

ORDINANCE NO. 011124-02

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$1,250,000 “CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2024”; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE CERTIFICATES BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND FURTHER SECURING THE CERTIFICATES BY A LIEN ON AND PLEDGE OF THE SURPLUS REVENUES; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CERTIFICATES AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF THE CERTIFICATES, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL BID FORM; COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY’S LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Council (the *Governing Body*) of the City of La Vernia, Texas (the *Issuer* or the *City*) has caused notice to be given of its intention to issue certificates of obligation in the maximum principal amount of \$1,250,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of contractual obligations of the Issuer to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (i) planning, acquiring, designing, equipping, and constructing certain drainage and flood control improvements, and (ii) paying for professional services rendered by engineers, attorneys, and financial advisors in connection with the above projects and Certificates of Obligation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 271.049, as amended, Texas Government Code, the City confirms that notice of the City’s intention to issue certificates of obligation (the *Notice*) was approved by ordinance at a public meeting and stated (1) the then current principal of all outstanding debt of the City; (2) the then current combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations of the City on time and in full, based on the City’s expectations relative to the interest due on any variable rate debt obligations, as applicable (3) the maximum principal amount of the certificates of obligation to be authorized; (4) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates of obligation in full; (5) the estimated interest rate for the certificates of obligation or that the maximum interest rate for the certificates of obligation may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (6) the maximum maturity date of the certificates of obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Notice has been published on the City’s website and duly published in a newspaper hereby found and determined to be of general circulation in the City, once a week for two consecutive weeks, the date of the 1st publication of such notice being not less than 46 days prior to the tentative date stated therein for the passage of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation; and

WHEREAS, no petition protesting the issuance of the certificates of obligation described in the Notice, signed by at least 5% of the qualified electors of the Issuer, has been presented to or filed with the City Secretary prior to the date tentatively set in such notice for the passage of this ordinance (the *Ordinance*) adopted by the Governing Body on January 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the certificates of obligation in the principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ described in the Notice should be issued and sold at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the issuance of the certificates of obligation and the adoption of this Ordinance are in the best interests of the residents of the Issuer; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA THAT:

SECTION 1: Authorization – Designation – Principal Amount – Purpose. The certificates of obligation of the Issuer shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \_\_\_\_\_ AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$\_\_\_\_\_), to be designated and bear the title of “CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2024” (the *Certificates*), for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (i) planning, acquiring, designing, equipping, and constructing certain drainage and flood control improvements, and (ii) paying for professional services rendered by engineers, attorneys, and financial advisors in connection with the above projects and Certificates of Obligation. The Certificates are being issued pursuant to the authority conferred by and in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code, the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended, Texas Local Government Code Section 271.041 through 271.064, and this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Fully Registered Obligations – Authorized Denominations – Stated Maturities – Interest Rates – Certificate Date. The Certificates are issuable in fully registered form only, shall be dated January 1, 2024 (the *Certificate Date*), shall be issued in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (within a Stated Maturity), shall be lettered “R” and numbered consecutively from 1 upward, and the Certificates shall become due and payable on February 1 in each of the years (the *Stated Maturities*) and in the amounts and bear interest at the rates per annum, in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Stated Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>
2025		
2026		
2027		
2028		
2029		
2030		
2031		
2032		
2033		
2034		
2035		
2036		
2037		
2038		
2039		

The Certificates shall bear interest on the unpaid principal amounts from the Closing Date (anticipated to occur on or about February 7, 2024), or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, to Stated Maturity or prior redemption, while Outstanding, at the rates per annum shown in the above schedule (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months). Interest on the Certificates shall be payable on February 1 and August 1 in each year (each, an *Interest Payment Date*), commencing February 1, 2025, while the Certificates are Outstanding.

SECTION 3: Payment of Certificates – Paying Agent/Registrar. The principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Certificates, due and payable by reason of Stated Maturity, redemption, or otherwise, shall be payable to the Holder (hereinafter defined), appearing on the registration and transfer books maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar (hereinafter defined), in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and such payment of principal of and interest on the Certificates shall be without exchange or collection charges to the Holder of the Certificates.

The selection and appointment of BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, to serve as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar (the *Paying Agent/Registrar*) for the Certificates is hereby approved and confirmed, and the Issuer agrees and covenants to cause to be kept and maintained at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar books and records (the *Security Register*) for the registration, payment and transfer of the Certificates, all as provided herein, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, attached hereto, in substantially final form, as Exhibit A, and such reasonable rules and regulations as the Paying Agent/Registrar and the Issuer may prescribe. The Issuer covenants to maintain and provide a Paying Agent/Registrar at all times while the Certificates are Outstanding, and any successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall be (i) a national or state banking institution, or (ii) an association or a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers. Such Paying Agent/Registrar shall be subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority and shall be authorized by law to serve as a Paying Agent/Registrar.

The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent/Registrar upon providing the previous Paying Agent/Registrar with a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance terminating such agency. Additionally, the Issuer agrees to promptly cause a written notice of this substitution to be sent to each Holder of the Certificates by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, which notice shall also give the address of the corporate office of the successor Paying Agent/Registrar.

Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates, due and payable by reason of Stated Maturity, redemption, or otherwise, shall be payable only to the registered owner of the Certificates (the *Holder* or *Holder*s) appearing on the Security Register maintained on behalf of the Issuer by the Paying Agent/Registrar as hereinafter provided: (i) on the Record Date (hereinafter defined) for purposes of paying interest thereon; (ii) on the date of surrender of the Certificates for purposes of receiving payment of principal thereof upon redemption of the Certificates or at the Certificates' Stated Maturity; and (iii) on any other date for any other purpose. The Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any agent of either, shall treat the Holder as the owner of a Certificate for purposes of receiving payment and all other purposes whatsoever, and neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any agent of either, shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Principal of and premium, if any, on the Certificates shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the Certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar at its corporate trust office. Interest on the Certificates shall be paid to the Holder whose name appears in the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date for the Certificates (the *Record Date*) and shall be paid (i) by check sent on or prior to the appropriate date of payment by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, by the Paying Agent/Registrar, to the address of the Holder appearing in the Security Register; or (ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested in writing by the Holder at the Holder's risk and expense.

If the date for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Certificates shall be a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the 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 day. The payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date any such payment on the Certificates was due.

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 Issuer. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the *Special Payment Date* – which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least 5 business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

#### SECTION 4: Redemption.

A. Optional Redemption of Certificates. The Certificates having Stated Maturities on and after February 1, 2034 shall be subject to redemption prior to Stated Maturity, at the option of the Issuer, on February 1, 2033 or on any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and if within a Stated Maturity selected at random and by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar) at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

B. Exercise of Redemption Option. At least 45 days prior to a date set for the redemption of the Certificates (unless a shorter notification period shall be satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar), the Issuer shall notify the Paying Agent/Registrar of its decision to exercise the right to redeem the Certificates, the principal amount of each Stated Maturity to be redeemed, and the date set for the redemption thereof. The decision of the Issuer to exercise the right to redeem the Certificates shall be entered in the minutes of the governing body of the Issuer.

C. Selection of Certificates for Redemption. If less than all Outstanding Certificates of the same Stated Maturity are to be redeemed on a redemption date, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select at random and by lot the Certificates to be redeemed, provided that if less than the entire principal amount of a Certificate is to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall treat such Certificate then subject to redemption as representing the number of Certificates Outstanding which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Certificate by \$5,000.

D. Notice of Redemption. Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Certificates, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United

States mail, first-class postage prepaid, in the name of the Issuer and at the Issuer's expense, to each Holder of a Certificate to be redeemed in whole or in part at the address of the Holder appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice, and any notice of redemption so mailed shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given irrespective of whether received by the Holder. This notice may also be published once in a financial publication, journal, or reporter of general circulation among securities dealers in the City of New York, New York (including, but not limited to, *The Bond Buyer* and *The Wall Street Journal*), or in the State of Texas (including, but not limited to, *The Texas Bond Reporter*).

All notices of redemption shall (i) specify the date of redemption for the Certificates, (ii) identify the Certificates to be redeemed and, in the case of a portion of the principal amount to be redeemed, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, (iii) state the redemption price, (iv) state that the Certificates, or the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall become due and payable on the redemption date specified, and the interest thereon, or on the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, and (v) specify that payment of the redemption price for the Certificates, or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall be made at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender thereof by the Holder.

If a Certificate is subject by its terms to redemption and has been called for redemption and notice of redemption thereof has been duly given or waived as hereinabove provided, such Certificate (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) so called for redemption shall become due and payable, and if money sufficient for the payment of such Certificates (or of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) at the then applicable redemption price is held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar, then on the redemption date designated in such notice, interest on the Certificates (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) called for redemption shall cease to accrue, and such Certificates shall not be deemed to be Outstanding in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

E. Transfer/Exchange of Certificates. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required (i) to transfer or exchange any Certificate during a period beginning 45 days prior to the date fixed for redemption of the Certificates or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Certificate selected for redemption; provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Holder of the unredeemed balance of a Certificate which is subject to redemption in part.

