



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of said City, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

*Bonnie Hamelick*

City Secretary  
City of Athens, Texas

(City Seal)



ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-094

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of “CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS, WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020A”, pledging net revenues of the City’s Waterworks and Sewer System to the security of and the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; specifying the terms and conditions of such bonds; resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, payment, security, sale and delivery of said bonds, including the approval and execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Construction Escrow Agreement; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, pursuant to an application filed with the Texas Water Development Board (the “Board”), the City of Athens, Texas (the “City”) has received a loan commitment from the Board pursuant to the Board’s Resolution No. 20-074 adopted on August 5, 2020 (the “Board Resolution”) for financial assistance in the amount of \$1,546,404 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance the costs of constructing wastewater system improvements, and such financial assistance is to be evidenced by the Board’s purchase of \$1,080,000 of bonds payable from a pledge of and lien on the Net Revenues (as herein defined) of the City’s combined water and sewer system, including all present and future extensions, additions, replacements and improvements thereto (the “System”) and a Principal Forgiveness Agreement in an amount of \$466,404; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, the City Council of the City is authorized to issue water and sewer system revenue bonds for the improvement and extension of the City’s wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the bonds to be issued pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Ordinance will be secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants to proceed with the issuance of bonds to provide funds for the purposes hereinafter specified; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Authorization - Designation - Principal Amount - Purpose. Revenue bonds of the City shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,080,000 to be designated and bear the title “CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS, WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020A” (the “Bonds”), for the purposes of (i) constructing improvements and extensions to the wastewater system and (ii) paying costs of issuance, all in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended.

SECTION 2. Fully Registered Obligations – Authorized Denominations – Stated Maturities – Interest Maximum Rate – Bond Date. The Bonds shall be in fully registered form, without coupons; dated November 1, 2020 (the “Bond Date”); shall be in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof; and shall become due and payable on August 1 in each of the years in the principal amounts (the “Stated Maturities”) and bear interest at the per annum rate(s) in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Year of Stated Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Interest Rates (%)</u>
2021	95,000	0.000
2022	110,000	0.000
2023	110,000	0.000
2024	110,000	0.000
2025	110,000	0.000
2026	110,000	0.000
2027	105,000	0.130
2028	110,000	0.250
2029	110,000	0.390
2030	110,000	0.540

The Bonds shall bear interest on the unpaid principal amounts from the date of delivery to the initial purchasers at the rate(s) per annum shown above in this Section (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months). Interest on the Bonds shall be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year commencing February 1, 2021, until maturity.

SECTION 3. Payment of the Bonds - Paying Agent/Registrar. The principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Bonds, due and payable by reason of maturity or otherwise, shall be payable only to the registered owners or holders of the Bonds (hereinafter called the “Holders”) appearing on the books and records relating to the registration, payment, exchange and transfer of the Bonds (the “Security Register”) maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the payment thereof shall be in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and shall be without exchange or collection charges to the Holders.

The selection and appointment of Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Amegy Bank Division, Houston, Texas, to serve as Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is hereby approved and confirmed. The Security Register shall at all times be kept and maintained on behalf of the City by the Paying Agent/Registrar, all as provided herein, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a “Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement”, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and such reasonable rules and regulations as the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City may prescribe. The Mayor Pro Tem and City Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement in connection with the delivery of the Bonds. The City covenants to maintain and provide a Paying Agent/Registrar at all times until the Bonds are paid and discharged, and any successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall be a commercial bank, trust company, financial institution or other entity qualified and authorized to serve in such capacity and perform the duties and services of Paying Agent/Registrar. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, the City agrees to promptly cause a written notice thereof to be sent to each Holder by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, which notice shall also give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar.

Principal of and premium, if any, on the Bonds shall be payable at the Stated Maturities, only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent/Registrar at its designated offices, initially in Salt Lake City, Utah, or, with respect to a successor Paying Agent/Registrar, at the designated offices of such successor (the “Designated Payment/Transfer Office”). Interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the Holders whose names appear in the Security Register at the close of business on the Record Date (the fifteenth (15th) day of the month next preceding each interest payment date) and shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar (i) by check sent United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of the Holder recorded in the Security Register or

(ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the Holder. Provided, however, while the Board is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments on the Bonds shall be made by wire transfer without expense to the Holder. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer 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 which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when 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.

In the event of a non-payment of interest on one or more maturities on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment for such maturity or maturities (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 City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be fifteen (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 Holder of such maturity or maturities appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

SECTION 4. Redemption. The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

SECTION 5. Registration - Transfer - Exchange of Bonds - Predecessor Bonds. A Security Register relating to the registration, payment, and transfer or exchange of the Bonds shall at all times be kept and maintained by the City at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, as provided herein and in accordance with the provisions of an agreement with the Paying Agent/Registrar and such rules and regulations as the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City may prescribe. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain, record, and maintain in the Security Register the name and address of each Holder of the Bonds issued under and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, or if appropriate, the nominee thereof. Any Bond may, in accordance with its terms and the terms hereof, be transferred or exchanged for Bonds of other authorized denominations upon the Security Register by the Holder, in person or by his duly authorized agent, upon surrender of such Bond to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, accompanied by a written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the Holder or by his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Upon surrender of any Bond (other than the Initial Bond(s) referenced in Section 8 hereof) for transfer at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of authorized denominations and having the same Stated Maturity and of a like aggregate principal amount as the Bond or Bonds surrendered for transfer.

At the option of the Holder, Bonds (other than the Initial Bond(s) referenced in Section 8 hereof) may be exchanged for other Bonds of authorized denominations and having the same Stated Maturity, bearing the same rate of interest and of like aggregate principal amount as the Bonds surrendered for exchange, upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. Whenever any Bonds are

surrendered for exchange, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver new Bonds to the Holder requesting the exchange.

All Bonds issued in any transfer or exchange of Bonds shall be delivered to the Holders at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar or sent by United States Mail, first class, postage prepaid to the Holders, and, upon the registration and delivery thereof, the same shall be the valid obligations of the City, evidencing the same obligation to pay, and entitled to the same benefits under this Ordinance, as the Bonds surrendered in such transfer or exchange.

All transfers or exchanges of Bonds pursuant to this Section shall be made without expense or service charge to the Holder, except as otherwise herein provided, and except that the Paying Agent/Registrar shall require payment by the Holder requesting such transfer or exchange of any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

Bonds cancelled by reason of an exchange or transfer pursuant to the provisions hereof are hereby defined to be "Predecessor Bonds," evidencing all or a portion, as the case may be, of the same obligation to pay evidenced by the new Bond or Bonds registered and delivered in the exchange or transfer therefor. Additionally, the term "Predecessor Bonds" shall include any mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Bond for which a replacement Bond has been issued, registered, and delivered in lieu thereof pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 hereof and such new replacement Bond shall be deemed to evidence the same obligation as the mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Bond.

**SECTION 6. Book-Entry-Only Transfers and Transactions.** Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Ordinance relating to the payment and transfer/exchange of the Bonds, the City hereby approves and authorizes the use of the "Book-Entry-Only" securities clearance, settlement, and transfer system provided by The Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York ("DTC"), in accordance with the requirements and procedures identified in the DTC Operational Arrangements memorandum, as amended, the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, by and between the City and DTC, and the Letter of Representations from the Paying Agent/Registrar to DTC (collectively, the "Depository Agreement").

Pursuant to the Depository Agreement and the rules of DTC, the Bonds shall be deposited with DTC who shall hold said Bonds for its participants (the "DTC Participants"). While the Bonds are held by DTC under the Depository Agreement, the Holder of the Bonds on the Security Register for all purposes, including payment and notices, shall be Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, notwithstanding the ownership of each actual purchaser or owner of each Bond (the "Beneficial Owners") being recorded in the records of DTC and DTC Participants.

In the event DTC determines to discontinue serving as securities depository for the Bonds or otherwise ceases to provide book-entry clearance and settlement of securities transactions in general or the City determines that DTC is incapable of properly discharging its duties as securities depository for the Bonds, the City covenants and agrees with the Holders of the Bonds to cause Bonds to be printed in definitive form and provide for the Bond certificates to be issued and delivered to DTC Participants and Beneficial Owners, as the case may be. Thereafter, the Bonds in definitive form shall be assigned, transferred and exchanged on the Security Register maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar and payment of such Bonds shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3, 4 and 5 hereof.

SECTION 7. Execution - Registration. The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem under its seal reproduced or impressed thereon and countersigned by the City Secretary. The signature of said officers on the Bonds may be manual or facsimile. Bonds bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who are or were the proper officers of the City on the Bond Date shall be deemed to be duly executed on behalf of the City, notwithstanding that one or more of the individuals executing the same shall cease to hold such offices at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the initial purchaser(s) and with respect to Bonds delivered in subsequent exchanges and transfers, all as authorized and provided in Texas Government Code, Chapter 1201, as amended.

