ORDER GRANTING PETITION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (the "Code"), a petition has been received by the County Judge requesting the Commissioners Court to consider the creation of the Williamson County Emergency Services District # 12, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding said petition has been called, noticed and posted pursuant to Section 775.015 of the Code, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing occurred on the 21st day of June, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas now makes the following findings:

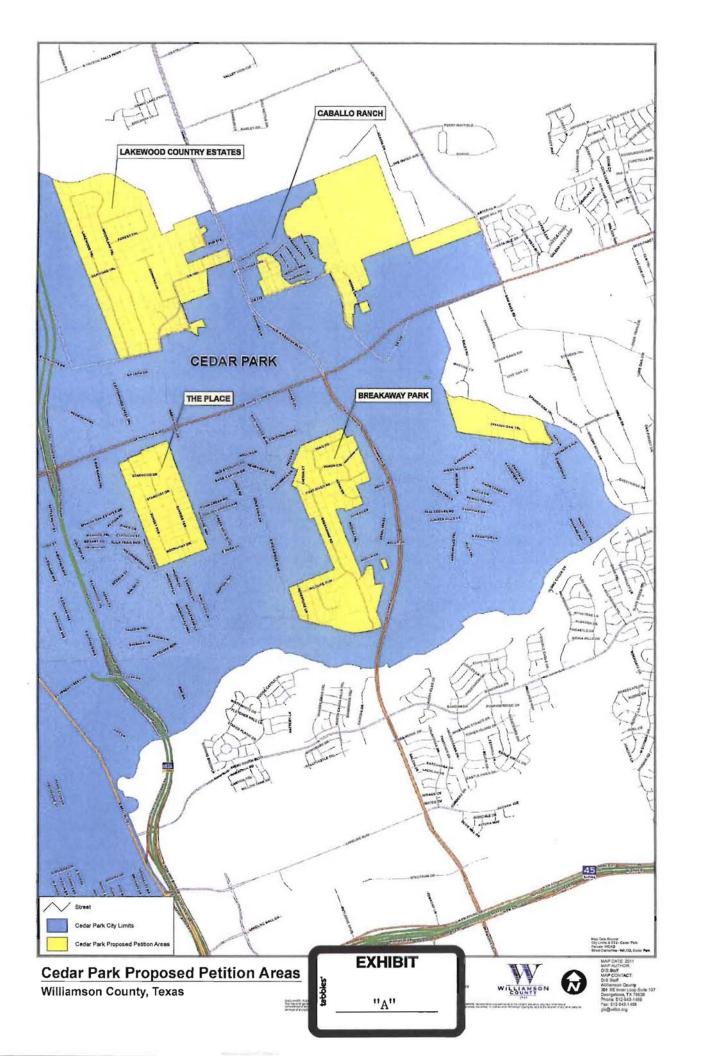
- 1. That the creation of the Williamson County Emergency Services District # 12 (the "District") is feasible, and will promote the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the persons residing in said District.
- 2. That the boundaries of said District shall be as shown in the petition and as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto.
- 3. That the District lies within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Cedar Park, which has consented to the creation of the District, and that the proposed District would not meet the requirements stated in Section 775.017(a) of the Code if the territory within said district was excluded from the District.
- 4. That the petition has been signed by the requisite number of registered voters within the district.
- 5. That the petition is hereby granted and approved.
- 6. That an election regarding the creation of the District and imposition of a tax rate of no more than ten cents per one hundred dollar valuation shall be called.

Dan Gattis, County Judge

06-27-1

Attest:

Nancy Rister, County Clerk



ORDER

AN ORDER OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, CALLING AN ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2011 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #12, IMPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX; DESIGNATING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR PERFORMANCE OF REQUIRED ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION; CERTIFYING PROVISION OF REQUIRED ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEMS AT EACH POLLING PLACE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code (as amended), Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Williamson County Commissioners Court is authorized to order an election for the purpose of creating the Williamson County Emergency Services District # 12 and the imposition of an ad valorem tax of no more than Ten Cents per one hundred dollar valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Court has determined that Saturday, November 8, 2011 is the appropriate date for holding such election, and that date allows sufficient time to comply with requirements of law; and

WHEREAS, the Court wishes to encourage all registered voters within the proposed district to vote in this election; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the

written public notice of the date, hour, place, purpose and subject of the meeting at which this Order was adopted, was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (as amended); Now, therefore:

BE IT ORDERED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT,
THAT:

Section 1. ELECTION DATE, PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES, AND ELECTION JUDGES.

Election Date. An election shall be held on Saturday, November 8, 2011 in accordance with the attached Order of Election, which Order of Election is labeled as Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Precincts and Polling Places. For voters in the proposed district, the County hereby designates the election precincts and polling places designated by the Williamson County Elections Administrator and approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court for Election Day voting, and same are delineated on Exhibit "A1" attached to the Order of Election and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Election Judges. For voters in the proposed district, the Williamson County Elections Administrator is conducting such election for the County pursuant to state law The Court hereby appoints, for the term of such election, the presiding election judge(s) and alternate election judge(s) as being those designated by the Williamson County Elections Administrator.

Section 2. ELECTION CLERKS.

