AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2023; APPOINTING A PRICING OFFICER AND DELEGATING TO THE PRICING OFFICER THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY THE SALE OF THE CERTIFICATES, THE TERMS OF THE CERTIFICATES AND THE OFFERING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATES; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PARAMETERS FOR THE APPROVAL OF SUCH MATTERS BY THE PRICING OFFICER; APPROVING THE USE OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas (the "Issuer"), deems it advisable to issue Certificates of Obligation in the amounts and for the purposes hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, the Certificates of Obligation hereinafter authorized and designated are to be issued and delivered for cash pursuant to Subchapter C of Chapter 271, Local Government Code (the "Act") and Subchapter B, Chapter 1502, Government Code;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has heretofore passed a resolution authorizing and directing the County Clerk to give notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation, and said notice has been duly posted on the Issuer's internet website and duly published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Issuer, said newspaper being a "newspaper" as defined in §2051.044, Texas Government Code, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Issuer received no petition from the qualified electors of the Issuer protesting the issuance of such Certificates of Obligation;

WHEREAS, no bond proposition to authorize the issuance of bonds for the same purpose as any of the projects being financed with the proceeds of the Certificates of Obligation was submitted to the voters of the Issuer during the preceding three years and failed to be approved;

WHEREAS, the Issuer is an "Issuer" under Section 1371.001(4)(P), Texas Government Code, having (i) a principal amount of at least \$100 million in outstanding long-term indebtedness, in long-term indebtedness proposed to be issued, or a combination of outstanding or proposed long-term indebtedness and (ii) some amount of long-term indebtedness outstanding or proposed to be issued that is rated in one of the four highest rating categories for long-term debt instruments by a nationally recognized rating agency for municipal securities, without regard to the effect of any credit agreement or other form of credit enhancement entered into in connection with the obligation;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of the Issuer hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the Issuer to issue the Certificates of Obligation hereinafter authorized, in one or more series, for the purposes stated, and to delegate to the Pricing Officer (hereinafter designated) the authority to act on behalf of the Issuer in selling and delivering the Certificates of Obligation and setting the designations, dates, price, interest rates, interest payment periods and other procedures relating thereto, as hereinafter specified, with such information and terms to be included in one or more pricing certificates

(each, a "Pricing Certificate") to be executed by the Pricing Officer, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 1371.053, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, it is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order has been adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and subject matter of the public business to be considered and acted upon at said meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by the applicable provisions of Tex. Gov't Code Ann. ch. 551; Now, Therefore

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. RECITALS, AMOUNT AND PURPOSE OF THE CERTIFICATES. The recitals set forth in the preamble hereof are incorporated herein and shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in this Section. The certificates of El Paso County, Texas (the "Issuer") are hereby authorized to be issued and delivered, in one or more series, in the maximum aggregate principal amount hereinafter set forth for paying all or a portion of the Issuer's contractual obligations incurred in connection with acquiring, constructing, removating, remodeling, enlarging, expanding and/or equipping (i) County park facilities, including without limitation land acquisition, feasibility studies, park improvements, recreation and sports facilities, landscaping, irrigation, drainage, lighting, benches, pavilions, trails, walking paths, public restrooms, recreation centers, baseball fields, softball fields, parking facilities and related infrastructure; (ii) County courthouses, subcourthouses, and courthouse annexes; (iii) sheriff's department and public safety facilities, jails, juvenile detention facilities, or judicial facilities, and any facilities that are physically attached to the facilities described by this clause; (iv) streets, roads, sidewalks and alleys, including bridges and intersections, street overlay, landscaping, lighting, signalization, traffic safety and operational improvements, culverts and related storm drainage and utility relocation; (v) constructing improving, renovating and equipping the County Airport in Fabens Texas, including without limitation land acquisition in connection therewith; (vi) telecommunications, wireless communications, information technology systems, applications, hardware, or software for facilities described above; and (vi) paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with these projects (collectively, the "Project").

Section 2. DESIGNATIONS, DATE, DENOMINATIONS, NUMBERS, AND MATURITIES AND INTEREST RATES OF CERTIFICATES. Each Certificate of Obligation issued pursuant to this Order shall be designated: "EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION, [TAXABLE] SERIES 2023[A/B]," and initially there shall be issued, sold, and delivered hereunder fully registered certificates, without interest coupons, payable to the respective Registered Owners thereof (with the initial certificate of each series being made payable to the initial purchaser as described in Section 11 hereof), or to the registered assignee or assignees of said certificates or any portion or portions thereof (in each case, the "Registered Owner"). The Certificates of Obligation shall be in the respective denominations and principal amounts, shall be dated, shall be numbered, shall mature and be payable on the date or dates in each of the years and in the principal amounts, and shall bear interest to their respective dates of maturity or redemption prior to maturity at the rates per annum, as set forth in the respective Pricing Certificate.

The term "Certificates" as used in this Order shall mean and include collectively the certificates initially issued and delivered pursuant to this Order and all substitute certificates exchanged therefor, as well as all other substitute certificates and replacement certificates issued pursuant hereto, and the term "Certificate" shall mean any of the Certificates.

