



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1713, Agenda Item #: 10.

8/13/2025

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance ordering a special municipal election to be held in the City of Austin on November 4, 2025, to submit to the voters a proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate that exceeds the voter approval rate, for the purpose of funding or expanding programs intended to increase housing affordability and reduce homelessness; improve parks and recreation facilities and services; enhance public health services and public safety; ensure financial stability; and provide for other general fund maintenance and operation expenditures included in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget as approved or amended by City Council; providing for the conduct of the special election; authorizing the City Clerk to enter into joint election agreements with other local political subdivisions as may be necessary for the orderly conduct of the election; and declaring an emergency.

Lead Department

Office of the City Clerk.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Based on the City's adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, City Council adopted a tax rate that exceeds the City's voter-approval tax rate. Per Texas Tax Code Section 26.07, the registered voters of the full purpose part of the City must determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate. This ordinance orders and provides for the conduct of an election to be held for that purpose.