No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond either a certificate of registration substantially in the form provided in Section 9(c), manually executed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, or his duly authorized agent, or a certificate of registration substantially in the form provided in Section 9(d), manually executed by an authorized officer, employee or representative of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and either such certificate duly signed upon any Bond shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Bond has been duly certified, registered and delivered.

SECTION 8. Initial Bond(s). The Bonds herein authorized shall be initially issued either (i) as a single fully registered bond in the aggregate principal amount stated in Section 1 hereof with principal installments to become due and payable as provided in Section 2 hereof and numbered T-1, or (ii) as multiple fully registered bonds, being one bond for each year of maturity in the applicable principal amount and denomination and to be numbered consecutively from T-1 and upward (hereinafter called the "Initial Bond(s)") and, in either case, the Initial Bond(s) shall be registered in the name of the initial purchaser(s) or the designee thereof. The Initial Bond(s) shall be the Bond(s) submitted to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas for approval, certified and registered by the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas and delivered to the initial purchaser(s). Any time after the delivery of the Initial Bond(s), the Paying Agent/Registrar, pursuant to written instructions from the initial purchaser(s), or the designee thereof, shall cancel the Initial Bond(s) delivered hereunder and exchange therefor definitive Bonds of authorized denominations, Stated Maturities, principal amounts and bearing applicable interest rates for transfer and delivery to the Holders named at the addresses identified therefor; all pursuant to and in accordance with such written instructions from the initial purchaser(s), or the designee thereof, and such other information and documentation as the Paying Agent/Registrar may reasonably require.

SECTION 9. Form of Bonds.

(a) Forms Generally. The Bonds, the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, the Registration Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar, and the form of Assignment to be printed on each of the Bonds, shall be substantially in the forms set forth in this Section with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions, and other variations as are permitted or required by this Ordinance and may have such letters, numbers, or other marks of identification (including identifying numbers and letters of the Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures of the American Bankers Association) and such legends and endorsements (including insurance legends in the event the Bonds, or any maturities thereof, are purchased with insurance and any reproduction of an opinion of counsel) thereon as may, consistently herewith, be established by the City or determined by the officers executing such Bonds as evidenced by their execution. Any portion of the text of any Bonds

may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Bond.

The definitive Bonds and the Initial Bond(s) shall be printed, lithographed, engraved, typewritten, photocopied or otherwise reproduced in any other similar manner, all as determined by the officers executing such Bonds as evidenced by their execution thereof.

(b) Form of Definitive Bonds.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS  
WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND  
SERIES 2020A

Bond Date:  
November 1, 2020

Stated Maturity:  
August 1, 20\_\_

Interest Rate:  
\_\_\_\_\_%

CUSIP No.:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

DOLLARS

The City of Athens (the "City"), in the State of Texas, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner named above (the "Holder") or its registered assigns, solely from the revenues hereinafter identified, on the Stated Maturity specified above, the Principal Amount hereinabove stated (without right of prior redemption), and to pay interest on such unpaid principal amount from the later of the date of delivery to the initial purchasers or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semiannually on February 1 and August 1 in each year, commencing February 1, 2021, until maturity, at the per annum rate of interest specified above, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The principal of this Bond is payable upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar executing the registration certificate appearing hereon, or its successor. The interest payable on any interest payment date will be paid to the Holder of this Bond whose name appears on the "Security Register" maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the "Record Date" for such interest, which shall be the fifteenth (15th) day of the month next preceding such interest payment date. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are required or authorized by law or executive order to close, the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day on which banking institutions are required or authorized by law or executive order to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due. All such payments may be made by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check dated as of the interest payment date and mailed to such Holder at the address appearing in the register or by such other customary banking arrangement acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested in writing by, and at the risk and expense of, the Holder hereof. All payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond shall be made in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time



of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, without exchange or collection charges to the Holder of this Bond.

This Bond is one of the series specified in its title issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,080,000 (herein referred to as the "Bonds") for the purposes of (i) constructing improvements and extensions to the City's wastewater system and (ii) paying costs of issuance, all under and in strict conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, and an Ordinance adopted by the governing body of the City (herein referred to as the "Ordinance").

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Bonds constitute special obligations of the City and, together with any Additional Bonds, if issued, are payable solely from and equally secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System. The Bonds do not constitute a legal or equitable pledge, charge, lien or encumbrance upon any property of the City or the System, except with respect to the Net Revenues.

The Holder hereof shall never have the right to demand payment of this obligation out of any funds raised or to be raised by taxation.

The City expressly reserves the right to issue additional revenue obligations in all things on a parity with the Bonds, payable solely from and equally secured by the same lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System as the Bonds; provided, however, that any and all such additional obligations may be so issued only in accordance with and subject to the covenants, conditions, limitations and restrictions relating thereto which are set out and contained in the Ordinance, to which reference is hereby made for more complete and full particulars.

It is hereby certified and recited that the issuance of the Bonds is duly authorized by law; that all acts, conditions and things required to exist and to be done precedent to and in the issuance of the Bonds to render the same lawful and valid have been properly done, have happened and have been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the Ordinance; that the Bonds do not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation; and that provision has been made for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds by irrevocably pledging the Net Revenues of the System, as hereinabove recited.

Reference is hereby made to the Ordinance, a copy of which is on file in the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and to all of the provisions of which the Holder of this Bond by the acceptance hereof hereby assents, for (1) definitions of terms; (2) the description of and the nature and extent of the security for the payment of the Bonds; (3) the properties constituting the System; (4) the Net Revenues pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds; (5) the nature and extent and manner of enforcement of the lien and pledge securing the payment of the Bonds; (6) the terms and conditions for the issuance of additional revenue obligations; (7) the terms and conditions relating to the transfer or exchange of this Bond; (8) the conditions upon which the Ordinance may be amended or supplemented with or without the consent of the Holders; (9) the rights, duties, and obligations of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar; (10) the terms and provisions upon which the liens, pledges, charges, and covenants made therein may be discharged at or prior to the maturity of this Bond, and this Bond deemed to be no longer Outstanding thereunder; and (11) for the other terms and provisions

contained therein. Capitalized terms used herein have the same meanings assigned in the Ordinance.

This Bond, subject to certain limitations contained in the Ordinance, may be transferred on the Security Register only upon its presentation and surrender at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, with the Assignment hereon duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar duly executed by, the registered owner hereof, or his duly authorized agent. When a transfer on the Security Register occurs, one or more new fully registered Bonds of the same Stated Maturity, of authorized denominations, bearing the same rate of interest, and of the same aggregate principal amount will be issued by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the designated transferee or transferees.

The City and the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any agent of either, shall treat the registered owner whose name appears on the Security Register (i) on the Record Date as the owner entitled to payment of interest hereon, (ii) on the date of surrender of this Bond as the owner entitled to payment of principal hereof at its Stated Maturity, and (iii) on any other date as the owner for all other purposes, and neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any agent of either, shall be affected by notice to the contrary. In the event of 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 City. 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 Holder appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

In case any provision in this Bond or any application thereof shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. This Bond shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City has caused this Bond to be duly executed under the official seal of the City as of the Bond Date.

CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS

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Mayor

COUNTERSIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

(City Seal)



(e) Form of Assignment.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto  
(Print or typewrite name, address, and zip code of transferee:) \_\_\_\_\_

(Social Security or other identifying number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_) the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby  
irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature guaranteed:  
\_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: The signature on this assignment  
must correspond with the name of the  
Holder as it appears on the face of the within  
Bond in every particular.