Section 3. DELEGATION TO PRICING OFFICER. (a) As authorized by Section 1371.053, Texas Government Code, as amended, the County Judge and County Auditor (in the County Auditor's absence, any Assistant County Auditor) of the Issuer (each, a "Pricing Officer") are hereby authorized to

act on behalf of the Issuer in selling and delivering the Certificates and carrying out the other procedures specified in this Order, including, determining the dates of the Certificates, any additional or different designations or titles by which the respective series of Certificates shall be known, the price at which the Certificates will be sold, the years in which the Certificates will mature, the principal amounts to mature in each of such years, the rates of interest to be borne by each such maturity, the interest payment and record dates, the prices and terms upon and at which the Certificates shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer, as well as any mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions, and all other matters relating to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Certificates, including without limitation, procuring municipal bond insurance, including the execution of any commitment agreements, membership agreements in mutual insurance companies, and other similar agreements, and approving modifications to this Order and executing such instruments, documents and agreements as may be necessary with respect thereto, if it is determined that such insurance would be financially desirable and advantageous, all of which shall be specified in the Pricing Certificate, provided that:

- (i) the aggregate original principal amount of the Certificates shall not exceed \$59,000,000;
- (ii) the final maturity of the Certificates shall not exceed September 30, 2047; and
- (iii) the maximum interest rate of each series shall not exceed the highest rate permitted by Chapter 1204, Texas Government Code.

(b) In establishing the aggregate principal amounts of the Certificates of each series, the Pricing Officer shall establish an amount not exceeding the amount authorized in Subsection (a) above, which shall be sufficient in amount to provide for the purposes for which the Certificates are authorized and to pay costs of issuing the Certificates. The delegation made hereby shall expire if not exercised by the Pricing Officer prior to the 180th following the adoption of this Order. The Certificates shall be sold with and subject to such terms as set forth in the Pricing Certificate.

(c) In satisfaction of Section 1201.022(a)(3)(B), Texas Government Code, the Commissioners Court of the Issuer hereby determines that the delegation of the authority to the Pricing Officer to approve the final terms of the Certificates as set forth in this Order is, and the decisions made by the Pricing Officer pursuant to such delegated authority and incorporated into the Pricing Certificate will be, in the Issuer's best interests, and the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to make and include in the Pricing Certificate a finding to that effect.

Section 4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CERTIFICATES.

(a) <u>Registration, Transfer, Conversion and Exchange</u>. The Issuer shall keep or cause to be kept at the designated office of the bank named in the Pricing Certificate as the paying agent/registrar for the Certificates (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"), books or records for the registration of the transfer, conversion and exchange of the Certificates (the "Registration Books"), and the Issuer hereby appoints the Paying Agent/Registrar as its registrar and transfer agent to keep such books or records and make such registrations of transfers, conversions and exchanges under such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and Paying Agent/Registrar may prescribe; and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall make such registrations, transfers, conversions and exchanges as herein provided within three days of presentation in due and proper form. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain and record in the Registration Books the address of the registered owner of each Certificate to which payments with respect to the Certificates shall be mailed, as herein provided; but it shall be the duty of each registered owner to notify the Paying Agent/Registrar in writing of the address to which payments shall be mailed, and such interest payments shall not be mailed unless

such notice has been given. The Issuer shall have the right to inspect the Registration Books during regular business hours of the Paying Agent/Registrar, but otherwise the Paying Agent/Registrar shall keep the Registration Books confidential and, unless otherwise required by law, shall not permit their inspection by any other entity. The Issuer shall pay the Paying Agent/Registrar's standard or customary fees and charges for making such registration, transfer, conversion, exchange and delivery of a substitute Certificate or Certificates. Registration of assignments, transfers, conversions and exchanges of Certificates shall be made in the manner provided and with the effect stated in the FORM OF CERTIFICATE set forth in this Order. Each substitute Certificate shall bear a letter and/or number to distinguish it from each other Certificate.

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

(c) <u>Payment of Principal and Interest.</u> The Issuer hereby further appoints the Paying Agent/Registrar to act as the paying agent for paying the principal of and interest on the Certificates, all as provided in this Order. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall keep proper records of all payments made by the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar with respect to the Certificates, and of all conversions and exchanges of Certificates, and all replacements of Certificates, as provided in this Order. However, in the event of a nonpayment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the Issuer. 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 United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner appearing on the Registration Books at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

(d) <u>Payment to Registered Owner</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order to the contrary, the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to treat and consider the person in whose name each Certificate is registered in the Registration Books as the absolute owner of such Certificate for the purpose of payment of principal and interest with respect to such Certificate, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Certificate, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Certificates only to or upon the order of the registered owners, as shown in the Registration Books as provided in this Order, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the Issuer's obligations with respect to payment of principal of and interest on the Certificates to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner, as shown in the Registration

Books, shall receive a Certificate evidencing the obligation of the Issuer to make payments of principal and interest pursuant to this Order.

(e) <u>Paying Agent/Registrar</u>. The Issuer covenants with the registered owners of the Certificates that at all times while the Certificates are outstanding the Issuer will provide a competent and legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution or other agency to act as and perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates under this Order, and that the Paying Agent/Registrar will be a single entity. By accepting the position and performing as such, each Paying Agent/Registrar shall be deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Order, and a certified copy of this Order shall be delivered to each Paying Agent/Registrar.

(f) <u>Substitute Paying Agent/Registrar</u>. The Issuer reserves the right to, and may, at its option, change the Paying Agent/Registrar upon not less than 120 days written notice to the Paying Agent/Registrar, to be effective not later than 60 days prior to the next principal or interest payment date after such notice. In the event that the entity at any time acting as Paying Agent/Registrar (or its successor by merger, acquisition, or other method) should resign or otherwise cease to act as such, the Issuer covenants that promptly it will appoint a competent and legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution, or other agency to act as Paying Agent/Registrar promptly shall transfer and deliver the Registration Books (or a copy thereof), along with all other pertinent books and records relating to the Certificates, to the new Paying Agent/Registrar designated and appointed by the Issuer. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar to each registered owner of the Certificates, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, which notice also shall give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar.