The presiding election judge is hereby authorized to appoint the number of election clerks necessary to assist in the proper conduct of the election. If the election is conducted by the regularly appointed presiding election judge, then the alternate presiding election judge shall be appointed to serve as one of the clerks. The appointment of such clerks shall include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on the day of the election.

Section 3. EARLY VOTING.

Early Voting Clerk. The Court hereby appoints the Williamson County Elections Administrator as the Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk. The Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which applications for ballots by mail may be sent, for voters residing in Williamson County, is as follows:

Rick Barron
Post Office Box 209
Georgetown, TX 78627

Applications for ballots by mail must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2011.

<u>Dates for Early Voting.</u> Early voting shall commence on October 24, 2011 and continue through November 4, 2011, as provided by the Texas Election Code and as shown on attached exhibits.

Places for Early Voting. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail at the early voting polling places and temporary polling places designated by the Williamson County Elections Administrator and approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court for early voting, and same are delineated on Exhibit "A2" attached to the Order of Election and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Times for Early Voting. During the period in which early voting is required or permitted by law, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be designated in writing by the Williamson County Elections Administrator, and approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

Section 4. EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created to process early

voting results, and the County hereby appoints the presiding judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board as appointed by the Williamson County Elections Administrator. Such presiding judge shall appoint not less than two (2) other qualified members to serve on such Board.

Section 5. CUSTODIAN OF ELECTION RECORDS.

Pursuant to the Texas Election Code, the Williamson County Elections Administrator shall serve as the custodian of voted ballots, and the County Clerk of Williamson County shall be appointed as custodian of all other election records.

Section 6. VOTERS.

All resident, qualified voters within the proposed district shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 7. NOTICE.

<u>Posting.</u> Notice of this election, including a Spanish translation hereof, shall be given by posting the appropriate documentation on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Commissioners court meetings, and same shall be posted not later than 21 days before November 8, 2011 and shall remain posted through Election Day.

<u>Publication.</u> Notice of this election, including a Spanish translation hereof, shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, the publication to appear not earlier than the 30th day before November 8, 2011 nor later than the 10th day before November 8, 2011.

<u>Authorization to County Clerk</u>. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post the required notices in the manner and for the time periods required by law.

Section 9. VOTING DEVICES.

Pursuant to the Election Code, the Williamson County Elections Administrator may use electronic voting systems and corresponding voting devices and equipment in conducting the election. The Williamson County Elections Administrator is currently using

election systems and software certified by the Texas Secretary of State.

The Commissioners Court finds as follows:

Section 61.012, Texas Election Code, requires that at least one accessible voting station must be provided in each polling place used in a Texas election on or after January 1, 2006. Such system must comply with state and federal laws setting the requirements for voting systems that (i) fully comply with applicable laws relating to accessible voting systems which make voting accessible for disabled voters; and (ii) provide a practical and effective means for voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. The Office of the Texas Secretary of State has certified that the DRE - Election Systems and Software iVotronic is an accessible voting system that may legally be used in Texas elections.

Sections 123.032 and 123.035, Texas Election Code, authorize the acquisition of voting systems by local political subdivisions and further mandate certain minimum requirements for contracts relating to the acquisition of such voting systems. As chief elections officer for the County, the Williamson County Elections Administrator shall provide at least one DRE - Election Systems and Software iVotronic in each polling place at every polling location used to conduct any election ordered on or after January 1, 2006. The DRE - Election Systems and Software iVotronic may be acquired by any legal means available to the County, including but not limited to lease or rental from Williamson County or from any other legal source, as authorized or required by Sections 123.032 and 123.035 of the Texas Election Code.

The Williamson County Elections Administrator may also utilize a central counting station as provided by Texas Election Code § 127.000 et seq., as amended.

Section 9. CONDUCT ACCORDING TO STATUTES.

In all substantive respects, the election shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, any other applicable statutes.

Section 10. ELECTION RESULTS.

The Williamson County Elections Administrator shall conduct an unofficial tabulation of results after the closing of the polls.

The official canvass, tabulation and declaration of the results of the election shall be conducted by the Court at a regular or special meeting held in accordance with provisions of the Texas Election Code.

Section 12. MISCELLANEOUS.

The provisions of this Resolution are severable; and in case any one or more of the provisions of this 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, then the remainder of this 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.

The Court hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Order was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all in accordance with and as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, and the Act.

ORDERED on this the 21ST day of June, 2011.

ATTEST:

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Nancy Rister, County Clerk

Dan Gattis County Judge

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EXHIBIT "A"

ORDER OF ELECTION Williamson County , TEXAS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 8, 2011, for the purpose of purpose of creating the Williamson County Emergency Services District # 12 and the imposition of an ad valorem tax of no more than Ten Cents per one hundred dollar valuation.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the locations designated by the Williamson County Elections Administrator and approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

For voters in Williamson County, applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Rick Barron
Post Office Box 209
Georgetown, TX 78627

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Issued this the 21st day of June, 2011.

Dan Gattis County Judge

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EXHIBIT "A1" (ANEXO "A1")

The polling places for the election shall be at the following locations:

Vista Ridge High Scholl performing Arts Center at 200 South Vista ridge Blvd., Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Cedar Park Library at 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park, Texas

Block House Creek Elementary at 401 Creek Run Drive, Leander, Texas 78641