Chapter 1201, this Section 9 shall constitute authority for the issuance of any such replacement Bond without necessity of further action by the governing body of the County or any other body or person, and the duty of the replacement of such Bonds is hereby authorized and imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver such Bonds in the form and manner and with the effect, as provided in Section 4(a) of this Bond Order for Bonds issued in conversion and exchange for other Bonds.

**Section 10. CUSTODY, APPROVAL, AND REGISTRATION OF BONDS; BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION; CUSIP NUMBERS AND CONTINGENT INSURANCE PROVISION, IF OBTAINED.** The County Judge is hereby authorized to have control of the Bonds initially issued and delivered hereunder and all necessary records and proceedings pertaining to the Bonds pending their delivery and their investigation, examination, and approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and their registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas. Upon registration of the Bonds the Comptroller of Public Accounts (or a deputy designated in writing to act for the Comptroller) shall manually sign the Comptroller's Registration Certificate attached to such Bonds, and the seal of the Comptroller shall be impressed, or placed in facsimile, on such Certificate. The approving legal opinion of the County's Bond Counsel and the assigned CUSIP numbers may, at the option of the County, be printed on the Bonds issued and delivered under this Bond Order, but neither shall have any legal effect, and shall be solely for the convenience and information of the Registered Owners of the Bonds. In addition, if bond insurance or other credit enhancement is obtained, the Bonds may bear an appropriate legend.

**Section 11. COVENANTS REGARDING TAX EXEMPTION OF INTEREST ON THE TAX-EXEMPT BONDS.** (a) Covenants. The County covenants to take any action necessary to assure, or refrain from any action which would adversely affect, the treatment of the Tax-Exempt Bonds as obligations described in section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the interest on which is not includable in the "gross income" of the holder for purposes of federal income taxation. In furtherance thereof, the County covenants as follows:

(1) to take any action to assure that no more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds or the Refunded Obligations or the projects financed or refinanced therewith (less amounts deposited to a reserve fund, if any) are used for any "private business use," as defined in section 141(b)(6) of the Code or, if more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds or the Refunded Bonds or the projects financed or refinanced therewith are so used, such amounts, whether or not received by the County, with respect to such private business use, do not, under the terms of this Bond Order or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secure or provide for the payment of more than 10 percent of the debt service on the Tax-Exempt Bonds, in contravention of section 141(b)(2) of the Code;

(2) to take any action to assure that in the event that the "private business use" described in subsection (1) hereof exceeds 5 percent of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds or the Refunded Bonds or the projects financed or refinanced therewith (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) then the amount in excess of 5 percent is

used for a "private business use" which is "related" and not "disproportionate," within the meaning of section 141(b)(3) of the Code, to the governmental use;

(3) to take any action to assure that no amount which is greater than the lesser of \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) is directly or indirectly used to finance loans to persons, other than state or local governmental units, in contravention of section 141(c) of the Code;

(4) to refrain from taking any action which would otherwise result in the Tax-Exempt Bonds being treated as "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141(b) of the Code;

(5) to refrain from taking any action that would otherwise result in the Tax-Exempt Bonds being "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of section 149(b) of the Code;

(6) to refrain from using any portion of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds, directly or indirectly, to acquire or to replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire investment property (as defined in section 148(b)(2) of the Code) which produces a materially higher yield over the term of the Tax-Exempt Bonds, other than investment property acquired with --

(A) proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds invested for a reasonable temporary period of 3 years or less or, in the case of a refunding bond, for a period of 90 days or less until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the bonds are issued,

(B) amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of section 1.148-1(b) of the Treasury Regulations, and

(C) amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed 10 percent of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds;

(7) to otherwise restrict the use of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds or amounts treated as proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds, as may be necessary, so that the Tax-Exempt Bonds do not otherwise contravene the requirements of section 148 of the Code (relating to arbitrage);

(8) to refrain from using the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds or proceeds of any prior bonds to pay debt service on another issue more than 90 days after the date of issue of the Tax-Exempt Bonds in contravention of the requirements of section 149(d) of the Code (relating to advance refundings); and

(9) to pay to the United States of America at least once during each five-year period (beginning on the date of delivery of the Tax-Exempt Bonds) an amount that is at least equal to 90 percent of the "Excess Earnings," within the meaning of section 148(f) of the Code and to pay to the United States of America, not later than 60 days after the Tax-

Exempt Bonds have been paid in full, 100 percent of the amount then required to be paid as a result of Excess Earnings under section 148(f) of the Code.

