

# ORDINANCE No. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2026"; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND A PLEDGE OF THE SURPLUS REVENUES OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM; SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to an application filed with the Texas Water Development Board (the "Board"), the City of Mount Vernon, Texas (the "City") has received a loan commitment from the Board to provide financing in the amount of \$10,703,090 to finance the costs of improving and extending the City's waterworks system, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor identified as Project No. 21878, and such financial assistance is to be evidenced by (i) the Board's purchase of certificates of obligation in the principal amount of \$1,075,000 payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the City and a pledge of the surplus Net Revenues (as defined in Section 10 hereof) of the City's waterworks and sewer system and (ii) a grant of \$9,628,090; and

WHEREAS, notice of the City Council's intention to issue such certificates of obligation (the "Notice") in the maximum principal amount of \$1,075,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) improving and extending the City's waterworks and sewer system, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor (the "Project") and (ii) professional services rendered in connection therewith, has been (a) duly published in *The Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Mount Vernon, Texas on December 3, 2025, and December 10, 2025, the date the first publication of such notice being not less than forty-six (46) days prior to the tentative date stated therein for the passage of this Ordinance and (b) duly published continuously on the City's website for at least forty-five (45) days before the tentative date stated therein for the passage of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Notice designating February 9, 2026 as the tentative date the City Council would consider the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Certificates was duly published on the City's website starting on December 5, 2025 and has been continuously maintained on its website to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council met on February 9, 2026 and announced that the ordinance authorizing the certificates of obligation described in the Notice would be considered at the February 13, 2026 meeting of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the time period for qualified voters of the City to submit a petition as authorized by Section 271.049, Texas Local Government Code has remained open from the date of the adoption of the resolution authorizing the giving of the Notice to the date hereof; 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 City, has been presented to or filed with the City Secretary, Interim City Secretary or the City Administrator on or prior to the date of the passage of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that \$1,075,000 in total principal amount of the certificates of obligation described in the Notice should be authorized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1. Authorization - Designation - Principal Amount - Purpose.** Certificates of obligation of the City shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,075,000 to be designated

and bear the title "CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2026" (hereinafter referred to as the "Certificates"), for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) improving and extending the City's waterworks system, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor (the "Project") and (ii) professional services rendered in connection therewith, all in accordance with the authority conferred by and in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271, as amended.

**SECTION 2. Fully Registered Obligations - Certificate Date - Authorized Denominations - Stated Maturities - Interest Rates.** The Certificates are issuable in fully registered form only, shall be dated March 1, 2026 (the "Certificate Date"), and shall be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (within a Stated Maturity), and the Certificates shall become due and payable on September 1 in each of the years and in principal amounts (the "Stated Maturities") and bear interest at the per annum rates in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Year of Stated Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>
2027	25,000	1.820
2028	25,000	1.830
2029	25,000	1.850
2030	25,000	1.900
2031	30,000	1.970
2032	30,000	2.040
2033	30,000	2.170
2034	30,000	2.210
2035	30,000	2.300
2036	30,000	2.380
2037	30,000	2.560
2038	30,000	2.700
2039	35,000	2.810
2040	35,000	2.910
2041	35,000	3.020
2042	35,000	3.110
2043	35,000	3.200
2044	40,000	3.280
2045	40,000	3.350
2046	40,000	3.400
2047	45,000	3.450
2048	45,000	3.480
2049	45,000	3.490
2050	45,000	3.530
2051	50,000	3.550
2052	50,000	3.560
2053	50,000	3.570
2054	55,000	3.580
2055	55,000	3.580

The Certificates shall bear interest on the unpaid principal amount thereof from the date of the initial delivery of the Certificates at the per annum rates shown above (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) and shall be payable on March 1 and September 1 in each year until maturity or prior redemption, commencing on September 1, 2026.

**SECTION 3. Terms of Payment - Paying Agent/Registrar.** The principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Certificates, due by reason of maturity, redemption or otherwise, shall be payable only to the registered owners or holders of the Certificates (the "Holders") appearing on the registration and transfer books

maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar. Such payments shall be payable, without exchange or collection charges, to the Holder 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.

The selection and appointment of BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, or its assigns to serve as Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates is hereby approved and confirmed. The City agrees and covenants to cause to be kept and maintained at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office (defined below) of the Paying Agent/Registrar, books and records relating to the registration, payment, and transfer of the Certificates (the "Security Register"), all as provided herein, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a "Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement," substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and such reasonable rules and regulations as the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City may prescribe. The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and City Secretary or Interim City Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver such Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement in connection with the delivery of the Certificates. The City covenants to maintain and provide a Paying Agent/Registrar at all times until the Certificates are paid and discharged; and, any successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall be a commercial bank, trust company, financial institution, or other entity duly qualified and legally authorized to act as and perform the duties and services of Paying Agent/Registrar. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates, the City agrees to promptly cause a written notice of the change to be sent to each registered owner of the Certificates by first class United States mail, postage prepaid; and such notice shall also give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar.

Principal of and premium, if any, on the Certificates, shall be payable at the Stated Maturities or on a date of earlier redemption thereof only upon presentation and surrender of the Certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar at its designated offices, initially in St. Paul, Minnesota, or, with respect to a successor Paying Agent/Registrar, at the designated offices of such successor (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office"). The Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay interest on the Certificates only to the Holders whose names appear in the Security Register at the close of business on the Record Date (the fifteenth day of the month next preceding the interest payment date) and shall pay either by: (1) check sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner recorded in the Security Register or (2) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by the Holder at the Holder's risk and expense. Provided, however, while the Board is the registered owner of the Certificates, payments on the Certificates shall be made by wire transfer without expense to the Holder. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be fifteen (15) days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) business days prior to the Special Record Date by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing on the books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the fifteenth day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

#### SECTION 4. Redemption.

(a) Optional Redemption. The Certificates maturing on September 1, 2037 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the City on September 1, 2036, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part (in inverse order of Stated Maturities, if less than all of the outstanding Certificates are called for optional redemption) in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and if in part by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar) at the redemption price of par, together with interest accrued to the redemption date.

(b) Exercise of Optional Redemption Option. Not less than forty-five (45) days prior to an optional redemption date for the Certificates (unless a shorter notification period shall be satisfactory to the Paying

Agent/Registrar), the City shall notify the Paying Agent/Registrar of: (1) the decision to redeem Certificates, (2) the principal amount of each Stated Maturity to be redeemed, and (3) the date of redemption.

(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 treat such Certificates as representing the number of Certificates Outstanding, which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Certificates by \$5,000, and shall select by lot the Certificates to be redeemed within such Stated Maturity.

(d) Notice of Redemption. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to a redemption date for the Certificates, a notice of redemption shall be sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, in the name of the City and at the City'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 last 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.

All notices of redemption shall: (1) specify the date of redemption for the Certificates, (2) 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, (3) state the redemption price, (4) 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 (5) specify that payment of the redemption price for the Certificates, or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall be made at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender thereof by the Holder. If a Certificate is subject by its terms to prior redemption and has been called for redemption and notice of redemption thereof has been duly given as hereinabove provided, such Certificate (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) shall become due and payable and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the specified redemption date; provided moneys sufficient for the payment of such Certificate (or of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) at the then applicable redemption price are held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(e) Conditional Notice of Redemption. With respect to any optional redemption of the Certificates, unless moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates to be redeemed shall have been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice may state that said redemption is conditional upon the receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon the satisfaction of any prerequisites set forth in such notice of redemption; and, if sufficient moneys are not received, such notice shall be of no force and effect, the City shall not redeem such Certificates and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that the Certificates have not been redeemed.