(f) The Initial Bond(s) shall be substantially in the form set forth in paragraph (b) of  
this Section, except that the form of the single fully registered Initial Bond shall be modified as  
follows:

Heading and first paragraph shall read as follows:

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REGISTERED  
\$1,080,000

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS  
WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND  
SERIES 2020A

Bond Date: November 1, 2020

Registered Owner: TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Principal Amount: ONE MILLION EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

The City of Athens, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), for value received, hereby  
promises to pay to the Registered Owner named above (the "Holder") or the registered assigns  
thereof, solely from the revenues hereinafter identified, on August 1 in each of the years and in  
principal amounts and bearing interest at per annum rates in accordance with the following  
schedule:

<u>YEAR OF</u> <u>MATURITY</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u> <u>INSTALLMENTS (\$)</u>	<u>INTEREST</u> <u>RATES (%)</u>
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(Information to be inserted from schedule in Section 2 hereof)

(without right of prior redemption) and to pay interest on such unpaid principal amount from the later of the date of delivery to the initial purchasers or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semiannually on February 1 and August 1 in each year, commencing February 1, 2021, until maturity, at the per annum rate of interest specified above, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The principal of this Bond is payable to the registered owner hereof by Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Amegy Bank Division, Houston, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"), upon its presentation and surrender, at its designated offices, initially in Salt Lake City, Utah, or, with respect to a successor paying agent/registrar, at the designated office of such successor (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office"). The interest payable on any interest payment date will be paid to the Holder of this Bond whose name appears on the "Security Register" maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest, which shall be the fifteenth (15th) day of the month next preceding such interest payment date. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are required or authorized by law or executive order to close, the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day on which banking institutions are required or authorized by law or executive order to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due. All such payments may be made by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check dated as of the interest payment date and mailed to such Holder at the address appearing in the register or by such other customary banking arrangement acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested in writing by, and at the risk and expense of, the Holder hereof. All payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond shall be made in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, without exchange or collection charges to the Holder of this Bond.

SECTION 10. Definitions. For all purposes of this Ordinance and in particular for clarity with respect to the issuance of the Bonds and the pledge and appropriation of revenues therefor, the following definitions are provided:

(a) The term "Additional Bonds" shall mean the additional parity revenue obligations authorized to be issued in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed in Section 20 hereof.

(b) The term "Bonds" shall mean the "City of Athens, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A", dated November 1, 2020, authorized by this Ordinance.

(c) The term "Bonds Similarly Secured" shall mean, collectively, the Water Development Board Bonds and any Additional Bonds.

(d) The term "City" shall mean the City of Athens, Texas.

(e) The term "Consultant" shall mean an independent firm, person or corporation recognized as having expertise and with a favorable reputation for special skill and knowledge in the operations and financing of municipal water and sewer facilities and systems similar in size to the System.

(f) The term "Fiscal Year" shall mean the 12 month period ending September 30th of each year; provided, however, the City may change the Fiscal Year to another period of not less

than 12 calendar months, but in no event may the Fiscal Year be changed more than one time in any three calendar year period.

(g) The term "Government Obligations", as used herein, shall mean (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and, on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the City, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the City, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent and (iv) any other then authorized securities or obligations that may be used to defease obligations such as the Bonds under the then applicable laws of the State of Texas.

(h) The term "Net Revenues" shall mean the gross revenues of the System less the expenses of operation and maintenance, including all salaries, labor, materials, repairs and extensions necessary to render efficient service, provided, however, that only such repairs and extensions as in the judgment of the Council, reasonably and fairly exercised are necessary to keep the System in operation and render adequate service to the City and the inhabitants thereof, or such as might be necessary to meet some physical accident or condition which would otherwise impair the security of any obligations payable from and secured by a lien on the net revenues of the System shall be deducted in determining "Net Revenues." Depreciation shall not be considered an operation or maintenance expense of the System.

(i) The term "Outstanding" when used in this Ordinance with respect to the Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds and Bonds Similarly Secured theretofore issued and delivered, except:

(i) those Bonds or Bonds Similarly Secured theretofore cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar or delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation;

(ii) those Bonds or Bonds Similarly Secured for which payment has been duly provided by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 37 hereof by the irrevocable deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar of money or Government Obligations, or both, in the amount necessary to fully pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest thereon to maturity; and

(iii) those Bonds or Bonds Similarly Secured that have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen and for which replacement bonds have been registered and delivered in lieu thereof.

(j) The term "Owner," with respect to any Bond shall mean the person in whose name such Bond is registered on the register kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(k) The term "Paying Agent/Registrar" shall mean the person or entity designated as such pursuant to Section 3 of this Ordinance.

(l) The term "System" shall mean the City's combined Waterworks and Sewer System, including all present and future extensions, additions, replacements and improvements thereto.

(m) The term "Water Development Board Bonds" shall mean the Bonds Similarly Secured which are owned by the Texas Water Development Board:

"City of Athens, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, dated February 1, 2020; and

"City of Athens, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A", dated November 1, 2020.

SECTION 11. Pledge of Revenues. The City hereby covenants and agrees that, under the terms and conditions of the ordinances and proceedings pertaining to their authorization, the Net Revenues of the System, with the exception of those in excess of the amounts required for the payment and security of the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment and security of the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured, including the maintenance of the special funds herein created in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, all as hereinafter provided, and it is hereby ordained that the Bonds Similarly Secured, and the interest thereon, shall be equally and ratably secured by a parity lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System and be valid and binding without any filing or recording except for the filing of this Ordinance in the records of the City.

Texas Government Code, Chapter 1208, as amended, applies to the issuance of the Bonds and the pledge of the revenues granted by the City under this Section of this Ordinance, and such pledge is therefore valid, effective, and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Bonds are Outstanding and unpaid such that the pledge of the revenues granted by the City under this Section of this Ordinance is to be subject to the filing requirements of Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 9, as amended, then in order to preserve to the Holders of the Bonds the perfection of the security interest in said pledge, the City agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 9, as amended, and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in said pledge to occur.

SECTION 12. Rates and Charges. The City hereby covenants and agrees with the Holders of the Bonds that rates and charges for water and sewer services afforded by the System will be established and maintained to provide revenues sufficient at all times to:

(a) Pay for all operation and maintenance charges of said System;

(b) To produce Net Revenues for each year at least equal to 1.25 times the principal and interest requirements of all the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured for the year during which such requirements are scheduled to be the greatest; ;

(c) Maintain the Reserve Fund for so long as the Water Development Board Bonds are Outstanding and the Board is the owner of said Outstanding Water Development Board Bonds; and

(d) Pay all other outstanding indebtedness against said System as and when the same becomes due.

In determining the rates and charges for water and sewer services afforded by the System, the City can take into account funds transferred from any lawfully available and otherwise unrestricted funds of the City and applied to the items specified in (a), (b) and (c) above.

**SECTION 13. Fund Designations.** The City hereby covenants and agrees that all revenues derived from the operation of the System shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the City, and the following Funds or Accounts shall be created and established in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (to the extent such funds have not previously been created and established) and shall continue to be kept and maintained during the period of time any Bonds Similarly Secured and any Additional Bonds, if issued, are Outstanding, to wit:

(a) City of Athens, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Fund, hereinafter called the "System Fund," which Fund is kept and maintained at a depository bank of the City.

(b) City of Athens, Texas Series Waterworks and Sewer System Interest and Sinking Fund, hereinafter called the "Bond Fund," which Bond Fund is hereby declared to be the combined interest and sinking fund created for the payment of principal of and interest on any Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured, and the same shall continue to be a single fund for the payment of principal of and interest on such Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured. The Bond Fund shall be kept and maintained at a City depository, as custodian of the pledged revenues, and moneys deposited therein shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured when and as the same become due and payable.

It is specifically provided, however, that the City may change the custodian of the Bond Fund without impairing the obligation of contract with the Holders of the Bonds, if the new custodian for such Fund is a financial institution with trust powers. In no event shall a change of the custodian of the Bond Fund, be considered as a change in the purpose for which such Fund was created and established as provided in this Ordinance, and the City covenants that it will cause such Funds to be timely utilized for the respective purposes for which they were created.

(c) City of Athens, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Reserve Fund, hereinafter called "Reserve Fund," which Reserve Fund shall be established and maintained for the Water Development Board Bonds so long as the Board is the owner of the Water Development Board Bonds for the purposes of (i) finally retiring the last of the Water Development Board Bonds and (ii) paying principal of and interest on the Water Development Board Bonds in the event moneys on hand in the Bond Fund are insufficient for such purpose.

The amount to be accumulated in the Reserve Fund shall be equal to the average annual debt service requirements on all outstanding Water Development Board Bonds (the "Required Reserve"). The Required Reserve shall be established and maintained with Net Revenues of the System or other lawfully available funds of the City, the proceeds of sale of Water Development Board Bonds or by depositing to the credit of the Reserve Fund, to the extent permitted by law, one or more surety bonds or insurance policies issued by a company or institution having a rating in the two highest rating categories by two nationally recognized rating agencies or services, or any combination thereof. The City hereby covenants and agrees that the Required Reserve to be deposited in the Reserve Fund in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, after giving effect to the deposit of \$108,000 on the date of the initial delivery of the Bonds, shall be accumulated in substantially equal monthly installments over the initial sixty (60) months following the initial delivery of the Bonds. If additional Water Development Board Bonds are issued to refund a portion of the then outstanding Water Development Board Bonds and there is a reduction in the average annual debt service of all the Water Development Board Bonds to be outstanding upon



the issuance of the additional Water Development Board Bonds, the Required Reserve shall be reduced to reflect the average annual debt service requirements associated with such reduced requirement.

