

**ORDER FOR ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 1, 2021 ON THE PROPOSITION OF AUTHORIZING THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE OF HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 16 TO INCREASE FROM \$.05/\$100 TO \$.10/\$100 AS PROVIDED UNDER HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, §775.0745**

**WHEREAS**, HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 16 (the "District") operates pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 48-e, and Chapter 775, Health & Safety Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is a Harris County District and is therefore governed by an elected Board of Emergency Services Commissioners under Chapter 775, Health & Safety Code; and

**WHEREAS**, §775.0345, Health & Safety Code, requires that such Election be held in conformity with §41.001, of the Texas Election Code, providing for Uniform Election Dates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Texas passed and the Governor signed a law (Acts 2005, 79th Leg., S.B. No. 1621), to provide for the maximum tax rate for an Emergency Services District wholly in Harris County, Texas to be raised to \$.10/\$100; and

**WHEREAS**, Health & Safety Code, §775.0745 provides that an election is required in order for a District to be authorized to increase its maximum tax rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of ESD Commissioners finds that it would be in the best interests of the District and the residents and commercial interests situated in the District to afford the eligible voters within the District the opportunity to determine whether the maximum tax rate for the District should be raised from \$.05/\$100 to \$.10/\$100,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that an Election be held in **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 16** on Saturday, May 1, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on the following proposition:

“To authorize in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16 a maximum ad valorem tax rate of ten (10) cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property.”

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

1. The ballot for the Election shall provide for voting "for" or "against" the above stated proposition. A majority of the votes cast either "for" or "against" the proposition shall determine whether the proposition is adopted. A vote "for" shall mean a vote in favor of the proposition and a vote "against" shall mean a vote against the proposition.

2. The Election shall be held within one (1) District Election Precincts and at the Polling Places designated by Order of the District Board of Emergency Services

Commissioners, subject to any changes as may be made under the authority of such Order:

Harris County Precincts

Polling Place Location

082, 112, 137, 173, 245, 263,  
451, 466, 477, 484, 485, 513,  
514, 515, 551, 575, 601, 614,  
615, 623, 631, 648, 668, 672,  
684, 757, 788, 853, 876, 880,  
903, 916, 926, 982, 998

Klein Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Admin. Bldg.  
16810 Squyres Road  
Klein, Texas 77379

3. Only persons qualified to vote within the geographic boundaries of **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 16** shall be allowed to vote at the Election and each voter shall vote at the Polling Place designated by Order of the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners.

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5. The voting in the District's Election Precincts shall utilize an Electronic Voting System/Direct Recording Electronic Voting Machine, (Hart 6.2.1 system) as certified by Texas Secretary of State, April 30, 2009.

6. **ADRIANE L. HUTCHISON** is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the Election. Early voting shall be conducted from April 19, 2021 (the date which represents the earliest date on which early voting may begin) through April 27, 2021 (the date which represents the last day on which early voting may be performed). As ordered by the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, the location of main early voting place is designated as follows:

**Klein Volunteer Fire Department Administration Building  
16810 Squyres Road, Klein, Texas 77379  
Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Except as otherwise provided below, there shall be no early voting on any Saturday or Sunday or on any official national or state holiday, except as follows:

**Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon).**

7. For the use of those voters in the District who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the Early Voting Clerk above named shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with the Texas Election Code. For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote an early voting ballot by mail, the District shall provide each voter with a paper ballot and instructions to make a mark on the paper ballot.

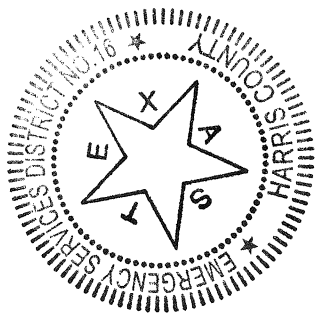
8. Ballot applications and ballots voted shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at **8681 Louetta, Suite 250, Klein, Texas 77379**. There shall be no provision for telephonic facsimile transmission of ballot applications. The ballot applications must be received by **April 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**

9. The following concurrent and subsequent Orders, among other Orders, may be made by the District to facilitate the Election: Order Approving and Appointing an Agent; Order Establishing and Designating Election Precincts and Polling Places; Order Appointing Presiding Election Judges; Order Appointing Early Voting Ballot Board; Order Appointing Early Voting Clerks.

10. In accordance with all applicable Federal and State law, there shall be provided Spanish, Vietnamese and if required Mandarin (Traditional) translations of the ballot as well as other election materials.

11. This Order constitutes the Election Order of **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 16** Election to conduct a tax rate election. The Notice of the Election shall be prepared in accordance with law and shall be given by publication of the Notice of Election along with the Order designating the Voting Precincts and Polling Places for the Election. Such publication shall be made one time in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the geographic boundaries of the District, said publication to be made not earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day nor later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day before the Election Date. Further, a copy of such Notice shall, not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day before the Election Date, be posted on the bulletin board or other place conspicuous to the public used for posting Notices of the meetings of the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners and a copy shall be filed with the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas. After publication, the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners shall retain a copy of the published Notice that contains the name of the newspaper in which it was published and the date of publication.

ADOPTED at Open Meeting this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, by a vote of 3 to 2.



**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY  
SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 16**

By: W. Reil Jones  
Rich Jones  
President

**ATTEST:**

By: Steve Falkner  
Steve Falkner  
Secretary