**SECTION 5. Registration - Transfer - Exchange of Certificates - Predecessor Certificates.** A Security Register relating to the registration, payment, and transfer or exchange of the Certificates shall at all times be kept and maintained by the City at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar and at a place within the State of Texas, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain, record, and maintain in the Security Register the name and address of each registered owner of the Certificates issued under and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance. 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 Designated Payment/Transfer Office of 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 the surrender for transfer of any Certificate (other than the Initial Certificate(s) authorized in Section 8 hereof) at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, 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 City, of authorized denominations and having the same Stated Maturity and of a like aggregate principal amount as the Certificate or Certificates surrendered for transfer.

At the option of the Holder, Certificates (other than the Initial Certificate(s) authorized in Section 8 hereof) 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 the surrender of the Certificates to be exchanged at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. Whenever any Certificates are so surrendered for exchange, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver new Certificates, executed on behalf of, and furnished by the City, to the Holder requesting the exchange.

All Certificates issued upon any transfer or exchange of Certificates shall be delivered at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the Holder and, upon the delivery thereof, the same shall be valid obligations of the City, evidencing the same obligation to pay, and entitled to the same benefits under this Ordinance, as the Certificates surrendered in 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 under this Section are hereby defined to be "Predecessor Certificates," evidencing all or a portion, as the case may be, of the same obligation to pay evidenced by the new Certificate or Certificates registered and delivered in the exchange or transfer. Additionally, the term "Predecessor Certificates" shall include any Certificate registered and delivered pursuant to Section 24 hereof 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.

Neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to issue or transfer to an assignee of a Holder any Certificate called for redemption, in whole or in part, within forty-five (45) days of the date fixed for the redemption of such Certificate; provided, however, such limitation on transferability shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Holder of the unredeemed balance of a Certificate called for redemption in part.

**SECTION 6. Book-Entry-Only Transfers and Transactions.** Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Sections 3, 4 and 5 relating to the payment, and transfer/exchange of the Certificates, the City hereby approves and authorizes the use of "Book-Entry-Only" securities clearance, settlement and transfer system provided by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, in accordance with the operational arrangements referenced in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations by and between the City and DTC (the "Depository Agreement").

Pursuant to the Depository Agreement and the rules of DTC, the Certificates shall be deposited with DTC who shall hold said Certificates for its participants (the "DTC Participants"). While the Certificates are held by DTC under the Depository Agreement, the Holder of the Certificates on the Security Register for all purposes, including payment and notices, shall be Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, notwithstanding the ownership of each actual purchaser or owner of each Certificate (the "Beneficial Owners") being recorded in the records of DTC and DTC Participants.

In the event DTC determines to discontinue serving as securities depository for the Certificates or otherwise ceases to provide book-entry clearance and settlement of securities transactions in general or the City determines that DTC is incapable of properly discharging its duties as securities depository for the Certificates, the City covenants and agrees with the Holders of the Certificates to cause Certificates to be printed in definitive form and issued and delivered to DTC Participants and Beneficial Owners, as the case may be. Thereafter, the Certificates in definitive form shall be assigned, transferred and exchanged on the Security Register maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar and payment of such Certificates shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3, 4 and 5 hereof.

**SECTION 7. Execution - Registration.** The Certificates shall be executed on behalf of the City by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem under its seal reproduced or impressed thereon and countersigned by the City Secretary or

Interim City Secretary. The signatures of said officers and the seal of the City on the Certificates may be manual or facsimile. Certificates bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of said individuals who are or were the proper officers of the City on the Certificate Date shall be deemed to be duly executed on behalf of the City, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them shall cease to hold such offices prior to the delivery of the Certificates to the initial purchaser(s), and with respect to Certificates delivered in subsequent exchanges and transfers, all as authorized and provided in Texas Government Code, Chapter 1201, as amended.

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 as set forth in the form of the Initial Certificate(s) provided in Section 9B, executed by facsimile or manually by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas or his or her duly authorized agent, or a certificate of registration substantially as set forth in the form of the definitive Certificates provided in Section 9C, manually executed by an authorized officer, employee, or representative of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and either such certificate duly signed upon any Certificate shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Certificate has been duly certified, registered, and delivered.

**SECTION 8. Initial Certificate(s).** The Certificates herein authorized shall be initially issued either as (i) a single fully registered certificate in the total principal amount of this series with principal installments to become due and payable as provided in Section 2 and numbered T-1 or, alternatively, (ii) as one certificate for each year of maturity in the applicable principal amount and denomination and to be numbered consecutively from T-1 and upward (hereinafter called the "Initial Certificate(s)") and, in either case, the Initial Certificate(s) shall be registered in the name of the initial purchaser(s) or the designee thereof. The Initial Certificate(s) shall be the Certificate(s) submitted to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas for approval, certified and registered by the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas and delivered to the initial purchaser(s). Any time after the delivery of the Initial Certificate(s), the Paying Agent/Registrar, pursuant to written instructions from the initial purchaser(s), or the designee thereof, shall cancel the Initial Certificate(s) delivered hereunder and exchange therefor definitive Certificates of authorized denominations, Stated Maturities, principal amounts and bearing applicable interest rates for transfer and delivery to the Holders named at the addresses identified therefor; all pursuant to and in accordance with such written instructions from the initial purchaser(s), or the designee thereof, and such other information and documentation as the Paying Agent/Registrar may reasonably require.

#### **SECTION 9. Forms.**

**A. Forms Generally.** The Certificates, the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, the Certificate of Registration of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the form of Assignment to be printed on 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 in the event the Certificates, or any maturities thereof, are purchased with insurance and any reproduction of an opinion of counsel) thereon as may, consistently herewith, be established by the City or be determined by the officers executing such 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 to such a portion on the face of the Certificate.

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

The City may provide (i) for issuance of one fully registered Certificate for the Stated Maturity in the aggregate principal amount of such Stated Maturity and (ii) for registration of such Certificate in the name of a securities depository, or the nominee thereof. While any Certificate is registered in the name of a securities depository or its nominee, references herein and in the Certificates to the holder or owner of such Certificate shall mean the securities depository or its nominee and shall not mean any other person.

B. Form of Single Initial Certificate.

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\$1,075,000

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS  
COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE  
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION  
SERIES 2026

Certificate Date: March 1, 2026

Registered Owner: TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Principal Amount: ONE MILLION SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

The City of Mount Vernon (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), a body corporate and municipal corporation in the County of Franklin, State of Texas, for value received, acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner named above, or the registered assigns thereof, the Principal Amount hereinabove stated, on September 1 in each of the years and in principal installments in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL INSTALLMENTS (\$)</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE (%)</u>
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(Information to be inserted from Section 2 hereof)

(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 date of the delivery to the initial purchaser 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 March 1 and September 1 of each year until maturity or prior redemption, commencing September 1, 2026. Principal installments of this Certificate are payable on the Stated Maturity dates or on a redemption date to the registered owner hereof by BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"), upon its presentation and surrender at its designated offices, initially in St. Paul, Minnesota, or, with respect to a successor paying agent/registrar, at the designated office of such successor (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office"). Interest shall be payable to the registered owner 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 fifteenth day of the month next preceding the interest payment date hereof and interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner recorded 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 registered owner. 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. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

This Certificate is issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,075,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) improving and extending the City's waterworks system, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor (the "Project") and (ii) professional services rendered in connection therewith, pursuant to authority conferred by and in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas,

particularly Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271, as amended, and pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the governing body of the City (hereinafter referred to as the "Ordinance").