SECTION 5: Execution – Registration. The Certificates shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by its Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem under its seal reproduced or impressed thereon and attested by its City Secretary. The signature of either of said officers on the Certificates may be manual, electronic, or facsimile. Certificates bearing the manual, electronic or facsimile signatures of individuals who were, at the time of the Certificate Date, the proper officers of the Issuer shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding that such individuals or either of them shall cease to hold such offices prior to the delivery of the Certificates to the Purchasers (hereinafter defined), all as authorized and provided in Chapter 1201, as amended, Texas Government Code.

No Certificate shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Certificate either a certificate of registration substantially in the form provided in Section 8B, executed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas or his duly authorized agent by manual signature, or a certificate of registration substantially in the form provided in Section 8C, executed by the Paying

Agent/Registrar by manual, facsimile, or electronic signature, and either such certificate upon any Certificate shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Certificate has been duly certified or registered and delivered.

**SECTION 6: Registration – Transfer – Exchange of Certificates – Predecessor Certificates.**  
A Security Register relating to the registration, payment, transfer, or exchange of the Certificates shall at all times be kept and maintained by the Issuer at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain, record, and maintain in the Security Register the name and address of every owner of the Certificates or, if appropriate, the nominee thereof. Any Certificate may, in accordance with its terms and the terms hereof, be transferred or exchanged for Certificates of other authorized denominations upon the Security Register by the Holder, in person or by his duly authorized agent, upon surrender of such Certificate to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, accompanied by a written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the Holder or by his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Certificate at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, the Issuer shall execute and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Certificates executed on behalf of, and furnished by, the Issuer of authorized denominations and having the same Stated Maturity and of a like interest rate and aggregate principal amount as the Certificate or Certificates surrendered for transfer.

At the option of the Holder, Certificates may be exchanged for other Certificates of authorized denominations and having the same Stated Maturity, bearing the same rate of interest and of like aggregate principal amount as the Certificates surrendered for exchange upon surrender of the Certificates to be exchanged at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. Whenever any Certificates are so surrendered for exchange, the Issuer shall execute, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver new Certificates executed on behalf of, and furnished by, the Issuer to the Holder requesting the exchange.

All Certificates issued upon any transfer or exchange of Certificates shall be delivered at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or be sent by United States registered mail to the Holder at his request, risk, and expense and, upon the delivery thereof, the same shall be the valid and binding obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same obligation to pay, and entitled to the same benefits under this Ordinance, as the Certificates surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

All transfers or exchanges of Certificates pursuant to this Section shall be made without expense or service charge to the Holder, except as otherwise herein provided, and except that the Paying Agent/Registrar shall require payment by the Holder requesting such transfer or exchange of any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

Certificates canceled by reason of an exchange or transfer pursuant to the provisions hereof are hereby defined to be “Predecessor Certificates”, evidencing all or a portion, as the case may be, of the same debt evidenced by the new Certificate or Certificates registered and delivered in the exchange or transfer therefor. Additionally, the term Predecessor Certificates shall include any Certificate registered and delivered pursuant to Section 21 in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Certificate which shall be deemed to evidence the same obligation as the mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Certificate.

SECTION 7: Initial Certificate. The Certificates herein authorized shall be issued initially either (i) as a single fully registered Certificate in the total principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ with principal installments to become due and payable as provided in Section 2 and numbered T-1, or (ii) as one (1) fully registered Certificate for each year of Stated Maturity in the applicable principal amount, interest rate, and denomination and to be numbered consecutively from T-1 and upward (the *Initial Certificate*) and, in either case, the Initial Certificate shall be registered in the name of the Purchasers or the designee thereof. The Initial Certificate shall be the Certificates 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 Purchasers. Any time after the delivery of the Initial Certificate to the Purchasers, the Paying Agent/Registrar, upon written instructions from the Purchasers, or the designee thereof, shall cancel the Initial Certificate delivered hereunder and exchange therefor definitive Certificates of authorized denominations, Stated Maturities, principal amounts and bearing applicable interest rates, and shall be lettered “R” and numbered consecutively from one (1) upward, for transfer and delivery to the Holders named and at the addresses identified therefor; all pursuant to and in accordance with and pursuant to such written instructions from the Purchasers, or the designee thereof, and such other information and documentation as the Paying Agent/Registrar may reasonably require.

SECTION 8: Forms Generally. The Certificates, the Registration Certificate of Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, the Registration Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar, and the form of Assignment to be printed on each of the Certificates shall be substantially in the forms set forth in this Section with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions, and other variations as are permitted or required by this Ordinance and may have such letters, numbers, or other marks of identification (including identifying numbers and letters of the Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures of the American Bankers Association) and such legends and endorsements (including insurance legends and any reproduction of an opinion of Bond Counsel) thereon as may, consistent herewith, be established by the Issuer or determined by the officers executing the Certificates as evidenced by their execution thereof. Any portion of the text of any Certificate may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Certificate.

The definitive Certificates shall be printed, lithographed, or engraved, produced by any combination of these methods, or produced in any other similar manner, all as determined by the officers executing the Certificates as evidenced by their execution thereof, but the Initial Certificate submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Texas may be typewritten or photocopied or otherwise reproduced.

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A. Form of Definitive Certificate.

REGISTERED  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED  
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WILSON  
CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS  
COMBINATION TAX LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE  
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2024

Certificate Date:                      Interest Rate:                      Stated Maturity                      CUSIP No.:  
January 1, 2024

REGISTERED OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

The City of La Vernia, Texas (the *Issuer*), a body corporate and municipal corporation located in the County of Wilson, State of Texas, for value received, acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the order of the Registered Owner specified above or the registered assigns thereof, on the Stated Maturity date specified above, the Principal Amount specified above (or so much thereof as shall not have been paid upon prior redemption) and to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof from the Closing Date (anticipated to occur on or about February 7, 2024), or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until such principal sum has become due and payment thereof has been made or duly provided for, to the earlier of redemption or Stated Maturity, while Outstanding, at the per annum rate of interest specified above, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months; such interest being payable on February 1 and August 1 in each year (each, an *Interest Payment Date*), commencing February 1, 2025.

Principal and premium, if any, of this Certificate shall be payable to the Registered Owner hereof (the *Holder*), upon presentation and surrender at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar executing the registration certificate appearing hereon, or a successor thereof. Interest shall be payable to the Holder of this Certificate (or one or more Predecessor Certificates, as defined in the Ordinance hereinafter referenced) whose name appears on the Security Register maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date, which is the last business day of the month next preceding each Interest Payment Date. All payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Certificate shall be in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check sent on or prior to the appropriate date of payment by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the Holder hereof at the address appearing in the Security Register or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by the Holder hereof at the Holder's risk and expense.

This Certificate is one of the series specified in its title issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the *Certificates*) pursuant to an Ordinance adopted by the Governing Body of the Issuer (the *Ordinance*), for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the Issuer to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (i) planning, acquiring, designing, equipping, and constructing certain drainage and flood control improvements, and (ii) paying for professional services rendered by engineers, attorneys, and financial advisors in connection with the above projects and Certificates of Obligation. The Certificates are being issued under and in strict conformity with the laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code; the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended, Texas Local Government Code Section 271.041 through 271.064, and the Ordinance.

The Certificates stated to mature on and after February 1, 2034 may be redeemed prior to their Stated Maturities, at the option of the Issuer, on February 1, 2033, or on any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and if within a Stated Maturity selected at random and by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar) at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption; provided, however, that at least 30 days' prior to written shall be sent to the Holder of the Certificates to be redeemed by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, and subject to the terms and provisions relating thereto contained in the Ordinance. If this Certificate is subject to redemption prior to Stated Maturity and is in a denomination in excess of \$5,000, portions of the principal sum hereof in installments of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof may be redeemed and, if less than all of the principal sum hereof is to be redeemed, there shall be issued, without charge therefor, to the Holder hereof, upon the surrender of this Certificate to the Paying Agent/Registrar at its corporate trust office, a new Certificate or Certificates of like Stated Maturity and interest rate in any authorized denominations provided in the Ordinance for the then unredeemed balance of the principal sum hereof.

If this Certificate (or any portion of the principal sum hereof) shall have been duly called for redemption and notice of such redemption duly given, then upon such redemption date this Certificate (or the portion of the principal sum hereof to be redeemed) shall become due and payable, and, if the money for the payment of the redemption price and the interest accrued on the principal amount to be redeemed to the date of redemption is held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar, interest shall cease to accrue and be payable hereon from and after the redemption date on the principal amount hereof to be redeemed. If this Certificate is called for redemption, in whole or in part, the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to issue, transfer, or exchange this Certificate within 45 days of the date fixed for redemption; provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Holder of the unredeemed balance hereof in the event of its redemption in part.