So long as the Water Development Board Bonds are outstanding and owned by the Board, prior to the City utilizing one or more surety bonds or insurance policies to fund all or a portion of the Required Reserve, the City shall notify the Executive Administrator of the Board no less than 30 days prior to converting from a cash reserve fund to a surety policy. Such a conversion may only be made if the proposed insurer or surety meets the financial guarantees established in the Board's rules and has been approved by the Executive Administrator of the Board.

When and so long as the cash and investments in the Reserve Fund and/or coverage afforded by a surety bond or insurance policy held for the account of the Reserve Fund total not less than the Required Reserve, no deposits need be made to the credit of the Reserve Fund; but, if and when the Reserve Fund at any time contains less than the Required Reserve (or so much thereof as shall then be required to be contained therein if additional Water Development Board Bonds have been issued and the City has elected to accumulate all or a portion of the Required Reserve with Net Revenues), the City covenants and agrees to cause monthly deposits to be made to the Reserve Fund on or before the 1st day of each month (beginning the month next following the month the deficiency in the Required Reserve occurred by reason of a draw on the Reserve Fund or as a result of a reduction in the market value of investments held for the account of the Reserve Fund) from Net Revenues of the System in an amount equal to either (1) 1/24<sup>th</sup> of the Required Reserve until the total Required Reserve then required to be maintained in said Fund has been fully restored or (2) the amounts to pay principal of and interest on Water Development Board Bonds held by an insurer, or evidenced by an instrument of assignment entitling an insurer to payment of principal of and interest on Water Development Board Bonds, as a result of payments or draws made on a surety bond or insurance policy held for the account of the Reserve Fund and such payments will result in the principal of and/or interest on such Water Development Board Bonds to be paid, as well as the restoration and replenishment of the surety bond or insurance policy coverage representing all or a portion, as applicable, of the Required Reserve. The City further covenants and agrees that, subject only to the payments to be made to the Bond Fund, the Net Revenues of the System shall be applied and appropriated and used to establish and maintain the Required Reserve and to cure any deficiency in such amounts as required by the terms of this Ordinance and any other ordinance pertaining to the issuance of additional Water Development Board Bonds.

During such time as the Reserve Fund contains the total Required Reserve, the City may, at its option, withdraw any surplus above the Required Reserve and deposit such surplus in the System Fund; provided, however, that to the extent the surplus, including investment earnings, are derived from proceeds of bonds used to fund all or a portion of the Required Reserve such surplus may only be used for the same purposes for which said bond proceeds may be used.

At such time as the Board is no longer the owner of any Outstanding Water Development Board Bonds, the City may terminate the maintenance of the Reserve Fund and withdraw any cash and/or investments held therein and deposit any such funds to the System Fund, provided, however, that to the extent the funds are derived from the proceeds of bonds used to fund all or a portion of the Required Reserve such funds may only be used for the same purposes for which said bond proceeds may be used.

The City reserves the right to establish and maintain additional funds and accounts in connection with payment or support of the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured and the money

on deposit in any such fund or account on the last day of the Fiscal Year may be used for any lawful purpose related to the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured and any proposed obligations which would be Bonds Similarly Secured when issued, including being applied to any Net Revenue calculations associated with Additional Bonds.

SECTION 14. System Fund. The City hereby covenants and agrees that all revenues and income of every nature derived and to be derived from the operation of the System shall be deposited from day to day as collected into the System Fund, and the reasonable and proper maintenance and operation expenses of the System shall be paid therefrom. All moneys deposited therein which are not required for the payment of maintenance and operating expenses of the System shall be appropriated and used, first, to the payment of any principal, interest or reserve requirements of any Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured, second, to the payment of any principal, interest or reserve requirements of any outstanding obligations payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System subordinate to the lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues to any Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured and third, for any purpose authorized by applicable law.

SECTION 15. Bond Fund. The following provisions shall govern the maintenance and use of the Bond Fund: the City covenants that from the funds in the System Fund, after paying or making provision for the payment of the necessary and reasonable expenses of operation and maintenance of the System, the City shall pay into the Bond Fund during each year in which any of the Bonds Similarly Secured are Outstanding, an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount required to meet the principal and interest payments falling due on or before the next maturity date of the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured. An amount of moneys in the Bond Fund sufficient to pay principal and interest next coming due shall be transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar on or before the principal or interest payment date.

SECTION 16. Deficiencies in Funds. If in any month the City shall, for any reason, fail to pay into the Bond Fund the full amounts above stipulated, amounts equivalent to such deficiencies shall be set apart and paid into said Fund from the first available and unallocated Net Revenues of the System for the following month or months, and such payments shall be in addition to the amounts otherwise required to be paid into said Fund during such month or months.

SECTION 17. Excess Revenues. Any Net Revenues in excess of those required to establish and maintain the special funds as herein required may be used for any other lawful purpose.

SECTION 18. Security of Funds. All moneys deposited in the Funds referred to in this Ordinance shall be secured in the manner and to the fullest extent required by the laws of the State of Texas for the security of public funds, and shall be used only for the purposes permitted by this Ordinance and the ordinances authorizing the issuance of other Bonds Similarly Secured.

SECTION 19. Issuance of Additional Bonds. In addition to the right to issue obligations of inferior lien as authorized by the laws of the State of Texas, the City hereby reserves the right to issue additional parity obligations. The Additional Bonds, when issued, shall be payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System in the same manner and to the same extent as the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured. The Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured and any Additional Bonds shall in all respects be of equal dignity. The Additional Bonds may be issued in one or more installments, provided, however, that none shall be issued unless and until the following conditions have been met:

(a) A certificate is executed by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and Director of Finance (or other officer of the City having primary responsibility for the financial affairs of the City) to the effect that no default exists in connection with any of the covenants or requirements of the ordinances authorizing the issuance of all then Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured;

(b) A certificate is executed by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and Director of Finance (or other officer of the City having primary responsibility for the financial affairs of the City) to the effect that the Bond Fund contains the amount then required to be on deposit therein;

(c) A certificate is executed by a certified public accountant to the effect that, in his or her opinion, the Net Revenues of the System either for the last complete Fiscal Year of the City, or for any 12 consecutive calendar month period ending not more than 90 days prior to the passage of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of such Additional Bonds were, for the calculation period, at least 1.25 times the then current average annual principal and interest requirements for all then Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured and for the installment or series of Additional Bonds then proposed to be issued after giving effect to the issuance of the Additional Bonds then being issued. However, (i) should the certificate of the accountant certify that the Net Revenues of the System for the period covered thereby were less than required above, and (ii) a change in the rates and charges for water and sewer services afforded by the System became effective at least 60 days prior to the last day of the period covered by the accountant's certificate, and (iii) a Consultant will certify that, had such change in rates and charges been effective for the entire period covered by the accountant's certificate, the Net Revenues of the System covered by the accountant's certificate would have been, in his or her opinion, equal to at least 1.25 times the then current average annual principal and interest requirements (calculated on a Fiscal Year basis) of the Bonds Similarly Secured after giving effect to the issuance of the proposed Additional Bonds, then, in such event, the coverage specified in the first sentence of this subparagraph (c) shall not be required for the period specified, and such accountant's certificate will be sufficient if accompanied by a Consultant's certificate to the above effect. For purposes of the calculation in this subparagraph (c), Net Revenues as used in this subparagraph (c), shall mean the Net Revenues of the System, but excluding and not deducting any charges or disbursements which under standard accounting practice should be charged to depreciation, betterment or capital expenditures; and

(d) The Additional Bonds are scheduled to mature on February 1 or August 1, or both, and the interest thereon is scheduled to be paid on February 1 and August 1.

Bonds Similarly Secured may be refunded (pursuant to any law then available) upon such terms and conditions as the City may deem to be in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants, and if fewer than all such Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured are refunded, the proposed refunding bonds shall be considered as "Additional Bonds" under the provisions of this Section, and the certificate(s) required in subdivision (c) shall give effect to the issuance of the proposed refunding bonds (and shall not give effect to the Bonds Similarly Secured being refunded following their cancellation or provision being made for their payment).

**SECTION 20. Maintenance and Operation - Insurance.** The City covenants and agrees that the System shall be maintained in good condition and operated in an efficient manner and at reasonable cost. So long as any of the Bonds are Outstanding, the City agrees to maintain insurance on the System of a kind, and in an amount not less than, customarily carried by municipal corporations in the State of Texas engaged in a similar type of business. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as requiring the City to expend any funds which are derived

from sources other than the operation of the System, but nothing herein shall be construed as preventing the City from doing so.