The Certificates maturing on September 1, 2037 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the City on September 1, 2036, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part (in inverse order of Stated Maturities, if less than all of the outstanding Certificates are called for optional redemption) in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and if in part by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar) at the redemption price of par, together with interest accrued to the redemption date.

At least thirty (30) days prior to a redemption date, the City shall cause a written notice of such redemption to be sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the registered owners of each Certificate to be redeemed at the address shown on the Security Register and subject to the terms and provisions relating thereto contained in the Ordinance. If a Certificate (or any portion of its principal sum) shall have been duly called for redemption and notice of such redemption duly given, then upon the redemption date such Certificate (or the portion of its principal sum to be redeemed) shall become due and payable, and, if moneys for the payment of the redemption price and the interest accrued on the principal amount to be redeemed to the date of redemption are held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar, interest shall cease to accrue and be payable from and after the redemption date on the principal amount redeemed.

In the event a portion of the principal amount of a Certificate is to be redeemed and the registered owner is someone other than Cede & Co., payment of the redemption price of such principal amount shall be made to the registered owner only upon presentation and surrender of such Certificate to the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and a new Certificate or Certificates of like maturity and interest rate in any authorized denominations provided by the Ordinance for the then unredeemed balance of the principal sum thereof will be issued to the registered owner, without charge. If a Certificate is selected for redemption, in whole or in part, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to transfer such Certificate to an assignee of the registered owner within forty-five (45) days of the redemption date; provided, however, such limitation on transferability shall not be applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the unredeemed balance of a Certificate redeemed in part.

With respect to any optional redemption of the Certificates, unless moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates to be redeemed shall have been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice may state that said redemption is conditional upon the receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon the satisfaction of any prerequisites set forth in such notice of redemption; and, if sufficient moneys are not received, such notice shall be of no force and effect, the City shall not redeem such Certificates and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that the Certificates have not been redeemed.

This Certificate is payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the City and is additionally payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the surplus Net Revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system (the "System"), as provided in the Ordinance. In the Ordinance, the City reserves and retains the right to issue Additional Certificates equally and ratably secured with the Certificates by a parity lien on and pledge of the surplus Net Revenues.

Reference is hereby made to the Ordinance, a copy of which is on file at the principal offices of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and to all of the provisions of which the registered owner by the acceptance hereof hereby assents, for definitions of terms; the description of and the nature and extent of the tax levied for the payment of the Certificate; the properties constituting the System; the surplus Net Revenues pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on this Certificate; the nature, extent, and manner of enforcement of the pledge; the terms and conditions relating to the transfer or exchange of this Certificate; the conditions upon which the Ordinance may be amended or supplemented with or without the consent of the registered owners; the rights, duties, and obligations of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar; the terms and provisions upon which the tax levy and the liens, pledges, charges, and covenants made therein may be discharged at or prior to the maturity of this Certificate, and this

Certificate deemed to be no longer Outstanding; and for the other terms and provisions thereof. Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned in the Ordinance.

This Certificate, subject to certain limitations contained in the Ordinance, may be transferred on the Security Register only upon its presentation and surrender at the principal offices of the Paying Agent/Registrar, with the Assignment hereon duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar duly executed by the registered owner hereof, or his duly authorized agent. When a transfer on the Security Register occurs, 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 by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the designated transferee or transferees.

The City and the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any agent of either, may treat the registered owner hereof whose name appears on the Security Register (i) on the Record Date as the owner entitled to the payment of the interest hereon, (ii) on the date of surrender of this Certificate as the owner entitled to the payment of the principal hereof at its Stated Maturity, and (iii) on any other date as the owner for all other purposes, and neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any agent of either, shall be affected by notice to the contrary. In the event of a nonpayment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) business days prior to the Special Record Date by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner 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, recited, represented, and covenanted that the City is a duly organized and legally existing municipal corporation under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas; that the issuance of the Certificates is duly authorized by law; that all acts, conditions, and things required to exist and be done precedent to and in the issuance of the Certificates to render the same lawful and valid obligations of the City have been properly done, have happened, and have been performed in regular and due time, form, and manner as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and the Ordinance; that the Certificates do not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation; and that due provision has been made for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates by the levy of a tax and a pledge of and lien on the surplus Net Revenues of the System as stated above. In case any provision in this Certificate or any application thereof shall be 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City has caused this Certificate to be duly executed under the official seal of the City as of the Certificate Date.

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS

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[Mayor][Mayor Pro-Tem]

COUNTERSIGNED:

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[City Secretary][Interim City Secretary]

(City Seal)

C. Form of Registration Certificate of Comptroller of Public Accounts to Appear on Initial Certificate(s) Only.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF  
THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER                    §  
   §  
OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS                    §                    REGISTER NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
   §  
THE STATE OF TEXAS                    §

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Certificate has been examined, certified as to validity, approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and duly registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

WITNESS my signature and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_.

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

(Seal)

D. Form of Registration Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar to Appear on Definitive Certificates Only.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR

This Certificate has been duly issued and registered under the provisions of the within mentioned Ordinance; the certificate or certificates of the above entitled and designated series originally delivered having been approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, as shown by the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar.

The office of the Paying Agent/Registrar in St. Paul, Minnesota, is the Designated Payment/Transfer Office for this Certificate.

BOKF, NA,  
Dallas, Texas, as Paying Agent/Registrar

Registered this date:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature

E. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature guaranteed:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.

F. Form of Definitive Certificates.

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

REGISTERED  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS  
COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE  
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION  
SERIES 2026

Certificate Date:	Interest Rate:	Stated Maturity:	CUSIP NO.
March 1, 2026	____%	September 1, 20__	_____

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

The City of Mount Vernon (hereinafter referred to as the “City”), a body corporate and municipal corporation in the County of Franklin, State of Texas, for value received, acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner named above, or the registered assigns thereof, on the Stated Maturity date specified above, the Principal Amount stated above (or so much thereof as shall not have been paid upon prior redemption) and to pay interest on the unpaid Principal Amount stated above from the interest payment date next preceding the “Registration Date” of this Certificate appearing below (unless this Certificate bears a “Registration Date” as of an interest payment date, in which case it shall bear interest from such date, or unless the “Registration Date” of this Certificate is prior to the initial interest payment date in which case it shall bear interest from the date of delivery of the Certificates to the initial purchaser) 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 March 1 and September 1 in each year until maturity or prior redemption, commencing September 1, 2026. Principal of this Certificate shall be payable at its Stated Maturity or on a redemption date to the Registered Owner hereof upon presentation and surrender at the designated offices of the Paying Agent/Registrar executing the registration certificate appearing hereon, initially in St. Paul, Minnesota, or, with respect to a successor Paying Agent/Registrar, at the designated offices of such successor (the “Designated Payment/Transfer Office”). Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of this Certificate (or of 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 fifteenth day of the month next preceding the interest payment date and interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner, recorded 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 registered owner. 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. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which

is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

This Certificate is one of the series specified in its title issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,075,000 (herein referred to as the "Certificates") for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) improving and extending the City's waterworks system, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor (the "Project") and (ii) professional services rendered in connection therewith, pursuant to authority conferred by and in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271, as amended, and pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the governing body of the City (hereinafter referred to as the "Ordinance").