The Certificates of this series are payable from the levy of an ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the Issuer and are additionally payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Surplus Revenues received by the City from the ownership and operation of the System, as provided in the Ordinance authorizing the Certificates. The Issuer has previously authorized the issuance of the Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations that are payable from a lien on and pledge of a limited amount of Surplus Revenues of the System as described in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations. In the Ordinance, the Issuer retains the right to issue Revenue Obligations, Additional Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations, and Inferior Lien Obligations without limitation as to principal

amount but subject to any terms, conditions, or restrictions as may be applicable thereto under law or otherwise.

Reference is hereby made to the Ordinance, copies of which are on file in the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and to all of the provisions of which the Holder by his acceptance hereof hereby assents, for definitions of terms; the description of and the nature and extent of the tax levied and the revenues pledged for the payment of the Certificates; the terms and conditions under which the Issuer may issue Revenue Obligations, Additional Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations, and Inferior Lien Obligations; the terms and conditions relating to the transfer or exchange of the Certificates; the conditions upon which the Ordinance may be amended or supplemented with or without the consent of the Holder; the rights, duties, and obligations of the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar; the terms and provisions upon which this Certificate may be redeemed or discharged at or prior to the Stated Maturity thereof, and deemed to be no longer Outstanding thereunder; and for the other terms and provisions specified in the Ordinance. Capitalized terms used herein without definition have the same meanings assigned in the Ordinance.

This Certificate, subject to certain limitations contained in the Ordinance, may be transferred on the Security Register upon presentation and surrender at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar duly executed by the Holder hereof, or his duly authorized agent, and thereupon one or more new fully registered Certificates of the same Stated Maturity, of authorized denominations, bearing the same rate of interest, and of the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any agent of either, shall treat the Holder hereof whose name appears on the Security Register: (i) on the Record Date as the owner hereof for purposes of receiving payment of interest hereon; (ii) on the date of surrender of this Certificate as the owner hereof for purposes of receiving payment of principal hereof at its Stated Maturity or its redemption, in whole or in part; and (iii) on any other date as the owner hereof for all other purposes, and neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any such agent of either, shall be affected by notice to the contrary. 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 Issuer. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the *Special Payment Date* – which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least 5 business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

It is hereby certified, covenanted, and represented that all acts, conditions, and things required to be performed, exist, and be done precedent to the issuance of this Certificate in order to render the same a legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Issuer have been performed, exist, and have been done, in regular and due time, form, and manner, as required by the laws of the State of Texas and the Ordinance, and that the issuance of the Certificates does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation; and that due provision has been made for the payment of the principal of, premium if any, and interest on the Certificates by the levy of a tax and collection of Surplus Revenues as aforesated. In case any provision in this Certificate or any application thereof

shall be deemed invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. The terms and provisions of this Certificate and the Ordinance shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this Certificate to be duly executed under its official seal.

CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

(CITY SEAL)

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D. Form of Assignment.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto (Print or typewrite name, address, and zip code of transferee): \_\_\_\_\_

(Social Security or other identifying number): \_\_\_\_\_  
the within Certificate and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer the within Certificate on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: The signature on this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Certificate in every particular.

Signature guaranteed:

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E. Form of Initial Certificate. The Initial Certificate shall be in the form set forth in subsection B of this Section, except that the form of a single fully registered Initial Certificate shall be modified as follows:

- (i) immediately under the name of the Certificate the headings “Interest Rate \_\_\_\_\_” and “Stated Maturity \_\_\_\_\_” shall both be completed with “As shown below”; and
- (ii) the first 2 paragraphs shall read as follows:

REGISTERED OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The City of La Vernia, Texas (the *Issuer*), a body corporate and municipal corporation located in the County of Wilson, State of Texas, for value received, acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the order of the Registered Owner named above, or the registered assigns thereof, the Principal Amount specified above stated to mature on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February in each of the years and in principal amounts and bearing interest at per annum rates in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Stated Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>
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(Information to be inserted from schedule in Section 2 hereof.)

(or so much thereof as shall not have been paid upon prior redemption) and to pay interest on the unpaid Principal Amounts hereof from the Closing Date (anticipated to occur on or about February 7, 2024), or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amounts have become due and payment thereof has been made or duly provided for, to the earlier of redemption or Stated Maturity, at the per annum rates of interest specified above, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months; such interest being payable on February 1 and August 1 in each year (each, an *Interest Payment Date*), commencing February 1, 2025.

Principal and premium, if any, of this Certificate shall be payable to the Registered Owner hereof (the *Holder*), upon its presentation and surrender, to Stated Maturity or prior redemption, while Outstanding, at the corporate trust office of BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the *Paying Agent/Registrar*). Interest shall be payable to the Holder of this Certificate whose name appears on the Security Register maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date, which is the last business day of the month next preceding each Interest Payment Date. All payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Certificate shall be in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check sent on or prior to the appropriate date of payment by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the Holder hereof at the address appearing in the Security Register or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the Holder hereof.

F. Insurance Legend. If bond insurance is obtained by the Issuer or the Purchasers for the Certificates, the definitive Certificates and the Initial Certificate shall bear an appropriate legend as provided by the bond insurer to appear under the following header:

[BOND INSURANCE] or [STATEMENT OF INSURANCE]

SECTION 9: Definitions. For all purposes of this Ordinance (as defined below), except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires: (i) the terms defined in this Section have the meanings assigned to them in this Section, certain terms used in Section 40 of this Ordinance have the meanings assigned to them in Section 40 of this Ordinance, and all such terms, include the plural as well as the singular; (ii) all references in this Ordinance to designated “Sections” and other subdivisions are to the designated Sections and other subdivisions of this Ordinance as originally adopted; and (iii) the words “herein”, “hereof”, and “hereunder” and other words of similar import refer to this Ordinance as a whole and not to any particular Section or other subdivision.

A. The term *Additional Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations* shall mean: (i) obligations hereafter issued by the Issuer payable wholly or in part from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Surplus Revenues as provided in Section 17 of this Ordinance; and (ii) obligations hereafter issued to refund any of the foregoing as determined by the Governing Body in accordance with any applicable law.

B. The term *Authorized Officials* shall mean the Mayor, the City Secretary, the City Administrator/Finance Director, or the Controller (or any individual serving in the foregoing capacities on an interim or acting basis).

C. The term *Certificates* shall mean the \$\_\_\_\_\_ “CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2024” authorized by this Ordinance.

D. The term *Certificate Fund* shall mean the special fund created and established by the provisions of Section 10 of this Ordinance.

E. The term *Closing Date* shall mean the date of physical delivery of the Initial Certificate in exchange for the payment of the agreed purchase price for the Certificates.

F. The term *Collection Date* shall mean, when reference is being made to the levy and collection of annual ad valorem taxes, the date the annual ad valorem taxes levied each year by the Issuer become delinquent.

G. The term *Debt Service Requirements* shall mean, as of any particular date of computation, with respect to any obligations and with respect to any period, the aggregate of the amounts to be paid or set aside by the Issuer as of such date or in such period for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest (to the extent not capitalized) on such obligations; assuming, in the case of obligations without a fixed numerical rate, that such obligations bear interest at the maximum rate permitted by the terms thereof and further assuming in the case of obligations required to be redeemed or prepaid as to principal prior to Stated Maturity, the

principal amounts thereof will be redeemed prior to Stated Maturity in accordance with the mandatory redemption provisions applicable thereto.

H. The term *Depository* shall mean an official depository bank of the Issuer.

I. The term *Fiscal Year* shall mean the annual financial accounting period for the Issuer now ending on September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year; provided, however, the Governing Body may change such annual financial accounting period to end on another date if such change is found and determined to be necessary for accounting purposes or is required by applicable law.

J. The term *Government Securities*, as used herein, shall mean: (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States; (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding 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 governing body of the Issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent; or (iv) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by the laws of the State of Texas as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Certificates.

K. The term *Gross Revenues* for any period shall mean all income and revenue received by the Issuer by virtue of the operation of municipally owned System.

L. The term *Holder* or *Holder*s shall mean the registered owner, whose name appears in the Security Register, for any Certificate.

M. The term *Inferior Lien Obligations* shall mean (i) bonds, notes, warrants, or other obligations hereafter issued by the Issuer payable and equally and ratably secured wholly or in part from a pledge of and lien on certain surplus revenues of the System which is subordinate and inferior to the lien on and pledge of Net Revenues securing the payment of the Limited Pledge Obligations and any Revenue Obligations or Additional Limited Pledge Obligations hereafter issued and (ii) any obligations issued to refund the foregoing payable and equally and ratably secured from a junior and inferior lien on and pledge of such surplus revenues described above as determined by the Governing Body in accordance with any applicable law.