(g) <u>Book-Entry Only System</u>. The Certificates issued in exchange for the Certificates initially issued to the purchaser or purchasers specified herein shall be initially issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Certificate for each of the maturities thereof and the ownership of each such Certificate shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company of New York ("DTC"), and except as provided in subsections (i) and (j) of this Section, all of the outstanding Certificates shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

(h) <u>Blanket Letter of Representations</u>. The previous execution and delivery of the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations with respect to obligations of the Issuer is hereby ratified and confirmed; and the provisions thereof shall be fully applicable to the Certificates. Should DTC require an updated Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations to be submitted by the Issuer, the Issuer's Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver an updated Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations to DTC in the name and on behalf of the Issuer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, while the Certificates are subject to DTC's Book-Entry Only System and to the extent permitted by law, the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations is hereby incorporated herein and its provisions shall prevail over any other provisions of this Order in the event of conflict.

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

with respect to any ownership interest in the Certificates, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of Certificates, as shown on the Registration Books, of any notice with respect to the Certificates, or (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of Certificates, as shown in the Registration Books of any amount with respect to principal of or interest on the Certificates. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent/Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions in this Order with respect to interest checks being mailed to the registered owner at the close of business on the Record date, the words "Cede & Co." in this Order shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

(j) <u>Successor Securities Depository; Transfers Outside Book-Entry Only System</u>. In the event that the Issuer determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the representation letter of the Issuer to DTC or that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Certificates that they be able to obtain certificated Certificates, the Issuer shall (i) appoint a successor securities depository, qualified to act as such under Section 17A of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notify DTC and DTC Participants of the appointment of such successor securities depository or (ii) notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of Certificates and transfer one or more separate Certificates credited to their DTC accounts. In such event, the Certificates shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Registration Books in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, but may be registered owners transferring or exchanging Certificates shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

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

(1) <u>General Characteristics of the Certificates</u>. The Certificates (i) shall be issued in fully registered form, without interest coupons, with the principal of and interest on such Certificates to be payable only to the Registered Owners thereof, (ii) may and shall be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, (iii) may be transferred and assigned, (iv) may be converted and exchanged for other Certificates, (v) shall have the characteristics, (vi) shall be signed, sealed, executed and authenticated, (vii) the principal of and interest on the Certificates shall be payable, and (viii) shall be administered and the Paying Agent/Registrar and the Issuer shall have certain duties and responsibilities with respect to the Certificates, all as provided, and in the manner and to the effect as required or indicated, in the FORM OF CERTIFICATE set forth in this Order. The Certificate initially issued and delivered pursuant to this Order is not required to be, and shall not be, authenticated by the Paying Agent/Registrar, but on each substitute Certificate issued in conversion of and exchange for any Certificate or Certificates issued under this Order the Paying Agent/Registrar shall execute the Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate, in the FORM OF CERTIFICATE set forth in this Order.

(m) <u>Cancellation of Initial Certificate</u>. On each closing date, one initial Certificate, representing the entire principal amount of the Certificates of the respective series of Certificates, payable in stated installments to the order of the initial purchaser of the respective series of Certificates or its designee, executed by manual or facsimile signature of the County Judge and County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk, approved by the Attorney General of Texas, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, will be delivered to such purchaser or its designee. Upon payment

for each initial Certificate, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall insert the Delivery Date on Certificate No. T-1 of the respective series, cancel said initial Certificate and deliver to The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") on behalf of such purchaser one registered definitive Certificate for each year of maturity of the Certificates, in the aggregate principal amount of all of the Certificates for such maturity, registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. To the extent that the Paying Agent/Registrar is eligible to participate in DTC's FAST System, pursuant to an agreement between the Paving Agent/Registrar and DTC, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall hold the definitive Certificates in safekeeping for DTC.

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

(a) Form of Certificate.

NO. R-UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AMOUNT STATE OF TEXAS \$ EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION [TAXABLE] SERIES 2023[A/B] Interest Rate **Delivery Date** Maturity Date CUSIP No. . 2023

REGISTERED OWNER:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

ON THE MATURITY DATE specified above, El Paso County, Texas (the "Issuer"), being a political subdivision and municipal corporation of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "Registered Owner"), on the Maturity Date specified above, the Principal Amount specified above. The Issuer promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) from the Delivery Date specified above at the Interest Rate per annum specified above. Interest is payable on ____, 20___, and semiannually on each _____ and _____ thereafter to the Maturity Date specified above, or the date of redemption prior to maturity; except, if this Certificate is required to be authenticated and the date of its authentication is later than the first Record Date (hereinafter defined), such Principal Amount shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication, unless such date of authentication is after any Record Date but on or before the next following interest payment date, in which case such principal amount shall bear interest from such next following interest payment date; provided, however, that if on the date of authentication hereof the interest on the Certificate or Certificates, if any, for which this Certificate is being exchanged is due but has not been paid, then this Certificate shall bear interest from the date to which such interest has been paid in full.

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THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON this Certificate are payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without exchange or collection charges. The principal of this Certificate shall be paid to the registered owner hereof upon presentation and surrender of this Certificate at maturity, or upon the date fixed for its redemption prior to maturity, at the principal corporate trust office of ______, ____, Texas, which is the "Paying Agent/Registrar"

for this Certificate. The payment of interest on this Certificate shall be made by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner hereof on each interest payment date by check or draft, dated as of such interest payment date, drawn by the Paying Agent/Registrar on, and payable solely from, funds of the Issuer required by the order authorizing the issuance of this Certificate (the "Certificate Order") to be on deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar for such purpose as hereinafter provided; and such check or draft shall be sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, on each such interest payment date, to the registered owner hereof, at its address as it appeared at the close of business on the

day of the month preceding each such date (the "Record Date") on the Registration Books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar, as hereinafter described. In addition, interest may be paid by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the registered owner. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the Issuer. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each owner of a Certificate appearing on the Registration Books at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

ANY ACCRUED INTEREST due at maturity or upon the redemption of this Certificate prior to maturity as provided herein shall be paid to the registered owner upon presentation and surrender of this Certificate for redemption and payment at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Issuer covenants with the registered owner of this Certificate that on or before each principal payment date, interest payment date, and accrued interest payment date for this Certificate it will make available to the Paying Agent/Registrar, from the "Interest and Sinking Fund" created by the Certificate Order, the amounts required to provide for the payment, in immediately available funds, of all principal of and interest on the Certificates, when due.