(b) Rebate Fund. In order to facilitate compliance with the above covenant (9), a "Rebate Fund" is hereby established by the County for the sole benefit of the United States of America, and such fund shall not be subject to the claim of any other person, including without limitation the bondholders. The Rebate Fund is established for the additional purpose of compliance with section 148 of the Code.

(c) Proceeds. The County understands that the term "proceeds" includes "disposition proceeds" as defined in the Treasury Regulations and, in the case of refunding bonds, transferred proceeds (if any) and proceeds of the refunded bonds expended prior to the date of issuance of the Bonds. It is the understanding of the County that the covenants contained herein are intended to assure compliance with the Code and any regulations or rulings promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant thereto. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which modify or expand provisions of the Code, as applicable to the Tax-Exempt Bonds, the County will not be required to comply with any covenant contained herein to the extent that such failure to comply, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds under section 103 of the Code. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which impose additional requirements which are applicable to the Tax-Exempt Bonds, the County agrees to comply with the additional requirements to the extent necessary, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, to preserve the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds under section 103 of the Code. In furtherance of such intention, the County hereby authorizes and directs the Pricing Officer to execute any documents, certificates or reports required by the Code and to make such elections, on behalf of the County, which may be permitted by the Code as are consistent with the purpose for the issuance of the Bonds. This Bond Order is intended to satisfy the official intent requirements set forth in Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

(d) Disposition of Project. The County covenants that the property constituting the projects financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds will not be sold or otherwise disposed in a transaction resulting in the receipt by the County of cash or other compensation, unless the County obtains an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that such sale or other disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purposes of the foregoing, the portion of the property comprising personal property and disposed in the ordinary course shall not be treated as a transaction resulting in the receipt of cash or other compensation. For purposes hereof, the County shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest.

**Section 12. SALE OF BONDS.** Each Series of Bonds shall be sold and delivered, pursuant to each purchase agreement by and between the County and the Underwriters or initial purchaser, as applicable, in substantially the form previously approved by the County in connection with refunding bonds at a price and under the terms set forth in each Pricing Certificate.

The Pricing Officer is authorized to approve such changes to each bond purchase agreement as necessary in connection with the sale of each Series of the Bonds.

**Section 13. REMEDIES IN EVENT OF DEFAULT.** (a) Events of Default. Each of the following occurrences or events for the purpose of this Bond Order is hereby declared to be an Event of Default:

(i) the failure to make payment of the principal of or interest on any of the Bonds when the same becomes due and payable; or

(ii) default in the performance or observance of any other covenant, agreement or obligation of the County, the failure to perform which materially, adversely affects the rights of the Registered Owners of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, their prospect or ability to be repaid in accordance with this Bond Order, and the continuation thereof for a period of 60 days after written notice of such default is given by any Registered Owner to the County.

(b) Remedies for Default.

(i) Upon the happening of any Event of Default, then and in every case, any Registered Owner or an authorized representative thereof, including, but not limited to, a trustee or trustees therefor, may proceed against the County, or any official, officer or employee of the County in their official capacity, for the purpose of protecting and enforcing the rights of the Registered Owners under this Bond Order, by mandamus or other suit, action or special proceeding in equity or at law, in any court of competent jurisdiction, for any relief permitted by law, including the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein, or thereby to enjoin any act or thing that may be unlawful or in violation of any right of the Registered Owners hereunder or any combination of such remedies.

(ii) It is provided that all such proceedings shall be instituted and maintained for the equal benefit of all Registered Owners of Bonds then outstanding.

(c) Remedies Not Exclusive.

(i) No remedy herein conferred or reserved is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or under the Bonds or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond Order, the right to accelerate the debt evidenced by the Bonds shall not be available as a remedy under this Bond Order.

(ii) The exercise of any remedy herein conferred or reserved shall not be deemed a waiver of any other available remedy.

(iii) By accepting the delivery of a Bond authorized under this Bond Order, such Registered Owner agrees that the certifications required to effectuate any covenants or representations contained in this Bond Order do not and shall never constitute or give rise

to a personal or pecuniary liability or charge against the officers, employees or trustees of the County or the Commissioners Court.