N. The term *Interest Payment Date* shall mean the date semi-annual interest is payable on the Certificates, being February 1 and August 1, commencing February 1, 2025, while any of the Certificates remain Outstanding.

O. The term *Issuer* shall mean the City of La Vernia, Texas, located in the County of Wilson, Texas and, where appropriate, the Governing Body of the Issuer.

P. The term *Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations* shall mean (i) the currently outstanding obligations designated as:

(1) “City of La Vernia, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016”, dated January 1, 2016, original issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,025,000;

(2) Upon issuance, the Certificates;

and (ii) obligations hereafter issued to refund the foregoing as determined by the Governing Body in accordance with any applicable law.

Q. The term *Net Revenues* for any period shall mean the Gross Revenues less the expenses of operation and maintenance, including all salaries, labor, materials, repairs and improvements necessary to maintain and operate the Issuer’s municipally owned System; provided, however, that only such repairs and improvements as in the judgment of the Governing Body, reasonably and fairly exercised, are necessary to keep the Issuer’s System in operation and render adequate service to the Issuer and the inhabitants thereof, or such as might be necessary to meet some physical action or condition which would otherwise impair the security of any bonds or other obligations payable from and secured by a lien on the Net Revenues derived from the ownership and operation of the System shall be deducted in determining Net Revenues.

R. The term *Ordinance* shall mean this ordinance adopted by the Governing Body of the Issuer on January 11, 2024.

S. The term *Outstanding* when used in this Ordinance with respect to Certificates shall mean, as of the date of determination, all Certificates issued and delivered under this Ordinance, except:

(1) those Certificates canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar or delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation;

(2) those Certificates for which payment has been duly provided by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of Section 25 of this Ordinance; and

(3) those Certificates that have been mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen and replacement Certificates have been registered and delivered in lieu thereof as provided in Section 21 of this Ordinance.

T. The term *Purchasers* shall mean the initial purchaser or purchasers of the Certificates named in Section 22 of this Ordinance.

U. The term *Revenue Obligations* shall mean: (i) bonds or other obligations payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues not limited to a pledge of the Surplus Revenues as provided in Section 12 of this Ordinance and being prior and superior to the lien on and pledge thereof securing the payment of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations and any Additional Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations or Inferior Lien Obligations hereafter issued by the Issuer; and (ii) obligations hereafter issued to refund any of the foregoing as determined by the Governing Body in accordance with any applicable law.

V. The term *Surplus Revenues* during the entire period the Certificates or interest thereon remain Outstanding and unpaid, shall mean an amount of Net Revenues not in excess of \$1,000.

W. The term *Surplus Revenue Amount* shall mean the total amount, not to exceed \$1,000 while the Certificates are Outstanding, of Net Revenues that are deposited into the Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 13 of this Ordinance and that may be transferred by the Issuer, in any given Fiscal Year, to the Certificate Fund.

X. The term *Stated Maturity* shall mean the annual principal payments of the Certificates payable on February 1 of each year, as set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Y. The term *System* shall mean all properties, facilities and plants currently owned, operated, and maintained by the City for the supply, treatment, and transmission of treated potable water, for the collection and treatment of wastewater, together with all future extensions, improvements, replacements and additions thereto, whether situated within or without the limits of the City, and the City expressly reserves the right at its sole discretion to include additional utility, telecommunications, technology, or similar enterprise services as components of the System; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, and to the extent now or hereafter authorized or permitted by law, the term System shall not mean to include facilities of any kind which are declared not to be a part of the System and which are acquired or constructed by or on behalf of the City with the proceeds from the issuance of any special revenue obligations of the City which are not payable from Net Revenues but which are payable from and equally and ratably secured by other liens on and pledges of any revenues, sources or payments, not pledged to the payment of the Revenue Obligations, including, but not limited to, special contract revenues or payments received from any other legal entity in connection with such facilities.

SECTION 10: Certificate Fund – Investments. For the purpose of paying the interest on and to provide a sinking fund for the payment, redemption, and retirement of the Certificates, there shall be and is hereby created a special fund to be designated “CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2024, INTEREST AND SINKING FUND” (the *Certificate Fund*), which fund shall be kept and maintained at the Depository, and money deposited in such Fund shall be used for no other purpose and shall be maintained as provided in Section 23. Authorized Officials of the Issuer are hereby authorized and directed to make withdrawals from said Fund sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Certificates as the same become due and payable and shall cause to be transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar from money on deposit in the Certificate Fund an amount sufficient to pay the amount of principal and/or interest stated to mature on the Certificates, such transfer of funds to the Paying Agent/Registrar to be made in such manner as will cause immediately available funds to be deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar on or before the last business day next preceding each interest and principal payment date for the Certificates.

The Issuer, at its sole discretion, may appropriate the Surplus Revenue Amount and deposit it into the Certificate Fund as provided in Section 14 hereof. The Surplus Revenue Amount, if deposited into the Certificate Fund, shall be expended annually to pay principal of and interest on the Certificates as the same become due and payable. This Surplus Revenue Amount shall be accounted for and transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the previous paragraph of this Section.

Pending the transfer of funds to the Paying Agent/Registrar, money deposited in any fund established pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance may, at the option of the Issuer, be placed in time deposits, certificates of deposit, guaranteed investment contracts, or similar contractual agreements as permitted by the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, secured (to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) by obligations of the type hereinafter described, or be invested, as authorized by any law, including investments held in book-entry form, in securities including, but not limited to, direct obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed or insured by the United States of America, which, in the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States, are backed by its full faith and credit or represent its general obligations, or invested in indirect obligations of the United States of America, including, but not limited to, evidences of indebtedness issued, insured or guaranteed by such governmental agencies as the Federal Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Home Loan Banks, Government National Mortgage Association, Small Business Administration, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or Federal Housing Administration; provided that all such deposits and investments shall be made in such a manner that the money required to be expended from such fund will be available at the proper time or times. Except as provided in Section 13 hereof, all interest and income derived from deposits and investments in any fund established pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be credited to, and any losses debited to, such fund. All such investments shall be sold promptly when necessary to prevent any default in connection with the Certificates.

SECTION 11: Tax Levy. To provide for the payment of the Debt Service Requirements on the Certificates being (i) the interest on the Certificates and (ii) a sinking fund for their redemption at Stated Maturity or a sinking fund of 2% (whichever amount shall be the greater), there shall be and there is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2024 and each succeeding year thereafter while the Certificates or any interest thereon shall remain Outstanding, a sufficient tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, on each \$100 valuation of taxable property in the Issuer, adequate to pay such Debt Service Requirements, full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection; said tax shall be assessed and collected each year and applied to the payment of the Debt Service Requirements, and the same shall not be diverted to any other purpose. The taxes so levied and collected shall be paid into the Certificate Fund and are thereafter pledged to the payment of the Certificates. The Governing Body hereby declares its purpose and intent to provide and levy a tax legally and fully sufficient to pay the said Debt Service Requirements, it having been determined that the existing and available taxing authority of the Issuer for such purpose is adequate to permit a legally sufficient tax in consideration of all other outstanding indebtedness.

The amount of taxes to be provided annually for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates shall be determined and accomplished in the following manner:

- A. Prior to the date the Governing Body establishes the annual tax rate and passes an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes each year, the Governing Body shall determine:
  - (1) the amount of Debt Service Requirements to become due and payable on the Certificates between the Collection Date for the taxes then to be levied and the Collection Date for the taxes to be levied during the next succeeding calendar year;

(2) the amount on deposit in the Certificate Fund after: (i) deducting therefrom the total amount of Debt Service Requirements to become due on Certificates prior to the Collection Date for the ad valorem taxes to be levied; and (ii) adding thereto the amount of the Surplus Revenue Amount, if any, to be appropriated and allocated during such year to pay such Debt Service Requirements, if any, prior to the Collection Date for the ad valorem taxes to be levied; and

(3) the amount of Surplus Revenue Amount, if any, appropriated and set aside for the payment of the Debt Service Requirements on the Certificates between the Collection Date for the taxes then to be levied and the Collection Date for the taxes to be levied during the next succeeding Fiscal Year.

B. The amount of taxes to be levied annually each year to pay the Debt Service Requirements on the Certificates shall be the amount established in paragraph (1) above less the sum total of the amounts established in paragraphs (2) and (3), after taking into consideration delinquencies and costs of collecting such annual taxes.

#### SECTION 12: Pledge of Surplus Revenues.

A. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees that (i) the Surplus Revenue Amount is (within the limitation of a total amount not to exceed \$1,000 during the time the Certificates or interest thereon remain Outstanding and unpaid) hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates (subject to the provisions of Section 10), and (ii) the pledge of Surplus Revenue Amount herein made for the payment of the Certificates shall constitute a lien on and pledge of the Surplus Revenue Amount in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof and be valid and binding without any physical delivery thereof or further act by the Issuer. The Issuer has previously authorized the issuance of the Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations that are payable from and secured, in part, by a lien on and pledge of the Surplus Revenue Amount as defined in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations.