The Certificates maturing on September 1, 2037 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the City on September 1, 2036, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part (in inverse order of Stated Maturities, if less than all of the outstanding Certificates are called for optional redemption) in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and if in part by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar) at the redemption price of par, together with interest accrued to the redemption date.

At least thirty (30) days prior to a redemption date, the City shall cause a written notice of such redemption to be sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the registered owners of each Certificate to be redeemed at the address shown on the Security Register and subject to the terms and provisions relating thereto contained in the Ordinance. If a Certificate (or any portion of its principal sum) shall have been duly called for redemption and notice of such redemption duly given, then upon the redemption date such Certificate (or the portion of its principal sum to be redeemed) shall become due and payable, and, if moneys for the payment of the redemption price and the interest accrued on the principal amount to be redeemed to the date of redemption are held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar, interest shall cease to accrue and be payable from and after the redemption date on the principal amount redeemed.

In the event a portion of the principal amount of a Certificate is to be redeemed and the registered owner is someone other than Cede & Co., payment of the redemption price of such principal amount shall be made to the registered owner only upon presentation and surrender of such Certificate to the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and a new Certificate or Certificates of like maturity and interest rate in any authorized denominations provided by the Ordinance for the then unredeemed balance of the principal sum thereof will be issued to the registered owner, without charge. If a Certificate is selected for redemption, in whole or in part, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to transfer such Certificate to an assignee of the registered owner within forty-five (45) days of the redemption date; provided, however, such limitation on transferability shall not be applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the unredeemed balance of a Certificate redeemed in part.

With respect to any optional redemption of the Certificates, unless moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates to be redeemed shall have been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice may state that said redemption is conditional upon the receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon the satisfaction of any prerequisites set forth in such notice of redemption; and, if sufficient moneys are not received, such notice shall be of no force and effect, the City shall not redeem such Certificates and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that the Certificates have not been redeemed.

The Certificates are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the City and are additionally payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the surplus Net Revenues of the City's Waterworks and Sewer System (the "System"), as provided in the Ordinance. In the Ordinance, the City reserves and retains the right to issue Additional Certificates equally and ratably secured with the Certificates by a parity lien on and pledge of the surplus Net Revenues.

Reference is hereby made to the Ordinance, a copy of which is on file at the principal offices of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and to all of the provisions of which the registered owner by the acceptance hereof hereby assents, for definitions of terms; the description of and the nature and extent of the tax levied for the payment of the Certificates; the properties constituting the System; the surplus Net Revenues pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates; the nature, extent, and manner of enforcement of the pledge; the terms and conditions relating to the transfer or exchange of this Certificate; the conditions upon which the Ordinance may be amended or supplemented with or without the consent of the registered owners; the rights, duties, and obligations of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar; the terms and provisions upon which the tax levy and the liens, pledges, charges, and covenants made therein may be discharged at or prior to the maturity of this Certificate, and this Certificate deemed to be no longer Outstanding; and, for the other terms and provisions thereof. Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned in the Ordinance.

This Certificate, subject to certain limitations contained in the Ordinance, may be transferred on the Security Register only upon its presentation and surrender at the principal offices of the Paying Agent/Registrar, with the Assignment hereon duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar duly executed by, the registered owner hereof, or his duly authorized agent. When a transfer on the Security Register occurs, 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 by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the designated transferee or transferees.

The City and the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any agent of either, may treat the registered owner hereof whose name appears on the Security Register (i) on the Record Date as the owner entitled to the payment of the interest hereon, (ii) on the date of surrender of this Certificate as the owner entitled to the payment of the principal hereof at its Stated Maturity, and (iii) on any other date as the owner for all other purposes, and neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any 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 thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be fifteen (15) days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) business days prior to the Special Record Date by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner 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, recited, represented, and covenanted that the City is a duly organized and legally existing municipal corporation under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas; that the issuance of the Certificates is duly authorized by law; that all acts, conditions, and things required to exist and be done precedent to and in the issuance of the Certificates to render the same lawful and valid obligations of the City have been properly done, have happened, and have been performed in regular and due time, form, and manner as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and the Ordinance; that the Certificates do not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation; and that due provision has been made for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates by the levy of a tax and a pledge of and lien on the surplus Net Revenues of the System as stated above. In case any provision in this Certificate or any application thereof shall be 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City has caused this Certificate to be duly executed under the official seal of the City as of the Certificate Date.

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS

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[Mayor][Mayor Pro-Tem]

COUNTERSIGNED:

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[City Secretary][Interim City Secretary]

(City Seal)

**SECTION 10. Definitions.** For purposes of this Ordinance and for clarity with respect to the issuance of the Certificates herein authorized, and the levy of taxes and appropriation of Net Revenues therefor, the following definitions are provided:

(a) The term “Additional Certificates” shall mean combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation hereafter issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Subchapter C of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, or any similar law hereafter enacted, and payable from ad valorem taxes and additionally payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues as provided in Section 13 hereof.

(b) The term “Board” means the Texas Water Development Board, the initial purchaser of the Certificates.

(c) The term “Certificates” shall mean the “City of Mount Vernon, Texas, Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026” authorized by this Ordinance.

(d) The term “Certificate Account” shall mean the special account created and established under the provisions of Section 11 of this Ordinance.

(e) 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 City become delinquent.

(f) The term “Fiscal Year” shall mean the twelve-month operating period ending on September 30th of each year unless otherwise designated by the City.

(g) The term “Gross Revenues” for any period means all revenue during such period in respect or on account of the operation or ownership of the System, excluding refundable meter deposits, restricted gifts, and grants in aid of construction, but including earnings and income derived from the investment or deposit of money in any special fund or account created and established from Gross Revenues.

(h) The term “Government Securities” shall mean (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and, on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the City, 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 of their acquisition or purchase by the City, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent and (iv) any other then authorized securities or obligations that may be used to defease obligations such as the Certificates under the then applicable laws of the State of Texas.

(i) The term “Maintenance and Operating Expenses” shall mean all current expenses of operating and maintaining the System as defined by Section 1502.056 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

(j) The term “Net Revenues” for any period means the Gross Revenues of the System less Maintenance and Operating Expenses of the System.

(k) The term “Outstanding” when used in this Ordinance with respect to Certificates means, as of the date of determination, all Certificates theretofore issued and delivered under this Ordinance, except:

(1) those Certificates theretofore 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 City in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 hereof by the irrevocable deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, of money or Government Securities, or both, in the amount necessary to fully pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest thereon to maturity; and

(3) those Certificates that have been mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen and for which (i) replacement Certificates have been registered and delivered in lieu thereof or (ii) have been paid, all as provided in Section 24 hereof.

(l) The term “Prior Lien Obligations” shall mean all bonds or other obligations now outstanding and hereafter issued which by the terms of the related authorizing ordinance are made payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, which is prior in right to the lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues securing the payment of the TWDB Certificates and the Certificates and all bonds hereafter issued to refund any part of Prior Lien Obligations.

(m) The term “System” shall mean all properties, facilities and plants currently owned, operated and maintained by the City for the supply, treatment, transmission and distribution of treated potable water and the collection, treatment and disposal of waterborne wastes, together with all future extensions, improvements and additions thereto and replacements thereof, including the Project.

(n) The term “TWDB Certificates” shall mean the outstanding “City of Mount Vernon, Texas, Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013,” dated March 1, 2013 and the outstanding “City of Mount Vernon, Texas, Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024,” dated August 1, 2024.

**SECTION 11. Certificate Account.** For the purpose of paying the interest on and to provide a sinking fund for the payment and retirement of the Certificates, there shall be and is hereby created a special fund or account to be designated “SPECIAL 2026 COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION ACCOUNT”(the “Certificate Account”), which fund or account shall be maintained on the records of the City and deposited in a special fund maintained at an official depository of the City’s funds, and moneys deposited in said fund or account shall be used for no other purpose. The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Administrator, City Secretary and Interim City Secretary, any one or more of said officials of the City, are hereby authorized and directed to make withdrawals from said fund or account 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 moneys on deposit in the Certificate Account (on or prior to a principal and/or interest payment date) an amount sufficient to pay the amount of principal and/or interest falling due on the Certificates.

Pending the transfer of funds to the Paying Agent/Registrar, money in the Certificate Account may, at the option of the City, be invested in investments authorized by the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, as amended, and the City’s investment policy; provided that all such deposits and investments shall be made in such a manner that the money required to be expended from said Account will be available at the proper time or times. All interest and income derived from deposits and investments in the Certificate Account shall be credited to, and any losses debited to, such account. All investments in the Certificate Account shall be sold promptly when necessary to prevent any default in connection with the Certificates.

## **SECTION 12. Tax Levy.**

(a) To provide for the payment of the “Debt Service Requirements” on the Certificates being (i) the interest on said Certificates and (ii) a sinking fund for their redemption at maturity or a sinking fund of 2%

(whichever amount shall be the greater), there shall be and there is hereby levied a sufficient tax on each one hundred dollars' valuation of taxable property in said City, adequate to pay such Debt Service Requirements while the Certificates are Outstanding, full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection; and 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 Account. The City Council 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 City for such purpose is adequate to permit a legally sufficient tax in consideration of all other outstanding indebtedness.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) above of this Section 12:

(1) if Net Revenues of the System hereinafter pledged to the payment of the Certificates or any other legally available funds are actually on deposit in the Certificate Account in advance of the time ad valorem taxes are scheduled to be levied for any year, then the amount of taxes otherwise required to be levied for such year pursuant to (a) above may be reduced to the extent and by the amount of the funds then on deposit in the Certificate Account; or

(2) if the City's annual budget provides for the Net Revenues of the System to pay the Debt Service Requirements of the Certificates to become due and payable during the budget year thereby reducing the amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied in such year for the Certificates, then:

(i) The City shall transfer and deposit in the Certificate Account each month an amount of not less than 1/12th of the annual Debt Service Requirements on the Certificates until the amount accumulated and maintained in the Certificate Account equals the amount required for the full payment of the Debt Service Requirements on the Certificates then Outstanding; and provided further, save and except for required payments to the special funds maintained for the payment of the Prior Lien Obligations and Additional Obligations, if issued, the City shall not transfer any Net Revenues from the System Fund to any fund of the City other than the Certificate Account until such time as an amount equal to the annual Debt Service Requirements for the Certificates for the then current fiscal year has been deposited in the Certificate Account;

(ii) Each year while the Certificates are Outstanding, and prior to the time of the annual ad valorem tax rate is established and levied by the City, the City shall establish, adopt and maintain an annual budget that provides for either the monthly deposit of sufficient Net Revenues of the System and/or ad valorem tax revenues, the monthly deposit of any other legally available funds on hand at the time of the adoption of the annual budget, or a combination thereof, into the Certificate Account for the payment of the Certificates; and

(iii) The City shall at all times maintain and collect sufficient rates and charges for water and sewer services in conjunction with any other legally available funds that, after payment of the costs of operating and maintaining the System that produce Net Revenues in an amount not less than 1.10 times the debt service payments for all outstanding waterworks or sewer system revenue bonds of the City and other obligations of the City which are secured in whole or in part by a pledge of the revenues of the System for which the City is budgeting the repayment of such obligations from the revenues of the System, or the City shall provide documentation which evidences the levy of an ad valorem tax rate dedicated to the payment of the Certificates, in conjunction with any other legally available funds other than revenues of the System, sufficient for the repayment of System debt service requirements.

**SECTION 13. Pledge of Surplus Net Revenues.** The City hereby covenants and agrees that, subject to the prior lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues to the payment and security of the Prior Lien Obligations, the Net Revenues, with the exception of those in excess of the amounts required to be deposited to the Certificate Account as hereafter provided, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates and the pledge of Net Revenues herein made for the payment of the Certificates shall constitute a lien on the Net Revenues, all in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof and be valid and binding and fully perfected from and after the date of adoption of this Ordinance without physical delivery or transfer or transfer of control of the Net Revenues, the filing of this Ordinance or any other act; all as provided in Texas Government Code, Chapter 1208, as amended ("Chapter 1208").

Chapter 1208 applies to the issuance of the Certificates and the pledge of the Net Revenues of the System granted by the City under this Section 13, and such pledge is therefore valid, effective and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Certificates are Outstanding such that the pledge of the Net Revenues of the System granted by the City under this Section 13 is to be subject to the filing requirements of Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 9, as amended, then in order to preserve to the registered owners of the Certificates the perfection of the security interest in said pledge, the City agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 9, as amended, and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in said pledge to occur.

**SECTION 14. System Fund.** The City hereby covenants and agrees that all revenues derived from the operation of the System shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds, accounts, and moneys of the City, and shall be deposited as collected into the "City of Mount Vernon, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Fund" (heretofore created and established in the connection with the issuance of outstanding TWDB Certificates and hereinafter called the "System Fund"). All moneys deposited in the System Fund shall be pledged and appropriated to the extent required for the following purposes and in the order of priority shown, to wit:

**First:** To the payment of the reasonable and proper Maintenance and Operating Expenses of the System.

**Second:** To the payment of all amounts required to be deposited in the special funds created and established or to be created and established for the payment, security and benefit of Prior Lien Obligations in accordance with the terms and provisions of the ordinances authorizing the issuance of Prior Lien Obligations.

**Third:** To the payment of the amounts required to be deposited in the special funds and accounts created and established for the payment of the Certificates and the TWDB Certificates.

Any Net Revenues remaining in the System Fund after satisfying the foregoing payments, or making adequate and sufficient provision for the payment thereof, may be appropriated and used for any other City purpose now or hereafter permitted by law.

**SECTION 15. Deposits to Certificate Account.** The City agrees to cause to be deposited in the Certificate Account prior to a principal and interest payment date for the Certificates from the surplus pledge of the Net Revenues in the System Fund, after the deduction of all payments required to be made to the special funds or accounts created for the payment and security of the Prior Lien Obligations, or from ad valorem taxes or other lawfully available funds, as applicable, any amounts budgeted to be paid from the Certificate Account in such Fiscal Year.

**SECTION 16. Security of Funds.** All moneys on deposit in the Funds for which this Ordinance makes provision (except any portion thereof as may be at any time properly invested) shall be secured in the manner and to the fullest extent required by the laws of Texas for the security of public funds, and moneys on deposit in such Funds shall be used only for the purposes permitted by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 17. Remedies in Event of Default.** In addition to all the rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, the City covenants and agrees particularly that in the event the City (a) defaults in the payments to be made to the Certificate Account, or (b) defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in this Ordinance, any Holder shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus issued by a

court of proper jurisdiction compelling and requiring the governing body of the City and other officers of the City 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 18. Special Covenants.** The City hereby covenants as follows:

(i) That it has the lawful power to pledge the surplus Net Revenues supporting this issue of Certificates and has lawfully exercised said powers under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including said power existing under Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271, as amended, and Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended.

(ii) That other than for the payment of the outstanding TWDB Certificates and the Certificates, the Net Revenues are not pledged to the payment of any debt or obligation of the City or of the System.

(iii) That, as long as any Certificates or any interest thereon remain Outstanding, and the pledge of the surplus Net Revenues has not been fully satisfied, the City will not sell, lease, or encumber the System or any substantial part thereof, provided that this covenant shall not be construed to prohibit the sale of such machinery, or other properties or equipment which has become obsolete or otherwise unsuited to the efficient operation of the System.

(iv) The City recognizes that the purchasers and owners of the Certificates will have accepted them on, and paid a price which reflects, the understanding that interest thereon is excludable from federal income taxation under laws in force at the time the Certificates shall have been delivered. In this connection the City covenants to take no action or fail to take any action, which action or failure to act may render the interest on any of such Certificates subject to federal income taxation, particularly pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), nor shall the City take any action or fail to take any action, which action or failure to act, would have the effect of causing the income derived by the City from the System to become subject to federal income taxation in the hands of the City, whether or not provision shall have been made for the payment of such Certificates.

**SECTION 19. Issuance of Prior Lien Obligations and Additional Certificates.** The City hereby expressly reserves the right to hereafter issue Prior Lien Obligations and Additional Certificates without limitation as to principal amount but subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions applicable thereto under law or otherwise.

Additional Prior Lien Obligations and Additional Certificates, if issued, may be payable, in whole or in part, from Net Revenues (without impairment of the obligation of contract with the holders of Certificates) upon such terms and conditions as the City Council may determine. Additional Certificates, if issued and payable, in whole or in part, from Net Revenues, shall not in any event be construed as payable from the pledge of the surplus Net Revenues required by this Ordinance to be budgeted and appropriated for the payment of the Certificates and interest thereon.

That it is the intention of this governing body and accordingly hereby recognized and stipulated that the provisions, agreements and covenants contained herein bearing upon the management and operations of the System, and the administering and application of revenues derived from the operation thereof, shall to the extent possible be harmonized with like provisions, agreements and covenants contained in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Prior Lien Obligations, and to the extent of any irreconcilable conflict between the provisions contained herein and in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Prior Lien Obligations, the provisions, agreements and covenants contained therein shall prevail to the extent of such conflict and be applicable to this Ordinance but in all respects subject to the priority of rights and benefits, if any, conferred thereby to the holders of the Prior Lien Obligations.

**SECTION 20. Sale of Certificates.** The sale of the Certificates to the Texas Water Development Board (the “Purchaser” or the “Board”) at the price of par, which shall be paid via wire transfer at no expense to the Board, pursuant to a loan commitment received from the Board, is hereby confirmed and determined to be in the best interest of the City. Delivery of said Certificates shall be made to said Purchaser as soon as may be after the adoption of this Ordinance, upon payment therefor in accordance with the terms of sale.

**SECTION 21. Compliance with Texas Water Development Board Rural Water Assistance Fund Rules.** In compliance with the Rural Water Assistance Fund Permanent Rules of the Board, the City agrees and covenants:

(a) The Board may exercise all remedies available to it in law or equity, and any provision of the Certificates that restricts or limits the Board’s full exercise of these remedies shall be of no force and effect.

(b) Proceeds of the Certificates shall not be used by the City when sampling, testing, removing or disposing of contaminated soils and/or media at the Project site. To the extent permitted by law, the City agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and protect the Board from any and all claims, causes of action or damages to the person or property of third parties arising from the sampling, analysis, transport, storage, treatment and disposition of any contaminated sewage sludge, contaminated sediments and/or contaminated media that may be generated by the City, its contractors, consultants, agents, officials and employees as a result of activities relating to the Project.

(c) The City will not use any portion of the proceeds of the Certificates in a manner that would cause the Certificates to become “private activity bonds” within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

(d) The City will refrain from using the proceeds of the Certificates to pay debt service on another issue of obligations of the City in contravention of Section 149(d) of the Code.

(e) Neither the City nor a related party will acquire any of the Source Series Bonds (as defined in Section 25(k) hereof) in an amount related to the amount of the Certificates.

(f) to create and establish at an official depository of the City a “Special 2026 City of Mount Vernon Loan Construction Fund” (the “Construction Fund”) for the receipt and disbursement of all proceeds from the sale of the Certificates and all other funds acquired by the City in connection with the planning and construction of the projects financed, in whole or in part, by the Board pursuant to a loan evidenced by the Certificates and all funds deposited to the credit of the Construction Fund shall be disbursed only for the payment of costs and expenses incurred in connection with the planning and building of such projects as approved by the Board and as otherwise allowed by the rules.

(g) The City will abide by all applicable construction contract requirements related to the use of iron and steel products and manufactured goods produced in the United States as required by Texas Water Code Section 17.183, as amended.

(h) The City will comply with all applicable Board laws and rules related to the use of the financial assistance.

(i) The City must comply with all conditions as specified in the final environmental finding of the Executive Administrator when issued, including the standard emergency discovery conditions for threatened and endangered species and cultural resources.

(j) The City will maintain insurance coverage sufficient to protect the Board’s interest in the Project.

(k) The City will submit annually an audit prepared by a certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

(l) the City will maintain current, accurate and complete records and accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles necessary to demonstrate compliance with financial assistance related legal and contractual provisions.

(m) The City will document the adoption and implementation of an approved water conservation program for the duration of the loan evidenced by the Certificates.

**SECTION 22. Notices to Owners - 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 first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing on 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. 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 23. Cancellation.** All Certificates surrendered for payment, transfer, exchange, or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, shall be promptly canceled by it; and, if surrendered to the City, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The City may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation any Certificates previously certified or registered and delivered which the City 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 returned to the City.

**SECTION 24. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost, and Stolen Certificates.** If (a) any mutilated Certificate is surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Certificate, and (b) there is delivered to the City 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 City or the Paying Agent/Registrar that such Certificate has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the City 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 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 City in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Certificate, pay such Certificate.

Upon the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section, the City 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 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 City, 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 25. Covenants to Maintain Tax-Exempt Status of Interest on the Certificates.**

(a) **Definitions.** When used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

*"Closing Date"* means the date on which the Certificates are first authenticated and delivered to the initial purchaser against payment therefor.

*"Code"* means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by all legislation, if any, effective on or before the Closing Date.

*"Computation Date"* has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

*"Gross Proceeds"* means any proceeds as defined in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations, and any replacement proceeds as defined in Section 1.148-1(c) of the Regulations, of the Certificates.