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

THIS CERTIFICATE is one of a series of Certificates dated ______, 2023, authorized in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas in the principal amount of \$______ for paying all or a portion of the Issuer's contractual obligations incurred in connection with acquiring, constructing, removating, remodeling, enlarging, expanding and/or equipping (i) County park facilities, including without limitation land acquisition, feasibility studies, park improvements, recreation and sports facilities, landscaping, irrigation, drainage, lighting, benches, pavilions, trails, walking paths, public restrooms, recreation centers, baseball fields, softball fields, parking facilities and related infrastructure; (ii) County courthouses, subcourthouses, and courthouse annexes; (iii) sheriff's department and public safety facilities, jails, juvenile detention facilities, or judicial facilities, and any facilities that are physically attached to the facilities described by this clause; (iv) streets, roads, sidewalks and alleys, including bridges

and intersections, street overlay, landscaping, lighting, signalization, traffic safety and operational improvements, culverts and related storm drainage and utility relocation; (v) constructing improving, renovating and equipping the County Airport in Fabens Texas, including without limitation land acquisition in connection therewith; (vi) telecommunications, wireless communications, information technology systems, applications, hardware, or software for facilities described above; and (vi) paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with these projects.

ON ______, 20___, or on any date thereafter, the Certificates of this series may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, at the option of the Issuer, with funds derived from any available and lawful source, as a whole, or in part, and, if in part, the particular Certificates, or portions thereof, to be redeemed shall be selected and designated by the Issuer (provided that a portion of a Certificate may be redeemed only in an integral multiple of \$5,000), at a redemption price equal to the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

THE CERTIFICATES scheduled to mature on ______ 15 in the years 20__, 20__, and 20___ (the "Term Certificates") are subject to scheduled mandatory redemption by the Paying Agent/Registrar by lot, or by any other customary method that results in a random selection, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, out of moneys available for such purpose in the interest and sinking fund for the Certificates, on the dates and in the respective principal amounts, set forth in the following schedule:

Term Certificate		Term Certificate	
Maturity:	_, 20	Maturity:	_, 20
Mandatory Redemption Date, 20, 20, 20(maturity)	Principal Amount	Mandatory Redemption Date, 20, 20, 20(maturity)	Principal Amount
	Term Certif	ficate	
	Maturity:	, 20	
<u>Manda</u>	atory Redemption Date , 20 , 20 , 20 (maturity		

The principal amount of Term Certificates of a stated maturity required to be redeemed on any mandatory redemption date pursuant to the operation of the mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions shall be reduced, at the option of the Issuer, by the principal amount of any Term Certificates of the same maturity which, at least 45 days prior to a mandatory redemption date (1) shall have been acquired by the Issuer at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Certificates plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, (2) shall have been purchased and canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the Issuer at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Certificates plus accrued interest to the date of purchase, or (3) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.

IF AT THE TIME OF MAILING of notice of optional redemption there shall not have either been deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar or legally authorized escrow agent immediately available funds sufficient to redeem all the Certificates called for redemption, such notice may state that it is conditional, and is subject to the deposit of the redemption moneys with the Paying Agent/Registrar or legally authorized escrow agent at or prior to the redemption date. If such redemption is not effectuated, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall, within five days thereafter, give notice in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given that such moneys were not so received and shall rescind the redemption.

AT LEAST 30 days prior to the date fixed for any redemption of Certificates or portions thereof prior to maturity a written notice of such redemption shall be sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each Certificate to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the 45th day prior to such redemption date; provided, however, that the failure of the registered owner to receive such notice, or any defect therein or in the sending or mailing thereof, shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the proceedings for the redemption of any Certificate. By the date fixed for any such redemption due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for the Certificates or portions thereof that are to be so redeemed. If such written notice of redemption is sent and if due provision for such payment is made, all as provided above, the Certificates or portions thereof that are to be so redeemed thereby automatically shall be treated as redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, and they shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, and they shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the registered owner to receive the redemption price from the Paying Agent/Registrar out of the funds provided for such payment. If a portion of any Certificate shall be redeemed, a substitute Certificate or Certificates having the same maturity date, bearing interest at the same rate, in any denomination or denominations in any integral multiple of \$5,000, at the written request of the registered owner, and in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof, will be issued to the registered owner upon the surrender thereof for cancellation, at the expense of the Issuer, all as provided in the Certificate Order.

ALL CERTIFICATES OF THIS SERIES are issuable solely as fully registered certificates, without interest coupons, in the denomination of any integral multiple of \$5,000. As provided in the Certificate Order, this Certificate may, at the request of the registered owner or the assignee or assignees hereof, be assigned, transferred, converted into and exchanged for a like aggregate principal amount of fully registered certificates, without interest coupons, payable to the appropriate registered owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, having the same denomination or denominations in any integral multiple of \$5,000 as requested in writing by the appropriate registered owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, upon surrender of this Certificate to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, all in accordance with the form and procedures set forth in the Certificate Order. Among other requirements for such assignment and transfer, this Certificate must be presented and surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, together with proper instruments of assignment, in form and with guarantee of signatures satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, evidencing assignment of this Certificate or any portion or portions hereof in any integral multiple of \$5,000 to the assignee or assignees in whose name or names this Certificate or any such portion or portions hereof is or are to be registered. The form of Assignment printed or endorsed on this Certificate may be executed by the registered owner to evidence the assignment hereof, but such method is not exclusive, and other instruments of assignment satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar may be used to evidence the assignment of this Certificate or any portion or portions hereof from time to time by the registered owner. The Paying Agent/Registrar's reasonable standard or customary fees and charges for assigning, transferring, converting and exchanging any Certificate or portion thereof will be paid by the Issuer. In any circumstance, any taxes or governmental charges required to be paid with respect thereto shall be paid by the one requesting such assignment, transfer, conversion or exchange, as a condition precedent to the exercise of such privilege. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any

such transfer, conversion, or exchange (i) during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date, or (ii) with respect to any Certificate or any portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 45 days prior to its redemption date.