B. Chapter 1208, Texas Government Code, as amended, applies to the issuance of the Certificates and the pledge of ad valorem taxes granted by the Issuer in Section 11, and the Surplus Revenue Amount granted by the Issuer under subsection A of this Section, and such pledge is therefore valid, effective, and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Certificates are outstanding and unpaid such that the pledge of the ad valorem taxes and Surplus Revenues granted by the Issuer is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, as amended, then in order to preserve to the registered owners of the Certificates the perfection of the security interest in this pledge, the Issuer agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, as amended, and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in this pledge to occur.

SECTION 13: Revenue Fund. The Issuer covenants and agrees that there shall, from time to time be deposited into a special fund or account designated as “City of La Vernia, Texas, Surplus Revenue Fund” (the *Revenue Fund*) previously created, established, and maintained by the Issuer amounts whose sum shall not exceed, in the aggregate, \$1,000 which shall constitute the Surplus Revenue Amount. The amounts on deposit in the Revenue Fund shall be pledged and appropriated to the extent required to the payment of the amounts required to be deposited in the Certificate Fund. Surplus Revenues, and income earned thereon, in the Revenue Fund in excess

of the amounts required to fully discharge and satisfy the foregoing requirements may be used for any lawful purpose.

SECTION 14: Deposits to Certificate Fund – Surplus Certificate Proceeds. The Issuer covenants and agrees to cause to be deposited in the Certificate Fund prior to a principal and interest payment date for the Certificates, from the Surplus Revenues in the Revenue Fund, any Surplus Revenue Amount appropriated during any Fiscal Year.

Accrued interest, if any, received from the Purchasers of the Certificates shall be deposited in the Certificate Fund and ad valorem taxes levied and collected shall be deposited in the Certificate Fund. In addition, any surplus proceeds, along with any investment income thereon, from the sale of the Certificates not expended for authorized purposes shall be deposited in the Certificate Fund, and such amounts so deposited shall reduce the sum otherwise required to be deposited in the Certificate Fund from ad valorem taxes or Surplus Revenues.

SECTION 15: Security of Funds. All money on deposit in the funds for which this Ordinance makes provision (except any portion thereof as may be at any time properly invested as provided herein) shall be secured in the manner and to the fullest extent required by the laws of the State of Texas for the security of public funds, and money on deposit in such funds shall be used only for the purposes permitted by this Ordinance.

SECTION 16: Remedies in Event of Default. In addition to all the rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, the Issuer covenants and agrees particularly that in the event the Issuer: (i) defaults in the payments to be made to the Certificate Fund; or (ii) defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in this Ordinance, the Holders of any of the Certificates shall be entitled to seek a writ of mandamus issued by a court of proper jurisdiction compelling and requiring the Governing Body of the Issuer and other officers of the Issuer to observe and perform any covenant, condition, or obligation prescribed in this Ordinance.

No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The specific remedies herein provided shall be cumulative of all other existing remedies and the specification of such remedies shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

SECTION 17: Additional Obligations. The Issuer expressly reserves the right to hereafter issue Revenue Obligations, Additional Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations, and Inferior Lien Obligations without limitation as to principal amount, but subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions applicable thereto under law or otherwise.

Revenue Obligations, Additional Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations, and Inferior Lien Obligations, if issued, may be payable, in whole or in part, from Net Revenues (without impairment of the obligation of contract with the Holders of the Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations or the Certificates) upon such terms and conditions as the Governing Body may determine. Additional Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations, if issued and payable, in whole or in part from Surplus Revenues (as defined in the same or similar terms as the term Surplus Revenues is defined in this Ordinance), shall not, in any event, be construed as payable from the Surplus Revenues required by this Ordinance to be budgeted and appropriated for the payment of the

Certificates and interest thereon. Any Inferior Lien Obligations hereafter issued shall be payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of certain surplus revenues of the System that is subordinate and inferior to the lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues securing the payment of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations or any Revenue Obligations or Additional Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations hereafter issued by the Issuer.

SECTION 18: Special Covenants. The Issuer hereby further covenants that:

A. it has the lawful power to pledge the Surplus Revenues supporting the Certificates and has lawfully exercised this power under the laws of the State of Texas, including power existing under Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code; and the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended (Texas Local Government Code Section 271.041 through Section 271.064); and

B. other than for the payment of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Revenue Obligations and the Certificates, the Net Revenues have not in any manner been pledged to the payment of any debt or obligation of the Issuer.

SECTION 19: Notices to Holders – Waiver. Wherever this Ordinance provides for notice to Holders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and sent by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing in the Security Register at the close of business on the business day next preceding the mailing of such notice.

In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Holders, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Certificates or Holders. Where this Ordinance provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Holder entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event with respect to which such notice is given, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Paying Agent/Registrar, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 20: Cancellation. All Certificates surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange, or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the Issuer, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation any Certificates previously certified or registered and delivered which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Certificates so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. All canceled Certificates held by the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be destroyed as directed by the Issuer.

SECTION 21: Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost, and Stolen Certificates. If: (i) any mutilated Certificate is surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Certificate; and (ii) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar that such Certificate has been acquired by a bona fide

purchaser, the Issuer shall execute and, upon its request, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificate, a new Certificate of the same Stated Maturity and interest rate and of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously Outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificate has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Certificate, pay such Certificate. Upon the issuance of any new Certificate or payment in lieu thereof, under this Section, the Issuer may require payment by the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including attorney's fees and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent/Registrar) connected therewith. Every new Certificate issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificate shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificate shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Certificates. The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificates.

SECTION 22: Sale of the Certificates - Authorization of an Official Bid Form - Official Statement Approval - Use of Certificate Proceeds. The Certificates authorized by this Ordinance are hereby sold by the City to \_\_\_\_\_, as the as the purchaser at a competitive sale (the *Purchasers*, having all the rights, benefits, and obligations of a Holder) in accordance with the provisions of an Official Bid Form (the *Official Bid Form*), dated January 11, 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes, at a price of par, plus a [net] reoffering premium of \$\_\_\_\_\_, less the Purchaser's compensation of \$\_\_\_\_\_) and no accrued interest. The Initial Certificate shall be registered in the name of \_\_\_\_\_. It is hereby officially found, determined, and declared that the Purchasers are the lowest bidder for the Certificates and as a result of invitations for competitive bids in compliance with applicable law. The pricing and terms of the sale of the Certificates are hereby found and determined to be the most advantageous reasonably obtainable by the City.

Furthermore, the City hereby ratifies, confirms, and approves in all respects (i) the City's prior determination that the Preliminary Official Statement was, as of its date, "deemed final" in accordance with the Rule (hereinafter defined) and (ii) the use and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement by the Purchasers in connection with the public offering and sale of the Certificates. The final Official Statement, being a modification and amendment of the Preliminary Official Statement to reflect the terms of sale (together with such changes approved by any Authorized Official), shall be and is hereby in all respects approved and the Purchasers are hereby authorized to use and distribute the final Official Statement, dated January 11, 2024, in the reoffering, sale and delivery of the Certificates to the public. The Mayor and of City Secretary of the Governing Body are further authorized and directed to manually, facsimile, or electronically execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Issuer copies of the Official Statement in final form as may be required by the Purchasers, and such final Official Statement in the form and content manually, facsimile, or electronically executed by said officials shall be deemed to be approved by the Governing Body and constitute the Official Statement authorized for distribution and use by the Purchasers. The proper officials of the City are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a

certificate pertaining to such Official Statement as prescribed therein, dated as of the date of payment for and delivery of the Certificates.

Proceeds derived from the sale of the Certificates (after paying remaining costs of issuance) shall be deposited into the special construction account or accounts created for the projects to be constructed with the proceeds of the Certificates and used to pay costs of such projects. This special construction account shall be established and maintained at the Depository and shall be invested in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of this Ordinance. Interest earned on the proceeds of the Certificates pending completion of construction of the projects financed with such proceeds shall be accounted for, maintained, deposited, and expended as permitted by the provisions of Chapter 1201, as amended, Texas Government Code, or as required by any other applicable law. Thereafter, such amounts shall be expended in accordance with Section 14 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 23: Covenants Regarding Tax Exemption of Interest on the Certificates.