**SECTION 21. Records - Accounts - Accounting Reports.** (a) The City hereby covenants and agrees that so long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding, it will keep and maintain a proper and complete system of records and accounts pertaining to the operation of the System separate and apart from all other records and accounts of the City in accordance with accepted accounting principles prescribed for municipal corporations. The Owner of any Bond or any duly authorized agent or agents of such Owner, shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect all such records, accounts, and data relating thereto, and to inspect the System and all properties comprising same. The City further agrees that as soon as possible following the close of each Fiscal Year it will cause an audit of such books and accounts to be made by an independent firm of certified public accountants or licensed public accountants.

(b) Expenses incurred in making the audits above referred to are to be regarded as maintenance and operating expenses of the System and paid as such.

**SECTION 22. Remedies in Event of Default.** In addition to all the rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, the City covenants and agrees particularly that in the event the City (a) defaults in payments to be made to the Bond Fund as required by this Ordinance or (b) defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions or obligations set forth in this Ordinance, the Holder or Holders of any Bond shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus issued by a court of proper jurisdiction compelling and requiring the governing body of the City and other officers of the City to observe and perform any covenant, condition or obligation prescribed in this Ordinance.

No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power, or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The specific remedies herein provided shall be cumulative of all other existing remedies and the specification of such remedies shall not be deemed to be exclusive. Notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance to the contrary, the right to accelerate the debt evidenced by the Bonds shall not be available as a remedy under this Ordinance.

**SECTION 23. Special Covenants.** The City hereby further covenants as follows:

(a) That it has the lawful power to pledge the revenues supporting this issue of Bonds and has lawfully exercised said power under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including said power existing under Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, that the Bonds when issued, shall be ratably secured under said pledge of income in such manner that one Bond Similarly Secured shall have no preference over any other Bond Similarly Secured.

(b) That, other than for the payment of the Bonds herein authorized and the Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured, the Net Revenues of the System are not in any manner pledged to the payment of any debt or obligation of the City or of the System.

(c) That, as long as any of the Bonds Similarly Secured or any interest thereon remain Outstanding, the City will not sell or encumber the System or any substantial part thereof; provided that this shall not be construed to prohibit the sale of such machinery, or other properties or equipment which has become obsolete or otherwise unsuited to the efficient operation of the System; also, with the exception of the Additional Bonds expressly permitted by this Ordinance

to be issued, it will not encumber the Net Revenues thereof unless such encumbrance is made subordinate to the lien on and pledge of said Net Revenues to any Bonds Similarly Secured.

(d) That no free service of the System shall be allowed, and should the City or any of its agents or instrumentalities make use of the services and facilities of the System, payment of the reasonable value thereof shall be made by the City out of funds from sources other than the revenues and income of the System.

(e) The City may sell or exchange at any time and from time to time any properties and facilities constituting the System if the City shall have received a certificate executed by the Director of Finance stating that the sale or exchange of such property or facilities will not materially adversely affect the financial condition of the City or its ability to satisfy the System's rate covenants. The proceeds of any such sale or exchange shall be used by the City, at the option of the City, (i) to acquire additional System facilities; (ii) to purchase, defease, or redeem System Debt; or (iii) for any other lawful purpose. Additionally, the portion of property comprising personal property or machinery, properties, and equipment which has become obsolete or otherwise unneeded in the operation of the System may be sold or otherwise disposed in any manner deemed appropriate by the City acting through the City Manager, the Director of Finance or a designee of either of such City representatives.

(f) To the extent that it legally may, the City further covenants and agrees that, so long as any of the Bonds Similarly Secured, or any interest thereon, are Outstanding, no franchise shall be granted for the installation or operation of any competing water or sewer system other than those owned by the City, and the operation of any such system by anyone other than the City is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 24. Bonds are Special Obligations. The Bonds are special obligations of the City payable from the pledged Net Revenues of the System, and the Holders thereof shall never have the right to demand payment thereof out of funds raised or to be raised by taxation.

SECTION 25. Bonds are Negotiable Instruments. That each of the Bonds shall be deemed and construed to be a "security," and as such a negotiable instrument, within the meaning of Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 8, as amended.

SECTION 26. Investments. Moneys in the Bond Fund may at the option of the City be invested or reinvested from time to time in direct obligations of the United States of America, or other obligations permitted by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, as amended.

SECTION 27. Payment of Bond. While any of the Bonds are Outstanding, the Mayor, the Director of Finance and the City Secretary, individually or jointly, are hereby authorized to transfer or cause to be transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar therefor, from funds on deposit in the Bond Fund, amounts sufficient to fully pay and discharge promptly each installment of interest on and principal of the Bonds as the same accrue or mature, as applicable; such transfer of funds to be made in such manner as will cause immediately available funds to be deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds on or before the date of payment for the Bonds.

SECTION 28. Registered Owners, Notices, Waiver. The City, the Paying Agent/Registrar and any agent of either of them may treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the Holder of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever, and to the extent permitted by law, neither the

City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, nor any agent of either of them shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Wherever this Ordinance provides for notice to the Holder of a Bond of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and sent by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of such Holder as it appears in the register kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the business day next preceding the mailing of such notice.

In any case in which notice to the Holders of the Bonds is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any Holder of a Bond, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Bonds. Where this Ordinance provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Holder entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event with respect to which such notice is given, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders of the Bond shall be filed with the Paying Agent/Registrar, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 29. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost, and Stolen Bonds. (a) If (i) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar or the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond and (ii) there is delivered to the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by the Paying Agent/Registrar to save and hold each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the City shall execute and upon its request the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same stated maturity and of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

(b) In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the City, in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond if it has become due and payable, or may pay such Bond when it becomes due and payable.

(c) Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section, the City may require the payment by the Holder thereof of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent/Registrar) connected therewith.

(d) Every new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the City, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Bonds.

(e) The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds.

SECTION 30. Cancellation. All Bonds surrendered for payment, transfer, exchange or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, shall be promptly cancelled by it and,

if surrendered to the City, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar and, if not already cancelled, shall be promptly cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The City may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation any Bonds previously certified or registered and delivered which the City may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. All cancelled Bonds held by the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be disposed of as directed by the City.

SECTION 31. Covenants to Maintain Tax-Exempt Status.

(a) Definitions. When used in this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

“*Closing Date*” means the date on which the Bonds are first authenticated and delivered to the initial purchasers against payment therefor.

“*Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by all legislation, if any, effective on or before the Closing Date.

“*Computation Date*” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

“*Gross Proceeds*” means any proceeds as defined in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations, and any replacement proceeds as defined in Section 1.148-1(c) of the Regulations, of the Bonds.

“*Investment*” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

“*Nonpurpose Investment*” means any investment property, as defined in Section 148(b) of the Code, in which Gross Proceeds of the Bonds are invested and which is not acquired to carry out the governmental purposes of the Bonds.

“*Rebate Amount*” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

“*Regulations*” means any proposed, temporary, or final Income Tax Regulations issued pursuant to Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code, and 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, which are applicable to the Bonds. Any reference to any specific Regulation shall also mean, as appropriate, any proposed, temporary or final Income Tax Regulation designed to supplement, amend or replace the specific Regulation referenced.

“*Yield*” of (1) any Investment has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-5 of the Regulations and (2) the Bonds has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-4 of the Regulations.

(b) Not to Cause Interest to Become Taxable. The City shall not use, permit the use of, or omit to use Gross Proceeds or any other amounts (or any property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds) in a manner which if made or omitted, respectively, would cause the interest on any Bond to become includable in the gross income, as defined in Section 61 of the Code, of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless

and until the City receives a written opinion of counsel nationally recognized in the field of municipal bond law to the effect that failure to comply with such covenant will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income tax of the interest on any Bond, the City shall comply with each of the specific covenants in this Section.

(c) No Private Use or Private Payments. Except as permitted by Section 141 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall at all times prior to the last Stated Maturity of the Bonds:

(1) exclusively own, operate and possess all property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed or refinanced directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds of the Bonds, and not use or permit the use of such Gross Proceeds (including all contractual arrangements with terms different than those applicable to the general public) or any property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds in any activity carried on by any person or entity (including the United States or any agency, department and instrumentality thereof) other than a state or local government, unless such use is solely as a member of the general public; and

(2) not directly or indirectly impose or accept any charge or other payment by any person or entity who is treated as using Gross Proceeds of the Bonds or any property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed or refinanced directly or indirectly with such Gross Proceeds, other than taxes of general application within the City or interest earned on investments acquired with such Gross Proceeds pending application for their intended purposes.

