

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

The following Resolution was offered by Councilmember Ryan Heck and seconded by Councilmember Max Himmel:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-003

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ELECTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT A 2% SALES AND USE TAX FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:3078 authorized the St. George Transition District to levy a temporary 2% sales and use tax without the necessity of voter approval;

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2024, the St. George Transition District adopted a resolution to levy and collect a temporary 2% sales and use tax to replace the 2% sales and use tax which the Parish of East Baton Rouge had previously levied within the formerly unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge that is now incorporated as the City of St. George;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:3079(D)(5) provides the St. George Transition District “shall cease existence, and any sales and use taxes levied by the district shall expire at such time as the municipality levies and collects a two percent sales and use tax, the end of the quarter following the election to impose the municipal tax if the proposition is not approved by the electorate, or twelve months after the incorporation becomes final, whichever occurs first”; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. George seeks to call an election at the earliest date authorized by law to authorize the levy and collection of a 2% sales and use tax to replace the tax levied by the St. George Transition District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of St. George, it is the intention hereof to transfer the taxing authority from the St. George Transition District to the City of St. George without duplication of taxes levied within the City of St. George to be used for general municipal purposes:

Section 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, a special election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of St. George on SATURDAY, December 7, 2024, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law on the following proposition:

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

Shall the St. George City Council be authorized to levy and collect a tax of two percent (2%) ("Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services, all as presently defined in La. R.S. 47:301 through La. R.S. 47:318, inclusive within the geographic boundaries of the City of St. George to

replace the current sales and use tax of equal amount to be used for general municipal purposes including but not limited to, acquiring, constructing, improving and maintaining public works with an estimated annual collection of \$48,000,000, the proceeds of said Tax to be subject to funding into bonds in the manner provided by law?

Section 2. Publication of Notice. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *The Advocate*, the official journal of the City of St. George, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date fixed for election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 3. Canvass. St. George City Council will meet at its regular meeting place at 14100 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM to will canvass the returns and declare the results of the election.

Section 4. Authorization of Officers. The City Clerk is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any action required for the conduct of the election.

Section 5. Notice to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana State Bond Commission and Secretary of State and to the Clerk of Court and the Registrar of Voters for East Baton Rouge Parish.

Section 6. Application to State Bond Commission. Application shall be made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election, and in the event said election carries, for consent to levy the sales and use taxes provided for therein.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was:

FOR: Cook, Edmonds, Heck, Himmel and Monachello
AGAINST: None

CERTIFICATION

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Special Meeting of the Council for the City of St. George held on July 8, 2024.

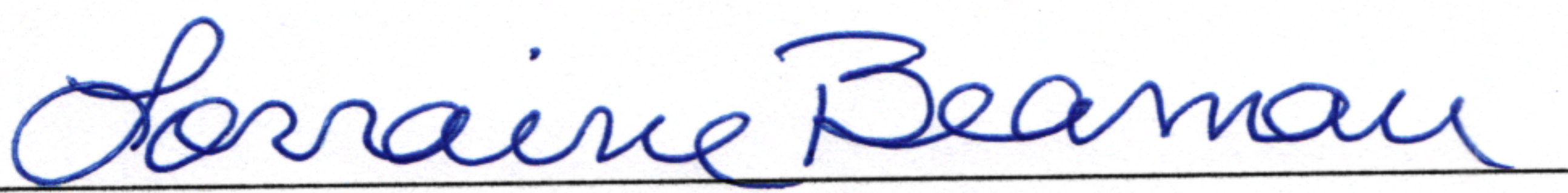

Lorraine Beaman, Clerk

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City of St. George at the following polling places on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**, on the following proposition:

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

Shall the St. George City Council be authorized to levy and collect a tax of two percent (2%) ("Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services, all as presently defined in La. R.S. 47:301 through La. R.S. 47:318, inclusive within the geographic boundaries of the City of St. George to replace the current sales and use tax of equal amount to be used for general municipal purposes including but not limited to acquiring, constructing, improving and maintaining public works with an estimated annual collection of \$48,000,000, said Tax to be subject to funding into bonds in the manner provided by law?

Precincts	Polling Place Location
01/080 A & B (in part)	BREC Drusilla Lane Park Recreation Center 2546 Drusilla Lane
01/089 (in part)	BREC Forest Community Park Recreation Center 13900 South Harrells Ferry Road
01/099 A & B (in part)	Parkview Elementary School 5660 Park Forest Drive
03/003 A & B	Woodlawn Baptist Church 5805 Jones Creek Road
03/004 A & B	BREC Highland Road Park 14024 Highland Road
03/007 A & B (in part)	BREC Cedar Ridge Recreation Center 13300 Cedar Ridge Avenue
03/010	Lutheran Church of Our Savior 3555 Jones Creek Road
03/011 (in part)	Baton Rouge Fire Station 11010 Coursey Boulevard
03/012 A & B (in part)	Riveroaks Elementary School 950 Fontainbleau Drive
03/013	Jefferson Terrace Elementary School 5601 Upton Drive
03/015 A & B	Shenandoah Elementary School 16555 Appomattox Avenue
03/016	Woodlawn Middle School 14939 Tiger Bend Road