A. Covenants. The City covenants to take any action necessary to assure, or refrain from any action which would adversely affect, the treatment of the Certificates 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 City covenants as follows:

(1) to take any action to assure that no more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Certificates 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 Certificates or the projects financed or refinanced therewith are so used, such amounts, whether or not received by the City, with respect to such private business use, do not, under the terms of this Ordinance or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secure or provide for the payment of more than 10 percent of the debt service on the Certificates, 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 (5%) of the proceeds of the Certificates or the projects financed or refinanced therewith (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) then the amount in excess of 5 percent (5%) 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 (5%) of the proceeds of the Certificates (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 Certificates 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 result in the Certificates 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 Certificates, 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 Certificates, other than investment property acquired with –

(A) proceeds of the Certificates invested for a reasonable temporary period of three 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 Certificates 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% of the proceeds of the Certificates;

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

(8) refrain from using the proceeds of the Certificates or proceeds of any prior bonds to pay debt service on another issue more than 90 days after the date of issue of the Certificates 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 Certificates) an amount that is at least equal to 90% 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 Certificates have been paid in full, 100% 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 City 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 City 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 Certificates. It is the understanding of the City 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 Certificates, the City 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 Certificates 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 Certificates, the City 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 Certificates under section 103 of the Code. In furtherance of such intention, the City hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, and the City Administrator/Finance Director of the City to execute any documents, certificates or reports required by the Code and to make such elections, on behalf of the City, which may be permitted by the Code as are consistent with the purpose for the issuance of the Certificates.

D. Allocation of, and Limitation on, Expenditures for the Project. The City covenants to account for the expenditure of sale proceeds and investment earnings to be used for the purposes described in Section 1 of this Ordinance on its books and records in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The City recognizes that in order for the proceeds to be considered used for the reimbursement of costs, the proceeds must be allocated to expenditures within 18 months of the later of the date that (1) the expenditure is made, or (2) the project is completed; but in no event later than three years after the date on which the original expenditure is paid. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Issuer recognizes that in order for proceeds to be expended under the Internal Revenue Code, the sale proceeds or investment earnings must be expended no more than 60 days after the earlier of (1) the 5th anniversary of the delivery of the Certificates, or (2) the date the Certificates are retired. The City agrees to obtain the advice of nationally-recognized bond counsel if such expenditure fails to comply with the foregoing to assure that such expenditure will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Certificates. For purposes hereof, the City 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.

E. Disposition of Project. The City covenants that the property constituting the projects financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Certificates will not be sold or otherwise disposed in a transaction resulting in the receipt by the City of cash or other compensation, unless the City obtains an opinion of nationally-recognized bond counsel that such sale or other disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Certificates. 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 City 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.

G. Written Procedures. Unless superseded by another action of the City, to ensure compliance with the covenants contained herein regarding private business use, remedial actions, arbitrage and rebate, the City Council hereby adopts and establishes the instructions attached hereto as Exhibit C as the City's written procedures.

H. Designation as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The Issuer hereby designates the Certificates as “qualified tax-exempt bonds” as defined in section 265(b)(3) of the Code. In furtherance of such designation, the Issuer represents, covenants and warrants the following: (a) that during the calendar year in which the Certificates are issued, the Issuer (including any subordinate entities) has not designated nor will designate bonds, which when aggregated with the Certificates, will result in more than \$10,000,000 of “qualified tax-exempt bonds” being issued; (b) that the Issuer reasonably anticipates that the amount of tax-exempt obligations issued, during the calendar year in which the Certificates are issued, by the Issuer (or any subordinate entities) will not exceed \$10,000,000; and, (c) that the Issuer will take such action or refrain from such action as necessary, and as more particularly set forth in this Section, in order that the Certificates will not be considered “private activity bonds” within the meaning of section 141 of the Code.

I. Reimbursement. This Ordinance is intended to satisfy the official requirements set forth in section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 24: Control and Custody of Certificates. The Mayor of the Issuer shall be and is hereby authorized to take and have charge of all necessary orders and records pending investigation by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and shall take and have charge and control of the Certificates pending their approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the registration thereof by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas and the delivery of the Certificates to the Purchasers.

Furthermore, any Authorized Official, individually or any combination of them, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish and execute such documents relating to the Issuer and its financial affairs as may be necessary for the issuance of the Certificates, the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and their registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas and, together with the Issuer’s Financial Advisor, Bond Counsel, and the Paying Agent/Registrar, make the necessary arrangements for the delivery of the Initial Certificate to the Purchasers and, when requested in writing by the Purchasers, the initial exchange thereof for definitive Certificates.

SECTION 25: Satisfaction of Obligation of Issuer. If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Holders, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Ordinance, then the pledge of taxes levied and the lien on and pledge of the Surplus Revenues under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Issuer to the Holders shall thereupon cease, terminate, and be discharged and satisfied.

Certificates, or any principal amount(s) thereof, shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section when: (i) money sufficient to pay in full such Certificates or the principal amount(s) thereof at Stated Maturity or to the redemption date therefor, together with all interest due thereon, shall have been irrevocably deposited with and held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent; and/or (ii) Government Securities shall have been irrevocably deposited in trust with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, which Government Securities mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money, together with any money deposited therewith, if any, to pay when due the principal of and interest on such Certificates, or the principal amount(s) thereof, on and prior to the Stated Maturity thereof or (if notice of redemption has been duly given or waived

or if irrevocable arrangements therefor acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar have been made) the redemption date thereof for the Certificates. In the event of a defeasance of the Certificates, the Issuer shall deliver a certificate from its financial advisor, the Paying Agent/Registrar, independent accounting firm, or another qualified third party concerning the deposit of cash and/or Government Securities to pay, when due, the principal of, redemption premium (if any), and interest due on any defeased Certificates. To the extent applicable, if at all, the Issuer covenants that no deposit of money or Government Securities will be made under this Section and no use made of any such deposit which would cause the Certificates to be treated as arbitrage bonds within the meaning of section 148 of the Code (as defined in Section 23 hereof).

Any money so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar, and all income from Government Securities held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, pursuant to this Section which is not required for the payment of the Certificates, or any principal amount(s) thereof, or interest thereon with respect to which such money has been so deposited shall be remitted to the Issuer or deposited as directed by the Issuer. Furthermore, any money held by the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates and remaining unclaimed for a period of three (3) years after the Stated Maturity of the Certificates, or applicable redemption date of the Certificates, such money was deposited and is held in trust to pay shall upon the request of the Issuer be remitted to the Issuer against a written receipt therefor, subject to the unclaimed property laws of the State of Texas.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, it is hereby provided that any determination not to redeem defeased Certificates that is made in conjunction with the payment arrangements specified in clause (i) or (ii) above shall not be irrevocable, provided that: (1) in the proceedings providing for such defeasance, the Issuer expressly reserves the right to call the defeased Certificates for redemption; (2) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the defeased Certificates immediately following the defeasance; (3) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes; and (4) at the time of the redemption, satisfies the conditions of clause (i) or (ii) above with respect to such defeased debt as though it was being defeased at the time of the exercise of the option to redeem the defeased Certificates, after taking the redemption into account in determining the sufficiency of the provisions made for the payment of the defeased Certificates.

SECTION 26: Printed Opinion. The Purchasers' obligation to accept delivery of the Certificates is subject to their being furnished a final opinion of McCall, Parkhurst Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, as Bond Counsel, approving certain legal matters as to the Certificates, this opinion to be dated and delivered as of the date of initial delivery and payment for such Certificates. Printing of a true and correct copy of this opinion on the reverse side of each of the Certificates, with appropriate certificate pertaining thereto executed by facsimile signature of the City Secretary of the City is hereby approved and authorized.

SECTION 27: CUSIP Numbers. CUSIP numbers may be printed or typed on the definitive Certificates. It is expressly provided, however, that the presence or absence of CUSIP numbers on the definitive Certificates shall be of no significance or effect as regards the legality thereof, and neither the Issuer nor attorneys approving said Certificates as to legality are to be held responsible for CUSIP numbers incorrectly printed or typed on the definitive Certificates.

SECTION 28: Effect of Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 29: Ordinance a Contract – Amendments – Outstanding Certificates. The Issuer acknowledges that the covenants and obligations of the Issuer herein contained are a material inducement to the purchase of the Certificates. This Ordinance shall constitute a contract with the Holders from time to time, be binding on the Issuer and its successors and assigns, and it shall not be amended or repealed by the Issuer so long as any Certificate remains Outstanding except as permitted in this Section. The Issuer may, without the consent of or notice to any Holders, from time to time and at any time, amend this Ordinance in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Holders, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission herein. In addition, the Issuer may, with the written consent of Holders holding a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Certificates then Outstanding affected thereby, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of this Ordinance; provided, however, that, without the consent of all Holders of Outstanding Certificates, no such amendment, addition, or rescission shall: (1) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates, reduce the principal amount thereof, the redemption price therefor, or the rate of interest thereon, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Certificates; (2) give any preference to any Certificate over any other Certificate; or (3) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Certificates required for consent to any such amendment, addition, or rescission.

SECTION 30: Benefits of Ordinance. Nothing in this Ordinance, expressed or implied, is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person other than the Issuer, Bond Counsel, the Paying Agent/Registrar, the Purchasers, and the Holders, any right, remedy, or claim, legal or equitable, under or by reason of this Ordinance or any provision hereof, this Ordinance and all its provisions being intended to be and being for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Issuer, Bond Counsel, the Paying Agent/Registrar, the Purchasers, and the Holders.