**Section 14. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT.** The Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to approve the Preliminary Official Statement in connection with each Series of Bonds, the Official Statement relating to each Series of the Bonds and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and to deem such documents final in accordance with Rule 15c2-12. The County further approves the distribution of such Official Statement in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Underwriter in final form, with such changes therein or additions thereto as the Pricing Officer executing the same may deem advisable, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by his execution thereof.

One or more Paying Agent/Registrar Agreements by and between the County and the paying agent/registrar ("Paying Agent Agreement") in substantially the form and substance previously approved by the County is hereby approved and the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized and directed to complete, amend, modify and execute the Paying Agent Agreement, as necessary.

**Section 15. APPROVAL OF ESCROW AGREEMENT.** The Escrow Agreement in connection with each Series of the Bonds by and between the County and the Escrow Agent ("Escrow Agreement") is hereby approved, and the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to complete, amend, modify and execute each Escrow Agreement, as necessary.

**Section 16. ESCROW AGREEMENT AND RELATED PROVISIONS.** (a) the discharge and defeasance of Refunded Obligations shall be effectuated pursuant to the terms and provision of an Escrow Agreement, in the form and containing the terms and provisions as shall be approved by a Pricing Officer, including designation of the Escrow Agent and insertions, additions, deletions, and modifications as may be necessary (a) to carry out the program designed for the County by the underwriters or purchasers, (b) to maximize the County's present value savings and /or to minimize the County's costs of refunding, (c) to comply with all applicable laws and regulations relations to the refunding of the Refunded Obligations and (d) to carry out the other intents and purposes of this order; and, the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such Escrow Agreement on behalf of the County, in multiple counterparts.

(b) To maximize the County's present value savings and to minimize the County's costs of refunding, the County hereby authorizes and directs that certain of the Refunded Obligations shall be called for redemption prior to maturity in the amounts , at the dates and at the redemption prices set forth in each Pricing Certificate, and the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized an directed to take all necessary and appropriate action to give or cause to be given a notice of redemption to the holders or paying agent/registrars, as appropriate, of such Refunded Obligations, in the manner required by the documents authorizing the issuance of such Refunded Obligations.

(c) A Pricing Officer and the Escrow Agent are each hereby authorized (a) to subscribe for, agree to purchase, and purchase Defeasance Securities that are permitted investments for a defeasance escrow established to defease Refunded Obligations, and to execute any and all subscriptions, purchase agreement, commitments, letter of authorization and other documents necessary to effectuate the foregoing, and any actions heretofore taken for such purpose are hereby



ratified and approved, and (b) to authorize such contributions to the escrow fund as are provided in each Escrow Agreement.

**Section 17. NOTICE TO PAYING AGENT.** The Refunded Obligations shall be called for redemption pursuant to each Pricing Certificate, and the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to direct the respective paying agents for the Refunded Obligations to make appropriate arrangements so that such Refunded Obligations may be redeemed on the respective redemption dates pursuant to the Pricing Certificate. A copy of such notice of redemption shall be delivered to the respective paying agents so mentioned in the notices.

**Section 18. CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING.** (a) Annual Reports. The County shall provide annually to the MSRB, (1) within six months after the end of each fiscal year of the County ending in or after 2025, financial information and operating data with respect to the County of the general type included in the final Official Statement authorized by Section 14 of this Bond Order, being information of the type described in each Pricing Certificate, including financial statements of the County if audited financial statements of the County are then available, and (2) if not provided as part of such financial information and operating data, audited financial statements of the County, when and if available. Any financial statements to be provided shall be (i) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Exhibit "A" hereto, or such other accounting principles as the County may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and in substantially the form included in the official statement, and (ii) audited, if the County commissions an audit of such financial statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the County shall file unaudited financial statements within such 12-month period and audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such statements becomes available.

If the County changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB of the change (and of the date of the new fiscal year end) prior to the next date by which the County otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data pursuant to this Section.