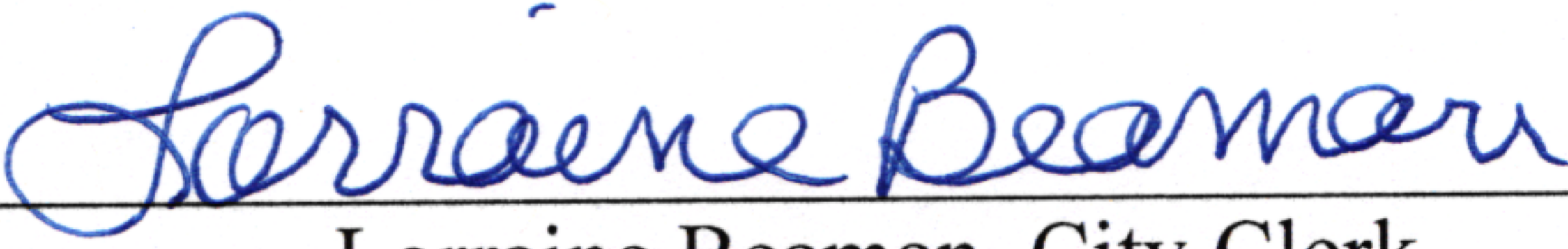
Precincts	Polling Place Location
03/017 A & B (in part)	Westminster Elementary School 8935 Westminster Drive
03/018 A & B (in part)	Greater Baton Rouge Association of Realtors 14101 Perkins Road
03/019 A & B	New Rising Sun Baptist Church 16444 Highland Road
03/021 A & B (in part)	Southeast Middle School 15000 S Harrells Ferry Road
03/022	Woodlawn High School 15755 Old Jefferson Highway
03/023 A & B (in part)	Wildwood Elementary School 444 Halfway Tree Road
03/029 A & B (in part)	Westminster Elementary School 8935 Westminster Drive
03/033 A & B	BREC Baringer Road Park Recreation Center 7401 Baringer Road
03/034 A & B	St. George Fire Department Administrative Office 14100 Airline Highway
03/035 A & B (in part)	Bluebonnet Regional Library 9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard
03/036 (in part)	Bluebonnet Regional Library 9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard
03/038	Woodlawn Middle School 14939 Tiger Bend Road
03/039 (in part)	Jefferson Terrace Elementary School 5601 Upton Drive
03/040 A & B	BREC Highland Road Park 14024 Highland Road
03/041 A & B	Jones Creek Regional Library 6222 Jones Creek Road
03/043 A & B	Shenandoah Elementary School 16555 Appomattox Avenue
03/045 A & B	Woodlawn High School 15755 Old Jefferson Highway
03/047 A & B	Crosspoint Baptist Church 14965 Airline Highway
03/048 A & B	St. George Fire Department Administrative Office 14100 Airline Highway
03/049 A & B	Mayfair Laboratory School 9880 Hyacinth Avenue
03/051 (in part)	BREC Drusilla Lane Park Recreation Center 2546 Drusilla Lane

Precincts	Polling Place Location
03/052 A & B (in part)	BREC Perkins Road Community Park 7122 Perkins Road
03/053 A & B	Woodlawn Middle School 14939 Tiger Bend Road
03/056	Bluebonnet Highlands Clubhouse 10557 Bluebonnet Boulevard
03/059 (in part)	Lutheran Church of Our Savior 3555 Jones Creek Road
03/060 A & B (in part)	Jefferson Terrace Elementary School 5601 Upton Drive
03/062	Greater Baton Rouge Association of Realtors 14101 Perkins Road
03/063 (in part)	Bluebonnet Highlands Clubhouse 10557 Bluebonnet Boulevard
03/064	Bluebonnet Regional Library 9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard
03/065 (in part)	St John's United Methodist Church 230 Renee Drive
03/066	Woodlawn High School 15755 Old Jefferson Highway
03/067	Crosspoint Baptist Church 14965 Airline Highway
03/068	Mayfair Laboratory School 9880 Hyacinth Avenue
03/070	St John's United Methodist Church 230 Renee Drive
03/071	Southeast Middle School 15000 South Harrells Ferry Road
03/073 A & B	Southeast Middle School 15000 South Harrells Ferry Road
03/074 (in part)	The Claiborne at Baton Rouge 9511 Creekview Drive
03/075	St John's United Methodist Church 230 Renee Drive
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CERTIFICATION

Resolution No. 2024-003 consisting of two pages and Exhibit A was adopted at the Meeting of the St. George City Council held on July 8, 2024.



Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk