

RESOLUTION NO. 112

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BAYTOWN FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT ORDERING A CONTINUATION ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSITION OF WHETHER THE BAYTOWN FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT SHOULD BE CONTINUED FOR FIVE (5) YEARS AND THE BAYTOWN FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT SALES AND USE TAX SHOULD BE CONTINUED FOR FIVE (5) YEARS; DESIGNATING THE MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; PRESCRIBING THE HOURS; ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL COUNTING STATION; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Baytown Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Services District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election on the question of whether to continue the District and the associated sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that said election will be held on a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended, as required by Texas law; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors (the "Board"), pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code and a separate resolution(s) of the Board, intends to contract with Harris and Chambers Counties for election services; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BAYTOWN FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT:

Section 1: The statements contained in the preamble of this resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2: That a continuation election of the District, pursuant to Subchapter F of Chapter 344 of the Texas Local Government Code and pursuant to Sections 41.001 and 41.031 of the Texas Election Code, shall be held between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, in the City of Baytown, Texas, for the purpose of voting for or against the proposition of whether the Baytown Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Services District should be continued for five (5) years and the fire control and prevention district sales and use tax should be continued for five (5) years. If less than a majority of the votes cast in the continuation election are for the continuation of the District:

- (1) the Board shall certify that fact to the Texas Secretary of State not later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day after the date of the canvass of the returns; and
- (2) the District is dissolved and ceases to operate on the earlier of:
  - (A) the last day of the district's fiscal year; or
  - (B) the 180<sup>th</sup> day after the date that the continuation referendum is held.

If a majority of the votes cast in the continuation election are for the continuation of the District, the District shall continue for another five years from the fifth anniversary date that the District began to levy taxes for District purposes.

Section 3: That the proposition specified in Section 2 hereof shall be presented to the electors within the District's territory in accordance with law.

Section 4: That the form of the ballot for this special election shall be substantially as follows:

<b><u>OFFICIAL BALLOT</u></b>	
	<b><u>PROPOSITION NO. A</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> FOR	Whether the Baytown Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Services District should be continued for five (5) years and the fire control and prevention district sales and use tax should be continued for five (5) years.
<input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST	

Section 5: That the election called for in Section 2 hereof shall be held as a joint election with the entities named in the recitals hereof, as appropriate, pursuant to joint election agreements.

Section 6: That the District shall use the polling places along with election officials for the continuation election ordered in Section 2 hereof as designated by Harris and Chambers Counties.

Section 7: Direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment shall be used for voting at the designated election precincts, and electronic counting devices and equipment shall be used for counting the ballots at the election.

Section 8: Each qualified voter who desires to cast an early vote shall be entitled to an official ballot and the right to cast such ballot in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. Early voting will be conducted by the Early Voting Clerks at the places designated by Harris County and Chambers County. Direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment shall be used for early voting by personal appearance. Early voting by personal appearance shall commence on October 19, 2025, and end on October 30, 2025, in accordance with the schedules adopted by Harris and Chambers Counties.

Direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment shall be used for early voting by mail in Harris County, and Chambers County. Applications for ballots to be voted by mail should be mailed to:

Teneshia Hudspeth  
Harris County Clerk  
Attn: Elections Department  
P.O. Box 1148  
Houston, TX 77251-1148

Heather Hawthorne  
Early Voting Clerk  
Chambers County Clerk  
P.O. Box 728  
Anahuac, TX 77514

Section 9: The Central Counting Stations to receive and tabulate voted ballots shall be at the locations designated by Harris and Chambers Counties.

Section 10: That the continuation election shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas. In the continuation election, the President and the Secretary of the District shall do and perform each act as required to be done and performed respectively by the County Judge and the County Clerk of the Commissioners' Court. The notice of this election shall be given in accordance with all applicable laws. Notice of the continuation election shall also be provided to Harris County and Chambers County not later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the election ordered herein.

Section 11: The Secretary is further authorized to give or cause to be given notices required for the election and to take such other and further action as is required to conduct the election in compliance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 12: In all matters relating to the ordering, giving notice, and holding of the elections, the District shall comply with the applicable parts of the Texas Election Code, including Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code pertaining to bilingual requirements, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Section 13: This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage by the Board of Directors of the Baytown Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Services District.

INTRODUCED, READ and PASSED by the affirmative vote of the Board of Directors of the Baytown Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Services District on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:

  
ANGELA JACKSON, Secretary



  
BARRY HAWKINS, Vice-President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
VANCE HINDS, Assistant General Counsel