(d) No Private Loan. Except to the extent permitted by Section 141 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not use Gross Proceeds of the Bonds to make or finance loans to any person or entity other than a state or local government. For purposes of the foregoing covenant, such Gross Proceeds are considered to be "loaned" to a person or entity if: (1) property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds is sold or leased to such person or entity in a transaction which creates a debt for federal income tax purposes; (2) capacity in or service from such property is committed to such person or entity under a take-or-pay, output or similar contract or arrangement; or (3) indirect benefits, or burdens and benefits of ownership, of such Gross Proceeds or any property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds are otherwise transferred in a transaction which is the economic equivalent of a loan.

(e) Not to Invest at Higher Yield. Except to the extent permitted by Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not at any time prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Bonds directly or indirectly invest Gross Proceeds in any Investment (or use Gross Proceeds to replace money so invested), if as a result of such investment the Yield from the Closing Date of all Investments acquired with Gross Proceeds (or with money replaced thereby), whether then held or previously disposed of, exceeds the Yield of the Bonds.

(f) Not Federally Guaranteed. Except to the extent permitted by Section 149(b) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not take or omit to take any action which would cause the Bonds to be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder.



(g) Information Report. The City shall timely file the information required by Section 149(e) of the Code with the Secretary of the Treasury on Form 8038-G or such other form and in such place as the Secretary may prescribe.

(h) Rebate of Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder:

(1) The City shall account for all Gross Proceeds (including all receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) on its books of account separately and apart from all other funds (and receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) and shall retain all records of accounting for at least six years after the day on which the last outstanding Bond is discharged. However, to the extent permitted by law, the City may commingle Gross Proceeds of the Bonds with other money of the City, provided that the City separately accounts for each receipt and expenditure of Gross Proceeds and the obligations acquired therewith.

(2) Not less frequently than each Computation Date, the City shall calculate the Rebate Amount in accordance with rules set forth in Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder. The City shall maintain such calculations with its official transcript of proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds until six years after the final Computation Date.

(3) As additional consideration for the purchase of the Bonds by the Purchasers (defined herein) and the loan of the money represented thereby and in order to induce such purchase by measures designed to insure the excludability of the interest thereon from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, the City shall pay to the United States out of the construction fund, other appropriate fund or, if permitted by applicable Texas statute, regulation or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the Bond Fund, the amount that when added to the future value of previous rebate payments made for the Bonds equals (i) in the case of a Final Computation Date as defined in Section 1.148-3(e)(2) of the Regulations, one hundred percent (100%) of the Rebate Amount on such date; and (ii) in the case of any other Computation Date, ninety percent (90%) of the Rebate Amount on such date. In all cases, the rebate payments shall be made at the times, in the installments, to the place and in the manner as is or may be required by Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, and shall be accompanied by Form 8038-T or such other forms and information as is or may be required by Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder.

(4) The City shall exercise reasonable diligence to assure that no errors are made in the calculations and payments required by paragraphs (2) and (3), and if an error is made, to discover and promptly correct such error within a reasonable amount of time thereafter (and in all events within one hundred eighty (180) days after discovery of the error), including payment to the United States of any additional Rebate Amount owed to it, interest thereon, and any penalty imposed under Section 1.148-3(h) of the Regulations.

(i) Not to Divert Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent permitted by Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations and the rulings thereunder, the City shall not, at any time prior to the earlier of the Stated Maturity or final payment of the Bonds, enter into any transaction that reduces the amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Subsection (h) of this Section because such transaction results in a smaller profit or a larger loss than would have

resulted if the transaction had been at arm's length and had the yield on the Bonds not been relevant to either party.

(j) Elections. The City hereby directs and authorizes the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager and Director of Finance, either or any combination of them, to make elections permitted or required pursuant to the provisions of the Code or the Regulations, as they deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the Bonds, in the Certificate as to Tax Exemption or similar or other appropriate certificate, form or document.

(k) Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section 265 of the Code, the City hereby designates the Bonds to be "qualified tax exempt obligations" in that the Bonds are not "private activity bonds" as defined in the Code and the reasonably anticipated amount of "qualified tax exempt obligations" to be issued by the City (including all subordinate entities of the City) for the calendar year 2020 will not exceed \$10,000,000.

**SECTION 32. Sale of Bonds**. The sale of the Bonds to the Texas Water Development Board (the "Purchasers" or the "Board") at the price of par, less an origination fee, which shall be paid via wire transfer at no expense to the Board, pursuant to a loan commitment received from the Purchasers is hereby confirmed. Delivery of the Bonds shall be made to the Purchasers as soon as practical after the adoption of this Ordinance, upon payment therefor in accordance with the terms of sale, which terms of sale the City has determined and does determine to be in the best interests of the City. The Initial Bond shall be registered in the name of the Purchasers.

**SECTION 33. Proceeds of Sale**. Immediately following the delivery of the Bonds to the Board, the proceeds of sale of the Bonds (less amounts used to pay costs of issuance) shall be deposited in an account to be maintained at Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Amegy Bank Division (the "Escrow Agent") and held in escrow pending written authorization to release said moneys. A construction escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") by and between the City and the Escrow Agent providing for the deposit, safekeeping and administration of such funds pending their release from escrow is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes, and such Escrow Agreement is hereby approved as to form and content. The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and City Secretary of the City are each hereby authorized and directed to execute the Escrow Agreement for and on behalf of the City and as the act and deed of the City Council.

Upon the release of funds from such escrow account maintained pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the released amount shall be deposited to the credit of the Construction Fund, as hereinafter defined. Pending expenditure for authorized projects and purposes, such proceeds of sale may be invested in authorized investments in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, as amended, including specifically guaranteed investment contracts permitted in Texas Government Code, Section 2256.015, et seq., as amended, and any investment earnings realized may be expended for such authorized projects and purposes or deposited in the Bond Fund as shall be determined by the City Council. All surplus proceeds of sale of the Bonds, including investment earnings, remaining in the Construction Fund after completion of all authorized projects or purposes and after satisfying the requirements of Section 34 hereof shall be applied to the following purposes as approved by the Executive Administrator of the Board: (1) to redeem, in inverse annual order, the Bonds owned by the Board, (2) to deposit into the Bond Fund; or (3) to fund eligible project costs as authorized by the Executive Administrator of the Board.

SECTION 34. Compliance with Rules and Regulations of the Texas Water Development Board. In compliance with the State Revolving Loan Fund Permanent Rules of the Board and so long as the Board is the owner of the Bonds, the City agrees and covenants:

(a) to comply with all of the conditions set forth in the Board Resolution, which conditions are incorporated herein;

(b) to keep and maintain full and complete records and accounts pertaining to the construction of the project financed with the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, including the construction fund account created below, in accordance with the standards set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board;

(c) to create and establish at an official depository of the City a "Special 2020A City of Athens Loan Construction Fund" (the "Construction Fund") for the receipt and disbursement of all proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and all other funds acquired by the City in connection with the planning and construction of the projects financed, in whole or in part, by the Board pursuant to a loan evidenced by the Bonds and all funds deposited to the credit of the Construction Fund shall be held at a designated State depository institution or other properly chartered and authorized institution in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, as amended, and the Public Funds Collateral Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2257, as amended, and shall be disbursed in a timely and expeditious manner only for the payment of costs and expenses incurred in connection with the planning and building of such projects as approved by the Board in accordance a project schedule approved by the Executive Administrator of the Board (which schedule will not be altered except for good cause shown and only with the written approval of the Executive Administrator of the Board) and as otherwise allowed by the rules;

(d) upon completion of the construction of the projects financed, in whole or in part, by the loan evidenced by the Bonds, to provide (i) to the Executive Administrator of the Board a complete set of as-built drawings and (ii) to the Board a final accounting of the total costs of the projects. If the projects as finally completed were built at a total cost less than the amount of available funds for building the projects, then the City may use such surplus proceeds of the Bonds remaining after completion of the projects for the following purposes as approved by the Executive Administrator of the Board: (1) to redeem Bonds owned by the Board, in inverse annual order of Stated Maturities, (2) to deposit into the Bond Fund or other debt service account for the payment of interest or principal on the Bonds, (3) deposit into the Reserve Fund or (4) to pay eligible project costs as authorized by the Executive Administrator of the Board. In determining the amount of available funds for building the project, the City agrees to account for all amounts deposited to the credit of the Construction Fund, including all loan funds extended by the Board, all other funds available from the projects as described in the project engineer's or fiscal representative's sufficiency of funds statement and all interest earned by the City on money in the Construction Fund;

(e) to maintain adequate insurance coverage customarily maintained by municipal corporations on the projects financed with the proceeds of the Bonds in amounts adequate to protect the Board's interest;

(f) maintain current, accurate and complete records and accounts necessary to demonstrate compliance with financial assistance related legal and contractual provisions;

(g) to comply with any special conditions specified by the Board's environmental determination until all financial obligations to the State have been discharged;

(h) to abide by the Board's rules and relevant state statutes, including the Texas Water Code, Chapters 15, 16 and 17, as amended;

(i) to annually review its water and sewer rates to ensure that such rates are sufficient to produce required revenues;

(j) loan proceeds will not be used by the City when sampling, testing, removing or disposing of contaminated soils and/or media at the project site and to the extent permitted by law, the City agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and protect the Board from any and all claims, causes of action or damages to the person or property of third parties arising from the sampling, analysis, transport, storage, treatment and disposition of any contaminated sewage sludge, contaminated sediments and/or contaminated media that may be generated by the City, its contractors, consultants, agents, officials and employees as a result of activities relating to the project;

(k) that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors for projects shall be paid wages at rates not less than prevailing on projects of a similar character in the locality in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, and the U.S. Department of Labor's implementing regulations;

(l) it will not use Bond proceeds to acquire or replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire Nonpurpose Investments which produce a yield materially higher than the yield on the Board's bonds that were issued to provide financing for the loan of the Board (the "Source Series Bonds") to the City, evidenced by the Bonds, other than Nonpurpose Investments acquired with:

(i) proceeds of Source Series Bonds invested for a reasonable temporary period of up to three (3) years (reduced by the period of investment by the Board) until such proceeds are needed for the facilities to be financed;

(ii) amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of §1.148-1(b) of Regulations (as defined in Section 26 hereof); and

(iii) amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed the least of maximum annual debt service on the Bonds, 125% of average annual debt service on the Bonds, or 10 percent of the stated principal amount (or, in the case of a discount, the issue price) of the Bonds;

(m) neither the City nor a related party will acquire any of the Source Series Bonds;

(n) the City shall provide the Board with all information required to be reported in accordance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-282, as amended by Pub. L. 110-252 (the "FFATA Act") and, pursuant to the FFATA Act, the City shall obtain a Data Universal Numbering System ("DUNS") Number and shall register with the System for Award Management ("SAM"), and maintain current registration at all times while the Bonds are outstanding;

(o) all loan proceeds will be timely and expeditiously used, as required by 40 CFR § 35.3135(d) and the City shall adhere to the approved project schedule;

(p) the City will abide by all applicable construction contract requirements related to the use of iron and steel products produced in the United States, as required by 31 TAC § 375.3, 33 U.S.C. § 1388 and related State Revolving Fund Policy Guidelines;

(q) the Board may exercise all remedies available to it in law or equity, and any provision of the Bonds that restricts or limits the Board's full exercise of these remedies shall be of no force and effect;

(r) the City will not use any portion of the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner that would cause the Bonds to become "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(s) to maintain project accounts containing financial assistance for planning, design, acquisition or construction, as applicable, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP); and

(t) so long as the use of tax-exempt bond proceeds is precluded to advance refund obligations of the City under Section 149(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the City will not use the proceeds of the Bonds to pay debt service on any obligations of the City more than 90 days after the date of issue of the Bonds.

SECTION 35. Legal Opinion. The Purchasers' obligation to accept delivery of the Bonds herein authorized is subject to their being furnished a final opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas, approving the Bonds as to their validity, said opinion to be dated and delivered as of the date of delivery and payment for the Bonds. A true and correct reproduction of said opinion or an executed counterpart thereof shall accompany the global Bonds deposited with DTC, or a reproduction thereof may be printed on or attached to the definitive Bonds in the event the book-entry-only system shall be discontinued. The City Council confirms the continuation of the engagement of Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP as the City's bond counsel.

SECTION 36. CUSIP Numbers. CUSIP numbers may be printed on the Bonds. It is expressly provided, however, that the presence or absence of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be of no significance or effect in regard to the legality thereof and neither the City nor attorneys approving the Bonds as to legality are to be held responsible for CUSIP numbers incorrectly printed on the Bonds.

SECTION 37. Payment and Discharge. (a) If the City shall pay or cause to be paid or there shall otherwise be paid to the Holders of the Bonds, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Ordinance, then the pledge of the Net Revenues of the System under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the City to the Holders of the Bonds shall thereupon cease, terminate, and become void and be discharged and satisfied.

(b) Bonds or any principal amount thereof and interest installments for which money shall have been set aside in full payment to maturity thereof and held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar (through deposit by the City of funds for such payment or otherwise) shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section.

All Outstanding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid, prior to their stated maturity within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section if there shall have been deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar or an authorized escrow agent either money in an amount which shall be sufficient, or Government Obligations which have been certified by an independent accounting or consulting firm to mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to pay when due the principal of, and interest to become due on such Bonds on and prior to the stated maturity. The City covenants that no deposit of moneys or Government Obligations will be made under this Section and no use made of any such deposit which would cause the Bonds to be treated as "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any regulations or published rulings adopted pursuant thereto. Neither Government Obligations nor moneys deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar or an escrow agent pursuant to this Section, nor principal or interest payments on any such Government Obligations, shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. Any cash received from such principal of and interest on such Government Obligations deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar or such escrow agent, if not needed for such purpose, shall, to the extent practicable, be reinvested in Government Obligations (which may be non-interest bearing) maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Bonds on and prior to the stated maturity thereof, and interest earned from such reinvestments shall be paid over to the City as received by the Paying Agent/Registrar or escrow agent, free and clear of any trust, lien or pledge. Any payment for Government Obligations purchased for the purpose of reinvesting cash as aforesaid shall be made only against delivery of such Government Obligations.

(c) At such time as all of the Bonds are retired, or provision is made for their payment, money in the Bond Fund, if any, held for the payment of the Bonds may be used by the City for any lawful purpose, provided that any money held by the Paying Agent/Registrar which has been provided for the payment of interest or principal and not so utilized for any reason shall continue to be held by the Paying Agent/Registrar for a period of four calendar years, and if not claimed subject to the applicable escheat or similar laws, the same shall be returned to the City.

SECTION 38. Ordinance a Contract; Amendments. This Ordinance shall constitute a contract with the Holder of any Bond from time to time, be binding on the City, and shall not be amended or repealed by the City so long as any Bond remains Outstanding except as permitted in this Section and in Section 40 hereof. The City, may, without the consent of or notice to any Holders of Bonds, from time to time and at any time, amend this Ordinance in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Holders of any Bond, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency or formal defect or omission herein. In addition, the City may, with the written consent of the Holders of Bonds owning a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding, amend, add to or rescind any of the provisions of this Ordinance; provided that, without the consent of all Holders of Outstanding Bonds, no such amendment, addition or rescission shall (a) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, (b) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond or (c) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required for consent to any such amendment, addition or rescission.

SECTION 39. Control and Custody of Bonds. The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City shall be and is hereby authorized to take and have charge of all necessary orders and records pending the delivery of the Bonds, and shall take and have charge and control of the Initial Bond(s)

pending the approval thereof by the Attorney General, the registration thereof by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the delivery thereof to the Purchasers.

SECTION 40. Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

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

“*Financial Obligation*” means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that “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.

“*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. The City shall provide annually to the MSRB within twelve months after the end of each fiscal year ending in or after 2020, audited financial statements of the City. Any financial statements so provided shall be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Appendix B to the Official Statement, or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and audited, if the City commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If audited financial statements are not available within 12 months after the end of any fiscal year, the City will provide unaudited financial statements by the required time, and audited financial statements when and if such audited financial statements become available.

If the City 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 City 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 available to the public on the MSRB’s Internet Web site or filed with the SEC.

(c) Notice of Certain Events. The City shall provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner and not more than 10 business days after occurrence of the event:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, 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 Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
  - (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
  - (9) Defeasances;
  - (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
  - (11) Rating changes;
  - (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the City, which shall occur as described below;
  - (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of 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, if material;
  - (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
  - (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
  - (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in the immediately preceding paragraph (12) is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the City in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City and (b) the City intends the words used in the immediately preceding paragraphs (15) and (16) in this Section to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

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

(d) Filings with the MSRB. All financial information, operating data, financial statements, notices and other documents provided to the MSRB in accordance with this Section shall be provided in an electronic format prescribed by the MSRB and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

(e) Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments. The City shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section for so long as, but only for so long as, the City remains an “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, except that the City in any event will give the notice required by subsection (c) of this



Section of any Bond calls and defeasance that cause the City to be no longer such an “obligated person.”

The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the Holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds, 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 City 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 City’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 City does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CITY BE LIABLE TO THE HOLDER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY BOND OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE CITY, 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.