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

IT IS HEREBY certified, recited and covenanted that this Certificate has been duly and validly authorized, issued and delivered; that all acts, conditions and things required or proper to be performed, exist and be done precedent to or in the authorization, issuance and delivery of this Certificate have been performed, existed and been done in accordance with law; and that annual ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of this Certificate, as such interest comes due and such principal matures, have been levied and ordered to be levied against all taxable property in said Issuer, and have been pledged for such payment, within the limit prescribed by law, and that this Certificate is additionally payable from and secured by a limited pledge, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, of surplus revenues of the Issuer's parking garage facility, all as provided in the Order.

THE ISSUER HAS RESERVED THE RIGHT to amend the Certificate Order as provided therein, and under some (but not all) circumstances amendments thereto must be approved by the registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Certificates.

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

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

(signature) (signature) Deputy County Clerk

County Judge

(SEAL)

(b) Form of Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate.

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE (To be executed if this Certificate is not accompanied by an executed Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas)

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

Dated: _____.

[NAME OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR] [CITY], [STATE] Paying Agent/Registrar

By: _____

Authorized Representative

(c) Form of Assignment.

ASSIGNMENT (Please print or type clearly)

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

Transferee's Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number:

Transferee's name and address, including zip code:

the within Certificate and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

, attorney, to register the transfer of the within Certificate on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____.

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution participating in a securities transfer association recognized signature guarantee program.

NOTICE: The signature above must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the front of this Certificate in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

(d) Form of Comptroller's Registration Certificate.

COMPTROLLER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE: REGISTER NO.

I hereby certify that there is on file and of record in my office a true and correct copy of the opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas approving this Certificate and that this Certificate has been registered this day by me.

Witness my signature and seal this ______.

Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas

(COMPTROLLER'S SEAL)

(e) Initial Certificate Insertions.

(i) The initial Certificate shall be in the form set forth is paragraph (a) of this Section, except that:

A. immediately under the name of the Certificate, the headings "Interest Rate" and "Maturity Date" shall both be completed with the words "As shown below" and "CUSIP No. _____" shall be deleted.

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

"EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS (the "Issuer"), being a political subdivision and municipal corporation of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "Registered Owner"), on ______ in each of the years, in the principal installments and bearing interest at the per annum rates set forth in the following schedule:

Years Principal Installments Interest Rates

(Information from Pricing Certificate to be inserted)

The Issuer promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof (calculated on the basis of a 360day year of twelve 30-day months) from the Delivery Date specified above at the respective Interest Rate per annum specified above. Interest is payable on ______, 20___, and semiannually on each ______ and______ thereafter to the date of payment of the principal installment specified above, or the date of redemption prior to maturity; except, that if this Certificate is required to be authenticated and the date of its authentication is later than the first Record Date (hereinafter defined), such Principal Amount shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication, unless such date of authentication is after any Record Date but on or before the next following interest payment date; in which case such principal amount shall bear interest from such next following interest payment date; provided, however, that if on the date of authentication hereof the interest on the Certificate or Certificates, if any, for which this Certificate is being exchanged is due but has not been paid, then this Certificate shall bear interest from the date to which such interest has been paid in full."

C. The Initial Certificate shall be numbered "T-1."

Section 6. INTEREST AND SINKING FUND; SURPLUS REVENUES.

(a) A special "Interest and Sinking Fund" is hereby created and shall be established and maintained by the Issuer as a separate fund or account and the funds therein shall be deposited into and held in an account at an official depository bank of said Issuer. Said Interest and Sinking Fund shall be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of said Issuer, and shall be used only for paying the interest on and principal of said Certificates. All amounts received from the sale of the Certificates as accrued interest shall be deposited upon receipt to the Interest and Sinking Fund, and all ad valorem taxes levied and collected for and on account of said Certificates shall be deposited, as collected, to the credit of said Interest and Sinking Fund. During each year while any of said Certificates are outstanding and unpaid, the governing body of said Issuer shall compute and ascertain a rate and amount of ad valorem tax that will be sufficient to raise and produce the money required to pay the interest on said Certificates as such interest comes due, and to provide and maintain a sinking fund adequate to pay the principal of said Certificates as such interest that will be based on the latest approved tax rolls of said Issuer, with full allowances being made for tax delinquencies and the cost of tax collection. Said rate and amount of ad valorem tax is hereby levied, and is hereby ordered to be levied, against all taxable property in said Issuer, for each year while any of said Certificates are outstanding and unpaid, and said tax shall be assessed and collected each such year and deposited to the credit of the aforesaid Interest and Sinking Fund. Said ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of said Certificates, as such interest sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of said Certificates, as such interest comes due and such principal matures, are hereby pledged for such payment, within the limit prescribed by law.

(b) Pursuant to Section 271.052 of the Act and Chapter 1473, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Issuer covenants and agrees that from the surplus revenues of the Issuer's parking garage facility, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 (the "Parking Facility Revenues") is hereby pledged to the payment of the principal and interest on the Certificate, and the pledge of such Parking Facility Revenues shall constitute a lien on such revenues, subordinate to any other debt, in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof and be valid and binding without any physical delivery thereof or further act by the Issuer.