*"Investment"* has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

*"Nonpurpose Investment"* means any investment property, as defined in Section 148(b) of the Code, in which Gross Proceeds of the Certificates are invested and which is not acquired to carry out the governmental purposes of the Certificates.

*"Rebate Amount"* has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

*"Regulations"* means any proposed, temporary, or final Income Tax Regulations issued pursuant to Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code, and 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, which are applicable to the Certificates. Any reference to any specific Regulation shall also mean, as appropriate, any proposed, temporary or final Income Tax Regulation designed to supplement, amend or replace the specific Regulation referenced.

*"Yield"* of

- (1) any Investment has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-5 of the Regulations; and
- (2) the Certificates has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-4 of the Regulations.

(b) Not to Cause Interest to Become Taxable. The City shall not use, permit the use of, or omit to use Gross Proceeds or any other amounts (or any property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds) in a manner which if made or omitted, respectively, would cause the interest on (1) any Certificate issued hereunder or (2) any series of bonds or obligations issued or incurred by the Board or the Texas Water Resources Finance Authority to become includable in the gross income, as defined in Section 61 of the Code, of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless and until the City receives a written opinion of counsel nationally recognized in the field of municipal bond law to the effect that failure to comply with such covenant will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income tax of the interest on any Certificate, the City shall comply with each of the specific covenants in this Section.

(c) No Private Use or Private Payments. Except as permitted by Section 141 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall at all times prior to the last Stated Maturity of Certificates:

- (1) exclusively own, operate and possess all property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed or refinanced directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds of the Certificates, and not use or permit the use of such Gross Proceeds (including all contractual arrangements with terms different than those applicable to the general public) or any property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds in any activity carried on by any person or entity (including the United States or any agency, department and instrumentality thereof) other than a state or local government, unless such use is solely as a member of the general public; and
- (2) not directly or indirectly impose or accept any charge or other payment by any person or entity who is treated as using Gross Proceeds of the Certificates or any property the acquisition,

construction or improvement of which is to be financed or refinanced directly or indirectly with such Gross Proceeds, other than taxes of general application within the City or interest earned on investments acquired with such Gross Proceeds pending application for their intended purposes.

(d) No Private Loan. Except to the extent permitted by Section 141 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not use Gross Proceeds of the Certificates to make or finance loans to any person or entity other than a state or local government. For purposes of the foregoing covenant, such Gross Proceeds are considered to be "loaned" to a person or entity if: (1) property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds is sold or leased to such person or entity in a transaction which creates a debt for federal income tax purposes; (2) capacity in or service from such property is committed to such person or entity under a take or pay, output or similar contract or arrangement; or (3) indirect benefits, or burdens and benefits of ownership, of such Gross Proceeds or any property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds are otherwise transferred in a transaction which is the economic equivalent of a loan.

(e) Not to Invest at Higher Yield. Except to the extent permitted by Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not at any time prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Certificates directly or indirectly invest Gross Proceeds in any Investment (or use Gross Proceeds to replace money so invested), if as a result of such investment the Yield from the Closing Date of all Investments acquired with Gross Proceeds (or with money replaced thereby), whether then held or previously disposed of, exceeds the Yield of the Certificates.

(f) Not Federally Guaranteed. Except to the extent permitted by Section 149(b) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not take or omit to take any action which would cause the Certificates to be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder.

(g) Information Report. The City shall timely file the information required by Section 149(e) of the Code with the Secretary of the Treasury on Form 8038-G or such other form and in such place as the Secretary may prescribe.

(h) Rebate of Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder:

(1) The City shall account for all Gross Proceeds (including all receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) on its books of account separately and apart from all other funds (and receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) and shall retain all records of accounting for at least six years after the day on which the last outstanding Certificate is discharged. However, to the extent permitted by law, the City may commingle Gross Proceeds of the Certificates with other money of the City, provided that the City separately accounts for each receipt and expenditure of Gross Proceeds and the obligations acquired therewith.

(2) Not less frequently than each Computation Date, the City shall calculate the Rebate Amount in accordance with rules set forth in Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder. The City shall maintain such calculations with its official transcript of proceedings relating to the issuance of the Certificates until six years after the final Computation Date.

(3) As additional consideration for the purchase of the Certificates by the Purchaser and the loan of the money represented thereby and in order to induce such purchase by measures designed to insure the excludability of the interest thereon from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, the City shall pay to the United States from the construction fund, or other appropriate fund, or if permitted by applicable Texas statute, regulation or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the Certificate Account, the amount that when added to the future value of previous rebate payments made for the Certificates equals (i) in the case of a Final Computation Date as defined in Section 1.148-3(e)(2) of the Regulations, one hundred percent (100%) of the Rebate Amount on such date; and (ii) in the case of any other Computation Date, ninety

percent (90%) of the Rebate Amount on such date. In all cases, the rebate payments shall be made at the times, in the installments, to the place and in the manner as is or may be required by Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, and shall be accompanied by Form 8038-T or such other forms and information as is or may be required by Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder.

(4) The City shall exercise reasonable diligence to assure that no errors are made in the calculations and payments required by paragraphs (2) and (3), and if an error is made, to discover and promptly correct such error within a reasonable amount of time thereafter (and in all events within one hundred eighty (180) days after discovery of the error), including payment to the United States of any additional Rebate Amount owed to it, interest thereon, and any penalty imposed under Section 1.148-3(h) of the Regulations.

(i) Not to Divert Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent permitted by Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not, at any time prior to the earlier of the Stated Maturity or final payment of the Certificates, enter into any transaction that reduces the amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to subsection (h) of this Section because such transaction results in a smaller profit or a larger loss than would have resulted if the transaction had been at arm's length and had the Yield of the Certificates not been relevant to either party.

(j) Elections. The City hereby directs and authorizes the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Administrator and City Secretary, either or any combination of them, to make elections permitted or required pursuant to the provisions of the Code or the Regulations, as they deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the Certificates, in the Certificate as to Tax Exemption or similar or other appropriate certificate, form or document.

(k) Nonpurpose Investments. No portion of the proceeds of the Certificates will be used, directly or indirectly, in a manner that would cause the Certificates to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Code and Regulations, including to acquire or to replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire Nonpurpose Investments which produce a yield materially higher than the yield on the Board's bonds that were issued to provide financing for the Certificates (the "Source Series Bonds"), other than Nonpurpose Investments acquired with:

(1) proceeds of the Board's Source Series Bonds invested for a reasonable temporary period of up to three (3) years (reduced by the period of investment by the Board) until such proceeds are needed for the facilities to be financed;

(2) amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of § 1.148-1(b) of the IRS Regulations; and

(3) amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed the least of maximum annual debt service on the Certificates, 125% of average annual debt service on the Certificates, or 10 percent of the stated principal amount (or, in the case of a discount, the issue price) of the Certificates.