(b) Event Notices. The County shall notify the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
2. Non-payment related defaults, if material;
3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701–TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds
7. Modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
8. Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
9. Defeasances;
10. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
11. Rating changes;
12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the County;
13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the County or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the County, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the County, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the County any of which affect security holders, if material; and
16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the County, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in the immediately preceding paragraph (12) is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the County in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the County, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers of the County in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or government authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the County, and (b) the County intends the words used in the immediately

preceding paragraphs (15) and (16) and the definition of Financial Obligation in Section 2 of this Bond Order to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

The County shall notify the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the County to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section by the time required by such subsection. All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

(c) Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments. The County shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section for so long as, but only for so long as, the County remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, except that the County in any event will give notice of any deposit made in accordance with Section 8 of this Bond Order that causes the Bonds no longer to be outstanding.

The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds, and nothing in this Section, express or implied, shall give any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder to any other person. The County undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this Section and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the City's financial results, condition, or prospects or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this Section or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The County does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE COUNTY BE LIABLE TO THE HOLDER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY BOND OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE COUNTY, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITHOUT FAULT ON ITS PART, OF ANY COVENANT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, BUT EVERY RIGHT AND REMEDY OF ANY SUCH PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH BREACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN ACTION FOR *MANDAMUS* OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

No default by the County in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall comprise a breach of or default under this Bond Order for purposes of any other provision of this Bond Order.

Should the Rule be amended to obligate the County to make filings with or provide notices to entities other than the MSRB, the County hereby agrees to undertake such obligation with respect to the Bonds in accordance with the Rule as amended.

Nothing in this Section is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive, or otherwise limit the duties of the County under federal and state securities laws.

The provisions of this Section may be amended by the County from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the County, but only if (1) the provisions of this Section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule since such offering as well as such changed circumstances and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Bond Order that authorizes such an amendment) of the outstanding Bonds consents to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the County (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that such amendment will not materially impair the interest of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. If the County so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section an explanation, in narrative form, of the reason for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided. The County may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds.

(d) Format, Identifying Information, and Incorporation by Reference. All financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices required by this Section to be provided to the MSRB shall be provided in an electronic format and be accompanied by identifying information prescribed by the MSRB.

Financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to Subsection (a) of this Section may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document) available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC.

**Section 19. AMENDMENT OF ORDER.** The County hereby reserves the right to amend this Bond Order subject to the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

(a) The County may from time to time, without the consent of any holder, except as otherwise required by paragraph (b) below, amend or supplement this Bond Order in order to (i) cure any ambiguity, defect or omission in this Bond Order that does not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders, (ii) grant additional rights or security for the benefit of the holders, (iii) add events of default as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Bond Order and that shall not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders, (iv) qualify this Bond Order under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or corresponding provisions of federal laws from time to time in effect, or (v) make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under this Bond Order as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Bond Order and that shall not in the opinion of the County's Bond Counsel materially adversely affect the interests of the holders.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) above, the holders of Bonds aggregating in principal amount 51% of the aggregate principal amount of then Outstanding Bonds that are the subject of a proposed amendment shall have the right from time to time to approve any amendment hereto that may be deemed necessary or desirable by the County; provided, however, that without the consent of 100% of the holders in aggregate principal amount of the then Outstanding Bonds, nothing herein contained shall permit or be construed to permit amendment of the terms and conditions of this Bond Order or in any of the Bonds so as to:

- (1) Make any change in the maturity of any of the Outstanding Bonds;
- (2) Reduce the rate of interest borne by any of the Outstanding Bonds;
- (3) Reduce the amount of the principal of, or redemption premium, if any, payable on any Outstanding Bonds;
- (4) Modify the terms of payment of principal or of interest or redemption premium on Outstanding Bonds or any of them or impose any condition with respect to such payment; or
- (5) Change the minimum percentage of the principal amount of any series of Bonds necessary for consent to such amendment.

(c) If at any time the County shall desire to amend this Bond Order under this Section, the County shall send by U.S. mail to each registered owner of the affected Bonds a copy of the proposed amendment and cause notice of the proposed amendment to be published at least once in a financial publication published in The City of New York, New York or in the State of Texas. Such published notice shall briefly set forth the nature of the proposed amendment and shall state that a copy thereof is on file at the office of the County for inspection by all holders of such Bonds.

(d) Whenever at any time within one year from the date of publication of such notice the County shall receive an instrument or instruments executed by the holders of at least 51% in aggregate principal amount of all of the Bonds then Outstanding that are required for the amendment, which instrument or instruments shall refer to the proposed amendment and that shall specifically consent to and approve such amendment, the County may adopt the amendment in substantially the same form.