SECTION 31: Inconsistent Provisions. All ordinances, orders, or resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters contained herein.

SECTION 32: Governing Law. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 33: Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Governing Body hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 34: Incorporation of Preamble Recitals. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Governing Body of the Issuer.

SECTION 35: Authorization of Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement. The Governing Body of the Issuer hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to authorize the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement pertaining to the registration, exchange, transferability, and payment of the Certificates. A copy of the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement

is attached hereto, in substantially final form, as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference to the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 36: Book-Entry-Only System.** The Certificates shall initially be registered so as to participate in a securities depository system (the *DTC System*) with the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, or any successor entity thereto (*DTC*), as set forth herein. Each Stated Maturity of the Certificates shall be issued (following cancellation of the Initial Certificate described in Section 7) in the form of a separate single definitive Certificate. Upon issuance, the ownership of each such Certificate shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC, and all of the Outstanding Certificates shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC. The Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar are authorized to execute, deliver, and take the actions set forth in such letters to or agreements with DTC as shall be necessary to effectuate the DTC System, including the Letter of Representations attached hereto as Exhibit D (the *Representation Letter*).

With respect to the Certificates registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealer, bank, or other financial institution for which DTC holds the Certificates from time to time as securities depository (a *Depository Participant*) or to any person on behalf of whom such a Depository Participant holds an interest in the Certificates (an *Indirect Participant*). Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the Issuer 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 Depository Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Certificates; (ii) the delivery to any Depository Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of the Certificates, as shown on the Security Register, of any notice with respect to the Certificates, including any notice of redemption; or (iii) the delivery to any Depository Participant or any Indirect Participant or any other Person, other than a Holder of a Certificate, of any amount with respect to principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Certificates. While in the DTC System, no person other than Cede & Co., or any successor thereto, as nominee for DTC, shall receive a bond certificate evidencing the obligation of the Issuer to make payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest pursuant to this Ordinance. 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 Ordinance with respect to interest checks or drafts being mailed to the Holder, the word “Cede & Co.” in this Ordinance shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

In the event that: (i) the Issuer determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the Representation Letter; (ii) the Representation Letter shall be terminated for any reason; or (iii) DTC or the Issuer determines that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Certificates that they be able to obtain certificated Certificates, the Issuer shall notify the Paying Agent/Registrar, DTC, and DTC Participants of the availability within a reasonable period of time through DTC of bond certificates, and the Certificates shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. At that time, the Issuer may determine that the Certificates shall be registered in the name of and deposited with a successor depository operating a securities depository system, as may be acceptable to the Issuer, or such depository’s agent or designee, and if the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar do not select such alternate securities depository system then the Certificates may be registered in

whatever name or names the Holders of Certificates transferring or exchanging the Certificates shall designate, in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Certificate is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Certificate and all notices with respect to such Certificate shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the Representation Letter.

**SECTION 37: Public Meeting.** It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 38: Unavailability of Authorized Publication.** If, because of the temporary or permanent suspension of any newspaper, journal, or other publication, or, for any reason, publication of notice cannot be made meeting any requirements herein established, any notice required to be published by the provisions of this Ordinance shall be given in such other manner and at such time or times as in the judgment of the Issuer or of the Paying Agent/Registrar shall most effectively approximate such required publication and the giving of such notice in such manner shall for all purposes of this Ordinance be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements for publication thereof.

**SECTION 39: No Recourse Against Issuer Officials.** No recourse shall be had for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Certificate or for any claim based thereon or on this Ordinance against any official of the Issuer or any person executing any Certificate.

**SECTION 40: Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.**

A. **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to such terms below:

*EMMA* means the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access system, accessible by the general public, without charge, on the internet through the uniform resource locator (URL) <http://www.emma.msrb.org>.

*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.

*MSRB* means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

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

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

*Undertaking* means the Issuer's continuing disclosure undertaking, described in subsections B through E below, hereunder accepted and entered into by the Issuer for the purpose of compliance with the Rule.

B. Annual Reports. The issuance and sale of the Certificates qualifies for the Rule 15c2-12(d)(2) exemption because the Issuer does not currently have more than \$10,000,000 in aggregate amount of outstanding municipal securities (excluding securities offered in transactions that were exempt from the Rule). Pursuant to such exemption, the Issuer shall provide annually to the MSRB, in the electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, certain updated financial information and operating data pertaining to the City that is customarily prepared and publicly available, to wit: the City's annual audited financial statements. Any financial statements to be so provided shall be (1) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in the Issuer's annual financial report, or such other accounting principles as the Issuer may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and (2) audited, if the Issuer commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. The City will update and provide this information within twelve (12) months after the end of each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending in 2024. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within such period, then the Issuer shall file unaudited financial statements within such period and audited financial statements for the applicable Fiscal Year to the MSRB, when and if the audit report on such financial statements becomes available. Under current Texas law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 103, as amended, Texas Local Government Code, the Issuer must have its records and accounts audited annually and shall have an annual financial statement prepared based on the audit. The annual financial statement, including the auditor's opinion on the statement, shall be filed in the office of the City Secretary within one hundred eighty (180) days after the last day of the Issuer's Fiscal Year. Additionally, upon the filing of this financial statement and the annual audit, these documents are subject to the Texas Open Records Act, as amended, Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.

If the Issuer changes its Fiscal Year, it will file notice of such change (and of the date of the new Fiscal Year end) with the MSRB prior to the next date by which the Issuer otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data pursuant to this Section.

C. Notice of Certain Events. The Issuer shall file notice of any of the following events with respect to the Certificates to the MSRB in a timely manner and not more than 10 business days after occurrence of the event:

- (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 status of the Certificates, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Certificates;
- (7) modifications to rights of Holders of the Certificates, if material;
- (8) Certificate calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Certificates, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the Issuer, which shall occur as described below;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of 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 paying agent/registrar or the change of name of a paying agent/registrar, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, 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 Issuer, 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 Issuer 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 Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers 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 governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the

Issuer, and (b) the Issuer intends the words used in the immediately preceding paragraphs (15) and (16) and the definition of Financial Obligation in this Section have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as evidenced by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

The Issuer shall file notice with the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the Issuer to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with this Section by the time required by this Section.

D. Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments. The Issuer shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section for so long as, but only for so long as, the Issuer remains an “obligated person” with respect to the Certificates within the meaning of the Rule, except that the Issuer in any event will give notice of any deposit that causes the Certificates to be no longer Outstanding.

The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Certificates, 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 Issuer 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 Issuer’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 Issuer does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Certificates at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE ISSUER BE LIABLE TO THE HOLDER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY CERTIFICATE OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE ISSUER, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITH 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 Issuer in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall constitute a breach of or default under this Ordinance for purposes of any other provision of this Ordinance.

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

The provisions of this Section may be amended by the Issuer 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 Issuer, but only if (i) the provisions of this Section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Certificates in the primary offering of the Certificates in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (ii) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Ordinance that authorizes such an

amendment) of the Outstanding Certificates consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the Issuer (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that such amendment will not materially impair the interests of the holders and beneficial owners of the Certificates. The Issuer may also repeal or amend the provisions of this Section if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or any court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, and the Issuer also may amend the provisions of this Section in its discretion in any other manner or circumstance, but in either case only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not have prevented an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Certificates in the primary offering of the Certificates, giving effect to (a) such provisions as so amended and (b) any amendments or interpretations of the Rule. If the Issuer so amends the provisions of this Section, the Issuer shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with this Section an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided.

E. Information Format – Incorporation by Reference. The Issuer information required under this Section shall be filed with the MSRB through EMMA in such format and accompanied by such identifying information as may be specified from time to time thereby. Under the current rules of the MSRB, continuing disclosure documents submitted to EMMA must be in word-searchable portable document format (PDF) files that permit the document to be saved, viewed, printed, and retransmitted by electronic means and the series of obligations to which such continuing disclosure documents relate must be identified by CUSIP number or numbers.

Financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to 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 through EMMA or filed with the SEC.

F. General Policies and Procedures Concerning Compliance with the Rule. Because the issuance of the Certificates is subject to the provisions of the Rule and because the potential “underwriters” in a competitive sale of the Certificates or the initial purchasers in a competitive sale of the Certificates may be subject to MSRB rules and regulations with respect to such sale (including certain due diligence and suitability requirements, among others), the Issuer hereby adopts the General Policies and Procedures Concerning Compliance with the Rule (the *Policies and Procedures*), attached hereto as Exhibit E, with which the Issuer shall follow to assure compliance with the Undertaking. The Issuer has developed these Policies and Procedures for the purpose of meeting its requirements of the Undertaking and, in connection therewith, has sought the guidance from its internal staff charged with administering the Issuer’s financial affairs, its municipal or financial advisor, its legal counsel (including its Bond Counsel), and its independent accountants (to the extent determined to be necessary or advisable). The Policies and Procedures can be amended at the sole discretion of the Issuer and any such amendment will not be deemed to be an amendment to the Undertaking. Each Authorized Official is hereby authorized to amend the Policies and Procedures as a result of a change in law, a future issuance of indebtedness subject to the Rule, or another purpose determined by the Authorized Official to be necessary or desirable for or with respect to future compliance with the Undertaking.

