

**MONTE ALTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION
FOR VOTER APPROVED TAX RATE ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS)*(*

COUNTY OF HIDALGO)*(*

On this the 21st day of August, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the MONTE ALTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT convened with sufficient members present to constitute a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees were the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tex. Tax Code § 26.08(a), if a school board adopts a tax rate above its Maintenance and Operations rollback tax rate, it must hold an election to ratify that rate; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed 2023 tax levy upon all the real property situated within the limits of the MONTE ALTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT and all personal property which was owned within said district on the first day of January, 2023 except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas a Maintenance and Operations tax of and at the rate of \$0.7892 DOLLARS on each ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100TH (100.00) DOLLARS of assessed valuation of said taxable property will be levied for the year 2023 for general school purposes and to pay the current operating expenses of said School District for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, which tax, when collected, shall be appropriated to and deposited in and to the credit of the Maintenance and Operating Fund of said school district.

WHEREAS, the adoption of a the \$0.7892 per \$100.00 valuation tax rate will result in the need for an election under the provisions of Texas Tax Code § 26.08, which the board by separate resolution will call for on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, a date in excess of seventy-eight (78) days from the adoption of the tax rate, and this Election Order.

WHEREAS, adopting such Maintenance & Operations tax rate would raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operations than last year’s maintenance and operations tax rate.

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of the District’s 2023 Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate, and pursuant to Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184(b-1), the District has not conducted an “efficiency audit” because the District is located in an area declared a disaster area by the Governor under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, within the two-year period prior to the date of this Order.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to pass an Order establishing the procedure for conducting said Maintenance & Operations Tax Ratification Election:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MONTE ALTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. An election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of voter approval of the Board's adoption of Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of \$0.7892 per \$100.00 valuation.

Section 2. Places and times for Election Day voting are as set forth in the list of election day polling places to be approved by the Hidalgo County Elections Department and published by such Department in accordance with the Texas Election Code. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Any qualified voter for the Maintenance and Operations Tax Ratification Election may vote on Election day at any early voting location.

Section 3. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted beginning Monday, October 23, 2023, and continuing through Friday, November 3, 2033, at the Places and Times for early voting to be approved by the Hidalgo County Elections Department and published by such Department in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Any qualified voter for the Maintenance and Operations Tax Ratification Election may vote early by personal appearance at any early voting location.

Section 4. The Ballot language for such election shall be as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

Section 5. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Hilda A. Salinas
Elections Administrator,
P.O. Box 659,
Edinburg, Texas 78540-0659

or

213 S. Closner Blvd.
Edinburg, Texas 78539-4558

Section 6. The Presiding Election Judges and an Alternate Presiding Election Judge appointed to serve at said polling places shall be appointed in conformance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

Section 7. An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created pursuant to Section 87.001 of the Texas Election Code. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall be made up of members appointed in the manner stated in the Texas Election Code.

Section 8. Hilda A. Salinas, Hidalgo County Elections Administrator, is appointed as early voting clerk in compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. Hilda A. Salinas


will be clerk and appoint other early voting clerks as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting at the main location.

Section 9. The Superintendent shall publish an Election Order and Notice to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in Hidalgo County, Texas.

It is further found and determined that in accordance with an Order of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in the Central Administrative Office in this School District, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice, having been so posted, remained posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 21st day of August 2023.

MONTE ALTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 

Connie Villanueva
President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

By: 

Ester Cardoza-Wade
Secretary
Board of Trustees