**SECTION 26. Satisfaction of Obligations of City.** If the City 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 Net Revenues under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the City 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 maturity or on a 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, or (ii) Government Securities shall have been irrevocably deposited in trust with the Paying Agent/Registrar,

or an authorized escrow agent, which Government Securities have been certified by an independent accounting or consulting firm to 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 moneys 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 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. The City covenants that no deposit of moneys or Government Securities will be made under this Section and no use will be made of any such deposit which would cause the Certificates to be treated as "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Any moneys so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, 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 moneys have been so deposited shall be remitted to the City or deposited as directed by the City. 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, or applicable redemption date, of the Certificates such moneys were deposited and are held in trust to pay shall upon the request of the City be remitted to the City against a written receipt therefor. Notwithstanding the above and foregoing, any remittance of funds from the Paying Agent/Registrar to the City shall be subject to any applicable unclaimed property laws of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 27. Proceeds of Sale.** (a) Immediately following the delivery of the Certificates to the initial purchaser, the proceeds of sale (less amounts to pay costs of issuance) shall be deposited in an account to be maintained with BOKF, NA (the "Escrow Agent") and held in escrow pending written authorization to release said moneys. An "Escrow Agreement" by and between the City and the Escrow Agent providing for the deposit, safekeeping and administration of such funds pending their release from escrow is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes, and such Escrow Agreement is hereby approved as to form and content. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and City Secretary or Interim City Secretary of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute such Escrow Agreement for and on behalf of the City and as the act and deed of the City Council.

Upon the release of funds from such escrow account maintained pursuant to the "Escrow Agreement", the released amount shall be deposited to the credit of the Construction Fund. Pending expenditure for authorized projects and purposes, the amounts deposited to the credit of the Construction Fund may be invested in accordance with laws of the State and investment policies and guidelines of the City for such type funds, and any investment earnings realized may be expended for such authorized projects and purposes or deposited in the Certificate Account as shall be determined by the City Council. All surplus proceeds of sale of the Certificates, including investment earnings, remaining in the Construction Fund after completion of all authorized projects or purposes and after satisfying the requirements of Section 26 hereof shall be deposited to the credit of the Certificate Account and used in a manner approved by the Executive Administrator of the Board.

(b) As provided in the Escrow Agreement, the proceeds of sale of the Certificates are held in escrow shall only be invested in investments that are authorized by the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, as amended.

(c) As provided in the Escrow Agreement, the proceeds of sale of the Certificates held in escrow pursuant to the Escrow Agreement and any accrued interest in excess of the amounts insured by the FDIC and remaining uninvested under the terms of the Escrow Agreement shall be continuously secured by a valid pledge of direct obligations of the United States of America or other collateral meeting the requirements of the Public Funds Collateral Act, Texas Government Code, as amended.

**SECTION 28. Ordinance a Contract - Amendments.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract with the Holders; and, the City shall not amend or repeal any of the provisions of this Ordinance so long as any Certificate remains Outstanding except as permitted in this Section and Section 29 hereof. The City, 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, with the written consent of the registered owner or owners holding a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Certificates then Outstanding affected thereby, the City may amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of this Ordinance; provided that, without the consent of all registered owners 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 29. Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

(a) Definitions. As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to such terms below:

*"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 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.

(b) Annual Reports.

The City shall provide annually to the MSRB (1) within 12 months after the end of each fiscal year, beginning in or after 2025, financial statements of the City, and (2) if audited financial statements are not available by the required time, the City will provide unaudited financial statements by the required time, and audited financial statements when and if such audited statements become available. Any financial statements so provided shall be prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units as prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board, or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and audited, if the City commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided.

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

The 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 available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC.

(c) Notice of Certain Events.

The City shall provide 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 City, which shall occur as described below;
13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City 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 trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, 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 City, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in item 12 of the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the City 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 City, 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 City and (b) the City intends the words used in items 15 and 16 of the immediately preceding paragraph in this Section to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

The City shall notify the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the City to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section by the time required by such Section.

(d) Filings with the MSRB.

All financial information, operating data, financial statements, notices and other documents provided to the MSRB in accordance with this Section shall be provided in an electronic format prescribed by the MSRB and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

(e) Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments.

The City shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section for so long as, but only for so long as, the City remains an “obligated person” with respect to the Certificates within the meaning of the Rule, except that the City in any event will give the notice required by subsection (c) of this Section of any Certificate calls and defeasance that cause the City to be no longer such an “obligated person.”

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 City undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this Section and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the City's financial results, condition, or prospects or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this Section or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The City 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 CITY 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 CITY, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITHOUT FAULT ON ITS PART, OF ANY COVENANT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, BUT EVERY RIGHT AND REMEDY OF ANY SUCH PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH BREACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN ACTION FOR MANDAMUS OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.**

No default by the City 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 City under federal and state securities laws.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the provisions of this Section may be amended by the City from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances resulting from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the City, but only if (1) 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 (2) 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 City (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 provisions of this Section may also be amended from time to time or repealed by the City if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction determines that such provisions are invalid, but only if and to the extent that reservation of the City's right to do so would not prevent underwriters of the initial public offering of the Certificates from lawfully purchasing or selling Certificates in such offering. If the City so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided pursuant to subsection (b) of 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.

**SECTION 30. Control and Custody of Certificates.** The Mayor of the City 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, including the printing and supply of definitive Certificates, and shall take and have charge and control of the Initial Certificate(s) pending the approval thereof by the Attorney General, the registration thereof by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the delivery thereof to the Purchaser.

**SECTION 31. Further Procedures.** Any one or more of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Administrator, City Secretary and Interim City Secretary are hereby expressly 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 on behalf of the City all agreements, instruments, certificates or other documents, whether mentioned herein or not, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Ordinance and the issuance of the Certificates. In addition, prior to the initial delivery of the Certificates, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Administrator, City Secretary, Interim City Secretary or Bond Counsel to the City are each hereby authorized and directed to approve any changes or corrections to this Ordinance or to any of the documents authorized and approved by this Ordinance: (i) in order to cure any ambiguity, formal defect or omission in the Ordinance or such other document; or (ii) as requested by the Attorney General of the State of Texas or his representative to obtain the approval of the Certificates by the Attorney General and if such officer or counsel determines that such changes are consistent with the intent and purpose of the Ordinance, which determination shall be final. In the event that any

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

**SECTION 32. Bond Counsel's Opinion.** The Purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of the Certificates is subject to being furnished a final opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Attorneys, Dallas, Texas, approving such Certificates as to their validity, said opinion to be dated and delivered as of the date of delivery and payment for such Certificates. A true and correct reproduction of said opinion is hereby authorized to be printed on the definitive Certificates or an executed counterpart thereof shall accompany the global Certificates deposited with DTC. The City Council confirms the continuation of the engagement of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as the City's bond counsel.

**SECTION 33. 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 City nor the attorneys approving said Certificates as to legality are to be held responsible for CUSIP numbers incorrectly printed or typed on the definitive Certificates.

**SECTION 34. Benefits of Ordinance.** Nothing in this Ordinance, expressed or implied, is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person other than the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Holders, any right, remedy, or claim, legal or equitable, under or by reason of this Ordinance. This Ordinance in its entirety is intended to be and is for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Holders.

**SECTION 35. Inconsistent Provisions.** Except as provided in Section 19 hereof, 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 36. 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 37. Incorporation of Findings and Determinations.** The findings and determinations of the City Council contained in the preamble hereof are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes as if the same were restated in full in this Section.

**SECTION 38. 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 39. Effect of Headings.** The Section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

**SECTION 40. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance or the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this governing body hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

**SECTION 41. 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 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

**SECTION 42. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 1201.028, as amended.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 13<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2026.

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS

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[Mayor][Mayor Pro-Tem]

ATTEST:

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[City Secretary][Interim City Secretary]

(City Seal)

**EXHIBIT A**  
**FORM OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT**

**EXHIBIT B**  
**FORM OF ESCROW AGREEMENT**