SECTION 41: Further Procedures. The officers and employees of the City are 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 City 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 Ordinance, the initial sale and delivery of the Certificates, the Official Bid Form, the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, and the Official Statement. In addition, prior to the initial delivery of the Certificates, any Authorized Official and Bond Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to approve any technical changes or corrections to this Ordinance or to any of the instruments authorized and approved by this Ordinance necessary in order to (i) correct any ambiguity or mistake or properly or more completely document the transactions contemplated and approved by this Ordinance, (ii) obtain a rating from any of the national bond rating agencies, or (iii) obtain the approval of the Certificates by the Texas Attorney General's office. Bond Counsel is further authorized to institute any bond validation suit under Chapter 1205, as amended, Texas Government Code (or any successor statute thereto) related to the Certificates while the Certificates are outstanding and unpaid. In case any officer of the City whose signature shall appear on any certificate shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such certificate, 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 42: Construction of Terms. If appropriate in the context of this Ordinance, words of the singular number shall be considered to include the plural, words of the plural number shall be considered to include the singular, and words of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall be considered to include the other genders.

SECTION 43: City's Consent to Provide Information and Documentation to the Texas MAC. The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas (the *Texas MAC*), a non-profit membership corporation organized exclusively for non-profit purposes described in section 501(c)(6) of the Code and which serves as a comprehensive financial information repository regarding municipal debt issuers in Texas, requires provision of written documentation regarding the issuance of municipal debt by the issuers thereof. In support of the purpose of the Texas MAC and in compliance with applicable law, the City hereby consents to and authorizes any Authorized Official, the City's Bond Counsel, and/or the City's Financial Advisor to provide to the Texas MAC information and documentation requested by the Texas MAC relating to the Certificates; provided, however, that no such information and documentation shall be provided prior to the Closing Date. This consent and authorization relates only to information and documentation that is a part of the public record concerning the issuance of the Certificates.

SECTION 44: Effective Date. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, as amended, Texas Government Code, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and it is so resolved.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of La Vernia, Texas, this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

(SEAL)

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### WRITTEN PROCEDURES RELATING TO CONTINUING COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TAX COVENANTS

A. Arbitrage. With respect to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the Certificates, the City Administrator/Finance Director, or its designee, (the *Responsible Person*) will:

(i) monitor all amounts deposited into a sinking fund or funds (e.g., the Interest and Sinking Fund), to assure that the maximum amount invested at a yield higher than the yield on the Certificates does not exceed an amount equal to the debt service on the Certificates in the succeeding 12 month period plus a carryover amount equal to one-twelfth of the principal and interest payable on the Certificates for the immediately preceding 12-month period;

(ii) ensure that the applicable information return (e.g., IRS Form 8038-G, 8038-GC, or any successor forms) is timely filed with the IRS; and

(iii) assure that, unless excepted from rebate and yield restriction under section 148(f) of the Code, excess investment earnings are computed and paid to the U.S. government at such time and in such manner as directed by the IRS (A) at least every five (5) years after the date of delivery of the Certificates (the *Issue Date*), and (B) within 30 days after the date the Certificates are retired.

B. Private Business Use. With respect to the use of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Certificates the Responsible Person will:

(i) monitor the date on which the facilities are substantially complete and available to be used for the purpose intended;

(ii) monitor whether, at any time the Certificates are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has any contractual right (such as a lease, purchase, management or other service agreement) with respect to any portion of the facilities;

(iii) monitor whether, at any time the Certificates are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has a right to use the output of the facilities (e.g., water, gas, electricity);

(iv) monitor whether, at any time the Certificates are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has a right to use the facilities to conduct or to direct the conduct of research;

(v) determine whether, at any time the Certificates are outstanding, any person, other than the City, has a naming right for the facilities or any other contractual right granting an intangible benefit;

(vi) determine whether, at any time the Certificates are outstanding, the facilities are sold or otherwise disposed of; and

(vii) take such action as is necessary to remediate any failure to maintain compliance with the covenants contained in the Ordinance related to the public use of the facilities.

C. Record Retention. The Responsible Person will maintain or cause to be maintained all records relating to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the Certificates and the use of the facilities financed or refinanced thereby for a period ending three (3) years after the complete extinguishment of the Certificates. If any portion of the Certificates is refunded with the proceeds of another series of tax-exempt obligations, such records shall be maintained until the three (3) years after the refunding obligations are completely extinguished. Such records can be maintained in paper or electronic format.

D. Responsible Person. The Responsible Person shall receive appropriate training regarding the City's accounting system, contract intake system, facilities management and other systems necessary to track the investment and expenditure of the proceeds and the use of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Certificates. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Responsible Person is authorized and instructed to retain such experienced advisors and agents as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of these instructions.

**EXHIBIT D**

**DTC LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS**

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## EXHIBIT E

### GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULE

I. Capitalized terms used in this Exhibit have the meanings ascribed thereto in Section 40 of the Ordinance. *Certificates* refer to the Certificates that are the subject of the Ordinance to which this Exhibit is attached.

II. As a capital markets participant, the Issuer is aware of its continuing disclosure requirements and obligations existing under the Rule prior to February 27, 2019, the effective date of the most recent amendment to the Rule (the *Effective Date*), and has implemented and maintained internal policies, processes, and procedures to ensure compliance therewith. Adherence to these internal policies, processes, and procedures has enabled underwriters in non-exempt negotiated sales and initial purchasers in non-exempt competitive sales to comply with their obligations arising under various MSRB rules and regulations concerning due diligence and findings of suitability, among other matters, regarding the Issuer's compliance with the Rule.

III. The Issuer is aware that the Rule was amended as of the Effective Date (the *Rule Amendment*) and has accommodated this amendment by adding subparagraphs (15) and (16) to Section 40C of the Ordinance, which provisions are a part of the Undertaking.

IV. The Issuer is aware that "participating underwriters" (as such term is defined in the Rule) of the Certificates must make inquiry and reasonably believe that the Issuer is likely to comply with the Undertaking and that the standards for determining compliance have increased over time as a result of, among others, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative and regulatory commentary relating to the effectiveness of the Rule Amendment.

V. The Issuer now establishes the following general policies and procedures (the *Policies and Procedures*) for satisfying its obligations pursuant to the Undertaking, which policies and procedures have been developed based on the Issuer's informal policies, procedures, and processes utilized prior to the Effective Date for compliance with the Issuer's obligations under the Rule, the advice from and discussions with the Issuer's internal senior staff (including staff charged with administering the Issuer's financial affairs), its municipal or financial advisor, its legal counsel (including Bond Counsel), and its independent accountants, to the extent determined to be necessary or advisable (collectively, the *Compliance Team*):

1. the City Administrator/Finance Director (the *Compliance Officer*) shall be responsible for satisfying the Issuer's obligations pursuant to the Undertaking through adherence to these Policies and Procedures;

2. the Compliance Officer shall establish reminder or "tickler" systems to identify and timely report to the MSRB, in the format thereby prescribed from time to time, the Issuer's information of the type described in Section 40B of the Ordinance;

3. the Compliance Officer shall promptly determine the occurrence of any of the events described in Section 40C of the Ordinance;

4. the Compliance Officer shall work with external consultants of the Issuer, as and to the extent necessary, to timely prepare and file with the MSRB the annual information of the Issuer and notice of the occurrence of any of the events referenced in Clauses 2 and 3 above, respectively, the foregoing being required to satisfy the terms of the Undertaking;

5. the Compliance Officer shall establish a system for identifying and monitoring any Financial Obligations, whether now existing or hereafter entered into by the Issuer, and (upon identification) determining if such Financial Obligation has the potential to materially impact the security or source of repayment of the Certificates;

6. upon identification of any Financial Obligation meeting the materiality standard identified in Clause 5 above, the Compliance Officer shall establish a process for identifying and monitoring any Issuer agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms under such Financial Obligation;

7. the Compliance Officer shall establish a process for identifying the occurrence of any default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of any Financial Obligation, the occurrence of any of which reflect financial difficulties of the Issuer; and

8. the Compliance Officer shall annually review these Policies and Procedures with the remainder of the Compliance Team, make any modifications on an internal document retained by the Compliance Officer and available to any “participating underwriter” (as defined in the Rule), if requested, and on the basis of this annual review (to the extent determined to be necessary or desirable), seek additional training for herself or himself, as well as other members of the Issuer’s internal staff identified by the Compliance Officer to assist with the Issuer’s satisfaction of the terms and provisions of the Undertaking.