(c) Chapter 1208, Texas Government Code, applies to the issuance of the Certificates of Obligation and the pledge of the taxes and Parking Facility Revenues granted by the Issuer under this Section and is therefore valid, effective, and perfected. Should Texas law be amended at any time while the Certificates of Obligation are outstanding and unpaid, the result of such amendment being that the pledge of the taxes and Parking Facility Revenues granted by the Issuer under this Section is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, in order to preserve to the registered owners of the Certificates of Obligation a security interest in said pledge, the Issuer agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code and enable a filing of a security interest in said pledge to occur.

Section 7. DEFEASANCE OF CERTIFICATES.

(a) Any Certificate and the interest thereon shall be deemed to be paid, retired and no longer outstanding (a "Defeased Certificate") within the meaning of this Order, except to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this Section, when payment of the principal of such Certificate, plus interest thereon to the due date (whether such due date be by reason of maturity or otherwise) either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, or (ii) shall have been provided for on or before such due date by irrevocably depositing with or making available to the Paying Agent/Registrar in accordance with an escrow agreement or other instrument (the "Future Escrow Agreement") for such payment (1) lawful money of the United States of America sufficient to make such payment or (2) Defeasance Securities that mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to provide for such payment, and when proper arrangements have been made by the Issuer with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of its services until all Defeased Certificates shall have become due and payable. At such time as a Certificate shall be deemed to be a Defeased Certificate hereunder, as aforesaid, such Certificate and the interest thereon shall no longer be secured by, payable from, or entitled to the benefits of, the ad valorem taxes

herein levied and pledged as provided in this Order, and such principal and interest shall be payable solely from such money or Defeasance Securities, and thereafter the Issuer will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) for the payment of such Defeased Certificates, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order to the contrary, it is hereby provided that any determination not to redeem Defeased Certificates that is made in conjunction with the payment arrangements specified in subsections (a)(i) or (ii) of this Section shall not be irrevocable, provided that: (1) in the proceedings providing for such payment arrangements, the Issuer expressly reserves the right to call the Defeased Certificates for redemption; (2) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Defeased Certificates immediately following the making of the payment arrangements; and (3) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

(b) Any moneys so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar may at the written direction of the Issuer be invested in Defeasance Securities, maturing in the amounts and times as hereinbefore set forth, and all income from such Defeasance Securities received by the Paying Agent/Registrar that is not required for the payment of the Certificates and interest thereon, with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be turned over to the Issuer, or deposited as directed in writing by the Issuer. Any Future Escrow Agreement pursuant to which the money and/or Defeasance Securities are held for the payment of Defeased Certificates may contain provisions permitting the investment or reinvestment of such moneys in Defeasance Securities or the substitution of other Defeasance Securities upon the satisfaction of the requirements specified in subsections 6(a)(i) or (ii). All income from such Defeased Certificates, with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be remitted to the Issuer or deposited as directed in writing by the Issuer.

(c) The term "Defeasance Securities" means any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to refund, retire or otherwise discharge obligations such as the Certificates.

(d) Until all Defeased Certificates shall have become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for such Defeased Certificates the same as if they had not been defeased, and the Issuer shall make proper arrangements to provide and pay for such services as required by this Order.

(e) In the event that the Issuer elects to defease less than all of the principal amount of Certificates of a maturity, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select, or cause to be selected, such amount of Certificates by such random method as it deems fair and appropriate.

Section 8. DAMAGED, MUTILATED, LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED CERTIFICATES.

(a) <u>Replacement Certificates</u>. In the event any outstanding Certificate is damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cause to be printed, executed and delivered, a new certificate of the same principal amount, maturity and interest rate, as the damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate, in replacement for such Certificate in the manner hereinafter provided.

(b) <u>Application for Replacement Certificates</u>. Application for replacement of damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed Certificates shall be made by the registered owner thereof to the Paying Agent/Registrar. In every case of loss, theft or destruction of a Certificate, the registered owner applying

for a replacement certificate shall furnish to the Issuer and to the Paying Agent/Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless from any loss or damage with respect thereto. Also, in every case of loss, theft or destruction of a Certificate, the registered owner shall furnish to the Issuer and to the Paying Agent/Registrar evidence to their satisfaction of the loss, theft or destruction of such Certificate, as the case may be. In every case of damage or mutilation of a Certificate, the registered owner shall surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation the Certificate so damaged or mutilated.

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

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

(e) <u>Authority for Issuing Replacement Certificates</u>. In accordance with Sec. 1206.022, Government Code, this Section 9 of this Order shall constitute authority for the issuance of any such replacement certificate without necessity of further action by the governing body of the Issuer or any other body or person, and the duty of the replacement of such certificates is hereby authorized and imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver such Certificates is not manner and with the effect, as provided in Section 4(b) of this Order for Certificates issued in conversion and exchange for other Certificates.

Section 10. COVENANTS REGARDING TAX EXEMPTION OF INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES.

(a) <u>Covenants</u>. The covenants of the Issuer contained in this Section 10 shall apply only if the Pricing Officer determines in the applicable Pricing Certificate that such Certificates shall be treated as obligations for purposes of section 103 of the Code. Conditioned upon such affirmative determination by the Pricing Officer in the applicable Pricing Certificate, the Issuer hereby covenants to take any action necessary to assure, or refrain from any action that would adversely affect, the treatment of the Certificates as obligations described in section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the interest on which is not includable in the "gross income" of the holder for purposes of federal income taxation. In furtherance thereof, the Issuer covenants as follows:

(1) to take any action to assure that no more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Certificates (less amounts deposited to a reserve fund, if any) are used for any "private business use," as defined in section 141(b)(6) of the Code or, if more than 10 percent of the proceeds or the projects financed by the Certificates (the "Project") are so used, such amounts, whether or not received by the Issuer, with respect to such private business use, do not, under the terms of this Order or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secure or provide for the payment of

more than 10 percent of the debt service on the Certificates, in contravention of section 141(b)(2) of the Code;

(2) to take any action to assure that in the event that the "private business use" described in subsection (1) hereof exceeds 5 percent of the proceeds of the Certificates or the projects financed therewith (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) then the amount in excess of 5 percent is used for a "private business use" that is "related" and not "disproportionate," within the meaning of section 141(b)(3) of the Code, to the governmental use;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(9) to pay to the United States of America at least once during each five-year period (beginning on the date of delivery of the Certificates) an amount that is at least equal to 90 percent of the "Excess Earnings," within the meaning of section 148(f) of the Code and to pay to the United States of America, not later than 60 days after the Certificates have been paid in full, 100 percent

of the amount then required to be paid as a result of Excess Earnings under section 148(f) of the Code; and

(10) to assure that the proceeds of the Certificates will be used solely for new money projects.

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

(c) <u>Proceeds</u>. The Issuer understands that the term "proceeds" includes "disposition proceeds" as defined in the Treasury Regulations. It is the understanding of the Issuer that the covenants contained herein are intended to assure compliance with the Code and any regulations or rulings promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant thereto. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which modify or expand provisions of the Code, as applicable to the Certificates, the Issuer will not be required to comply with any covenant contained herein to the extent that such failure to comply, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Certificates under section 103 of the Code. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which impose additional requirements which are applicable to the Certificates, the Issuer agrees to comply with the additional requirements to the extent necessary, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, to preserve the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Certificates under section 103 of the Code.

(d) The Issuer hereby authorizes and directs the County Judge, County Auditor, and Chief Administrator to execute any documents, certificates or reports required by the Code and to make such elections, on behalf of the Issuer, which may be permitted by the Code as are consistent with the purpose for the issuance of the Certificates.

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

(f) <u>Disposition of Project</u>. The Issuer covenants that the property constituting the Project will not be sold or otherwise disposed in a transaction resulting in the receipt by the Issuer of cash or other compensation, unless any action taken in connection with such disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Certificates. For purpose of the foregoing, the Issuer may rely on an opinion of nationally-recognized bond counsel that the action taken in connection with such sale or other disposition

will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Certificates. For purposes of the foregoing, the portion of the property comprising personal property and disposed in the ordinary course shall not be treated as a transaction resulting in the receipt of cash or other compensation. For purposes hereof, the Issuer shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest.

(g) <u>Reimbursement</u>. This Order is intended to satisfy the official intent requirements set forth in section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 11. SALE OF CERTIFICATES AND APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL STATEMENTS; FURTHER PROCEDURES.

(a) The Certificates shall be sold and delivered subject to the provisions of Sections 1 and 3 through one or more negotiated sales, competitive sales or private placements and pursuant to the terms and provisions of one or more purchase contracts or notices of sale and bidding instructions and official bid forms (in either case, the "Purchase Agreement") which the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and in which the initial purchaser or purchasers (the "Underwriters") of the respective series of Certificates shall be designated. The initial Certificate of each series shall be registered in the name of the respective purchaser thereof as set forth in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

(b) The Pricing Officer is hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Issuer, to approve, distribute, and deliver a preliminary official statement and a final official statement pursuant to the Rule relating to each series of Certificates (collectively, the "Official Statement") to be used by the Underwriters in the marketing of the respective series of Certificates. The distribution and use of said Official Statement in the offer and sale of the Certificates is hereby approved.

(c) The County Judge, Chief Administrator, County Clerk or any Deputy County Clerk, County Auditor or First Assistant County Auditor, and each of them, shall be and they are hereby expressly authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such documents, certificates and instruments, whether or not herein mentioned, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Order, the Certificates, the sale of the Certificates and the Official Statement. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any Certificate shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Certificate, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

Section 12. CUSTODY, APPROVAL, AND REGISTRATION OF CERTIFICATES; BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION; CUSIP NUMBERS AND CONTINGENT INSURANCE PROVISION, IF OBTAINED; ENGAGEMENT OF BOND COUNSEL.

(a) The Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to have control of the Initial Certificate and all necessary records and proceedings pertaining to the Certificates pending their delivery and the investigation, examination, and approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas. Upon registration of the Initial Certificate, said Comptroller (or a deputy designated in writing to act for said Comptroller) shall manually sign the Comptroller's Registration Certificate attached to such Certificates, and the seal of said Comptroller shall be impressed, or placed in facsimile, on such Certificate. The approving legal opinion of the Issuer's Bond Counsel and the assigned CUSIP numbers may, at the option of the Issuer, be printed on the Certificates issued and delivered under this Order, but neither shall have any legal effect, and shall be solely for the convenience and information of the registered owners of the Certificates. In addition, if bond insurance is obtained, the Certificates may bear an appropriate legend as provided by the insurer.

Section 13. INVESTMENT AND SECURITY OF FUNDS. (a) Interest earnings derived from the investment of proceeds from the sale of the Certificates shall be used along with other certificate proceeds for the Project; provided that after completion of such purpose, if any of such interest earnings remain on hand, such interest earnings shall be deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund. It is further provided, however, that any interest earnings on certificate proceeds that are required to be rebated to the United States of America pursuant to Section 10 hereof in order to prevent the Certificates from being arbitrage bonds shall be so rebated and not considered as interest earnings for the purposes of this Section.

(b) The Issuer may place proceeds of the Certificates (including investment earnings thereon) and amounts deposited into the Interest and Sinking Fund in investments authorized by the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, as amended; provided, however, that the Issuer hereby covenants that the proceeds of the sale of the Certificates will be used as soon as practicable for the purposes for which the Certificates are issued.

(c) All deposits authorized or required by this Order shall be secured to the fullest extent required by law for the security of public funds.

Section 14. CONSTRUCTION FUNDS.