(e) Upon the adoption of any amendatory Bond Order pursuant to the provisions of this Section, this Bond Order shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance with such amendatory Bond Order, and the respective rights, duties, and obligations of the County and all holders of such affected Bonds shall thereafter be determined, exercised, and enforced, subject in all respects to such amendment.

(f) Any consent given by the holder of a Bond pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be irrevocable for a period of six months from the date of the publication of the notice provided for in this Section and shall be conclusive and binding upon all future holders of the same Bond during such period. Such consent may be revoked at any time after six months from the date

of the publication of said notice by the holder who gave such consent, or by a successor in title, by filing notice with the County, but such revocation shall not be effective if the holders of 51% in aggregate principal amount of the affected Bonds then Outstanding, have, prior to the attempted revocation, consented to and approved the amendment.

**Section 20. NO PERSONAL LIABILITY.** No covenant or agreement contained in the Bonds, this Bond Order or any corollary instrument shall be deemed to be the covenant or agreement of any member of the Commissioners Court or any officer, agent, employee or representative of the County in his individual capacity, and neither the Commissioners Court, directors, members, officers, agents, employees or representatives of the County nor any person executing the Bonds shall be personally liable thereon or be subject to any personal liability for damages or otherwise or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof, or any actions taken or duties performed in relation to the issuance of the Bonds, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty, or otherwise, all such liability being expressly released and waived as a condition of and in consideration for the issuance of the Bonds.

**Section 21. FURTHER ACTIONS.** The County Judge, the County Auditor and the First Assistant County Auditor of the County (each an "Authorized Representative") are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and under the corporate seal and on behalf of the County all such instruments, whether or not herein mentioned, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this this Bond Order, the Bonds, the initial sale and delivery of the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement, Escrow Agreement and the Official Statement.

In addition, prior to the initial delivery of the Bonds, each of the County Judge, the County Auditor and Bond Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to approve any changes or corrections to this Bond Order or to any of the instruments authorized and approved by this Bond Order necessary in order to (i) correct any ambiguity or mistake or properly or more completely document the transactions contemplated and approved by this Bond Order and as described in the Official Statement or (ii) obtain the approval of the Bonds by the Texas Attorney General's office. Bond Counsel is authorized to insert into the Pricing Certificate any necessary provisions required by the Bond Insurer and agreed to by the Pricing Officer.

In case any officer of the County whose signature shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

**Section 22. INTERPRETATIONS.** All terms defined herein and all pronouns used in this Bond Order shall be deemed to apply equally to singular and plural and to all genders. The titles and headings of the articles and sections of this Bond Order have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered a part hereof and shall not in any way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof. This Bond Order and all the terms and provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein and to

sustain the validity of the Bonds and the validity of the lien on and pledge to secure the payment of the Bonds.

**Section 23. INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS.** All orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provisions of this Bond Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and the provisions of this Bond Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters contained herein.

**Section 24. INTERESTED PARTIES.** Nothing in this Bond Order expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or entity, other than the County and the registered owners of the Bonds, any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Bond Order or any covenant, condition or stipulation hereof, and all covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Bond Order contained by and on behalf of the County shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the County and the registered owners of the Bonds.

**Section 25. SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Bond Order are severable; and in case any one or more of the provisions of this Bond Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance should be held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or ineffective as to any person or circumstance, the remainder of this Bond Order nevertheless shall be valid, and the application of any such invalid provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 26. REPEALER.** All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 27. PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FEE.** The County hereby authorizes the disbursement of a fee equal to the lesser of (i) one-tenth of one percent of the principal amount of the Bonds or (ii) \$9,500, provided that such fee shall not be less than \$750, to the Attorney General of Texas Public Finance Division for payment of the examination fee charged by the State of Texas for the Attorney General's review and approval of public securities and credit agreements, as required by Section 1202.004 of the Texas Government Code. The appropriate member of the County's staff is hereby instructed to take the necessary measures to make this payment. The County is also authorized to reimburse the appropriate County funds for such payment from proceeds of the Bonds.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **DESCRIPTION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

#### **Accounting Principles**

The accounting principles of the County relating to funds and account groups will conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental entities.