The Issuer hereby creates and establishes and shall maintain on the books of the Issuer a separate fund with respect to each series of Certificates issued hereunder to be entitled the "[Taxable] Series 2023[A/B] Certificate of Obligation Construction Fund" for use by the Issuer for payment of all lawful costs associated with the acquisition and construction of the Project as hereinbefore provided. Upon payment of all such costs, any moneys remaining on deposit in said Funds shall be transferred to the Interest and Sinking Fund and used in the manner described in Section 6 of this Order.

Section 15. COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 15c2-12.

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

"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.

(i) The Issuer shall provide annually to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, within 6 months after the end of each fiscal year, the quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the Issuer of the general type included in the Official Statement under Tables numbered 1 through 6 and 8 through 12. The Issuer shall additionally provide audited financial statements within 12 months after the end of each fiscal year ending in or after 2016. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the Issuer shall file unaudited financial statements by the required time and audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such statements becomes available. Any financial statements provided shall be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in the Issuer's annual audited financial statements, or such other accounting principles as the Issuer may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation.

(ii) If the Issuer 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 Issuer 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 that is available to the public on the MSRB's internet website or filed with the SEC. All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

(c) Event Notices.

(i) The Issuer shall notify the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event) of any of the following events with respect to the Certificates, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws:

- 1. Non-payment related defaults;
- 2. Modifications to rights of Certificateholders;
- 3. Certificate calls;
- 4. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Certificates;

5. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms;

6. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee; and

7. Incurrence of a financial obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material.

(ii) The Issuer shall notify the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event) of any of the following events with respect to the Certificates, without regard to whether such event is considered material within the meaning of the federal securities laws:

- 1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- 2. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- 3. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

4. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

5. Adverse tax opinions or 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;

- 6. Tender offers;
- 7. Defeasances;
- 8. Rating changes;
- 9. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of an obligated person; and

10. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For the purposes of the above described event notices, the term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (ii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided, however, that a "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.

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

(d) Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments.

(i) The Issuer shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section for so long as, but only for so long as, the Issuer remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Certificates within the meaning of the Rule, except that the Issuer in any event will give notice of any deposit made in accordance with this Order or applicable law that causes Certificates no longer to be outstanding.

(ii) The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the registered owners and beneficial owners of the Certificates, and nothing in this Section, express or implied, shall give any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder to any other person. The Issuer undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this Section and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the Issuer's financial results, condition, or prospects or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this Section or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The Issuer does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Certificates at any future date. (iii) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE ISSUER BE LIABLE TO THE REGISTERED OWNER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY CERTIFICATE OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE ISSUER, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR 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.

(iv) No default by the Issuer in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall comprise a breach of or default under this Order for purposes of any other provision of this Order. Nothing in this Section is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive, or otherwise limit the duties of the Issuer under federal and state securities laws.

(v) Should the Rule be amended to obligate the Issuer to make filings with or provide notices to entities other than the MSRB, the Issuer hereby agrees to undertake such obligation with respect to the Certificates in accordance with the Rule as amended. The provisions of this Section may be amended by the Issuer from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the Issuer, but only if (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 since such offering as well as such changed circumstances and (2) either (a) the registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Order that authorizes such an amendment) of the outstanding Certificates consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the Issuer (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determined that such amendment will not materially impair the interest of the registered owners and beneficial owners of the Certificates. The Issuer may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Certificates in the primary offering of the Certificates. If the Issuer so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section an explanation, in narrative form, of the reason for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided.

Section 16. METHOD OF AMENDMENT. The Issuer hereby reserves the right to amend this Order subject to the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

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

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

(1) Make any change in the maturity of any of the outstanding Certificates;

(2) Reduce the rate of interest borne by any of the outstanding Certificates;

(3) Reduce the amount of the principal of, or redemption premium, if any, payable on any outstanding Certificates;

(4) Modify the terms of payment of principal or of interest or redemption premium on outstanding Certificates or any of them or impose any condition with respect to such payment; or

(5) Change the minimum percentage of the principal amount of any series of Certificates necessary for consent to such amendment.

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

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

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

(f) Any consent given by the holder of a Certificate pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be irrevocable for a period of six months from the date of the publication of the notice provided for in this Section, and shall be conclusive and binding upon all future holders of the same Certificate during such period. Such consent may be revoked at any time after six months from the date of the publication of said notice by the holder who gave such consent, or by a successor in title, by filing notice with the Issuer, but such revocation shall not be effective if the holders of 51% in aggregate principal amount of the affected Certificates then outstanding, have, prior to the attempted revocation, consented to and approved the amendment.

(g) For the purposes of establishing ownership of the Certificates, the Issuer shall rely solely upon the registration of the ownership of such Certificates on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Section 17. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

(a) <u>Events of Default</u>. Each of the following occurrences or events for the purpose of this Order is hereby declared to be an Event of Default:

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

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

(b) <u>Remedies for Default</u>.

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

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

(c) <u>Remedies Not Exclusive</u>.

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

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

(iii) By accepting the delivery of a Certificate authorized under this Order, such Registered Owner agrees that the certifications required to effectuate any covenants or representations contained in this Order do not and shall never constitute or give rise to a personal or pecuniary liability or charge against the officers or employees of the Issuer or the Commissioners Court. Section 18. APPROPRIATION. To pay the debt service coming due on the Certificates, if any, prior to receipt of the taxes levied to pay such debt service, there is hereby appropriated from current funds on hand, which are hereby certified to be on hand and available for such purpose, an amount sufficient to pay such debt service, and such amount shall be used for no other purpose.

Section 19. EFFECTIVE DATE. In accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 1201.028, this Order shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Commissioners Court.

Section 20. SEVERABILITY. If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Order, or application thereof to any persons or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Order, despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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