No default by the City in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall constitute a breach of or default under this Ordinance for purposes of any other provision of this Ordinance.

Nothing in this Section is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive, or otherwise limit the duties of the City under federal and state securities laws.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the provisions of this Section may be amended by the City 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 City, but only if (1) the provisions of this Section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (2) either (a) the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Ordinance that authorizes such an amendment) of the Outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the City (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that such amendment will not materially impair the interests of the Holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The provisions of this Section may also be amended from time to time or repealed by the City if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction determines that such provisions are invalid, but only if and to the extent that reservation of the City’s right to do so would not prevent underwriters of the initial public offering of the Bonds from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in such offering. If the City 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 reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided.

SECTION 41. Benefits of Ordinance. Nothing in this Ordinance, expressed or implied, is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person other than the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Holders, any right, remedy, or claim, legal or equitable, under or by reason of this Ordinance or any provision hereof, this Ordinance and all its provisions being intended to be and being for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Holders.

SECTION 42. Governing Law. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 43. Effect of Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 44. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance or the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this governing body hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 45. Incorporation of Findings and Determinations. The findings and determinations of this Council contained in the preamble hereof are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes as if the same were restated in full in this Section.

SECTION 46. Construction of Terms. If appropriate in the context of this Ordinance, words of the singular number shall be considered to include the plural, words of the plural number shall be considered to include the singular, and words of the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall be considered to include the other genders.

SECTION 47. Further Procedures. Any one or more of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Director of Finance and City Secretary are hereby expressly authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and on behalf of the City all agreements, instruments, certificates or other documents, whether mentioned herein or not, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Ordinance and the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. In addition, prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Director of Finance or Bond Counsel to the City are each hereby authorized and directed to approve any changes or corrections to this Ordinance or to any of the documents authorized and approved by this Ordinance: (i) in order to cure any ambiguity, formal defect, or omission in this Ordinance or such other document, or (ii) as requested by the Attorney General of the State of Texas or his representative to obtain the approval of the Bonds by the Attorney General. In the event that any officer of the City whose signature shall appear on any document shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such document, such signature nevertheless shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

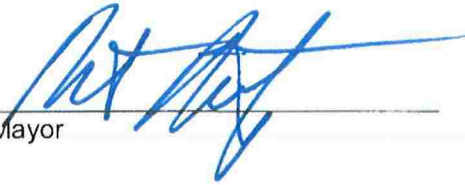
SECTION 48. Public Meeting. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended.

SECTION 49. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption on the date shown below in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 1201.028, as amended.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this October 12, 2020.

CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney



**EXHIBIT A**

**PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT**

## **PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of October 12, 2020 (this "Agreement"), by and between Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Amegy Bank Division, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America and authorized to transact business in the State of Texas (the "Bank") and the City of Athens, Texas (the "Issuer").

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Issuer has duly authorized and provided for the issuance of its "City of Athens, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A" (the "Securities"), such Securities scheduled to be delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or about November 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has selected the Bank to serve as Paying Agent/Registrar in connection with the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on said Securities and with respect to the registration, transfer and exchange thereof by the registered owners thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Bank has agreed to serve in such capacities for and on behalf of the Issuer and has full power and authority to perform and serve as Paying Agent/Registrar for the Securities;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed as follows:

### **ARTICLE ONE APPOINTMENT OF BANK AS PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR**

**Section 1.01 Appointment.** The Issuer hereby appoints the Bank to serve as Paying Agent with respect to the Securities, and, as Paying Agent for the Securities, the Bank shall be responsible for paying on behalf of the Issuer the principal, premium (if any), and interest on the Securities as the same become due and payable to the registered owners thereof; all in accordance with this Agreement and the "Authorizing Document" (hereinafter defined). The Issuer hereby appoints the Bank as Registrar with respect to the Securities and, as Registrar for the Securities, the Bank shall keep and maintain for and on behalf of the Issuer books and records as to the ownership of said Securities and with respect to the transfer and exchange thereof as provided herein and in the "Authorizing Document".

The Bank hereby accepts its appointment, and agrees to serve as the Paying Agent and Registrar for the Securities.

**Section 1.02 Compensation.** As compensation for the Bank's services as Paying Agent/Registrar, the Issuer hereby agrees to pay the Bank the fees and amounts set forth in Annex A attached hereto; provided however, notwithstanding anything herein or in Annex A to the contrary, the aggregate value of this agreement shall be less than the dollar limitation set forth in Section 2271.002(a)(2) of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

In addition, the Issuer agrees to reimburse the Bank upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Bank in accordance with any of the provisions hereof (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel).

## **ARTICLE TWO DEFINITIONS**

**Section 2.01 Definitions.** For all purposes of this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

“Acceleration Date” on any Security means the date, if any, on and after which the principal or any or all installments of interest, or both, are due and payable on any Security which has become accelerated pursuant to the terms of the Security.

“Authorizing Document” means the resolution, order, or ordinance of the governing body of the Issuer pursuant to which the Securities are issued, as the same may be amended or modified, including any pricing certificate related thereto, certified by the secretary or any other officer of the Issuer and delivered to the Bank.

“Bank Office” means the designated office of the Bank at the address shown in Section 3.01 hereof. The Bank will notify the Issuer in writing of any change in location of the Bank Office.

“Holder” and “Security Holder” each means the Person in whose name a Security is registered in the Security Register.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision of a government.

“Predecessor Securities” of any particular Security means every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same obligation as that evidenced by such particular Security (and, for the purposes of this definition, any mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Security for which a replacement Security has been registered and delivered in lieu thereof pursuant to Section 4.06 hereof and the Authorizing Document).

“Redemption Date”, when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption pursuant to the terms of the Authorizing Document.

“Responsible Officer”, when used with respect to the Bank, means the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Cashier, any Assistant Cashier, any Trust Officer or Assistant Trust Officer, or any other officer of the Bank customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

“Security Register” means a register maintained by the Bank on behalf of the Issuer providing for the registration and transfers of Securities.

“Stated Maturity” means the date specified in the Authorizing Document the principal of a Security is scheduled to be due and payable.

**Section 2.02 Other Definitions.** The terms “Bank,” “Issuer,” and “Securities (Security)” have the meanings assigned to them in the recital paragraphs of this Agreement.

The term “Paying Agent/Registrar” refers to the Bank in the performance of the duties and functions of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE THREE PAYING AGENT**

**Section 3.01 Duties of Paying Agent.** As Paying Agent, the Bank shall pay, provided adequate collected funds have been provided to it for such purpose by or on behalf of the Issuer, on behalf of the Issuer the principal of each Security at its Stated Maturity, Redemption Date, or Acceleration Date, to the Holder upon surrender of the Security to the Bank at the following address:

Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Amegy Bank Division  
One South Main Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Salt Lake City, UT 84133

As Paying Agent, the Bank shall, provided adequate collected funds have been provided to it for such purpose by or on behalf of the Issuer, pay on behalf of the Issuer the interest on each Security when due, by computing the amount of interest to be paid each Holder and making payment thereof to the Holders of the Securities (or their Predecessor Securities) on the Record Date (as defined in the Authorizing Document). All payments of principal and/or interest on the Securities to the registered owners shall be accomplished (1) by the issuance of checks, payable to the registered owners, drawn on the paying agent account provided in Section 5.05 hereof, sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address appearing on the Security Register or (2) by such other method, acceptable to the Bank, requested in writing by the Holder at the Holder’s risk and expense.

**Section 3.02 Payment Dates.** The Issuer hereby instructs the Bank to pay the principal of and interest on the Securities on the dates specified in the Authorizing Document.

### **ARTICLE FOUR REGISTRAR**

**Section 4.01 Security Register – Transfers and Exchanges.** The Bank agrees to keep and maintain for and on behalf of the Issuer at the Bank Office and at the Bank’s office shown on the signature page hereof books and records (herein sometimes referred to as the “Security Register”) for recording the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities, the transfer, exchange and replacement of the Securities and the payment of the principal of and interest on the Securities to the Holders and containing such other information as may be reasonably required by the Issuer and subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Bank may prescribe. All transfers, exchanges and replacements of Securities shall be noted in the Security Register.



Every Security surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, the signature on which has been guaranteed by an officer of a federal or state bank or a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, such written instrument to be in a form satisfactory to the Bank, and duly executed by the Holder thereof or his agent duly authorized in writing.

The Bank may request any supporting documentation it feels necessary to effect a re-registration, transfer or exchange of the Securities.

To the extent possible and under reasonable circumstances, the Bank agrees that, in relation to an exchange or transfer of Securities, the exchange or transfer by the Holders thereof will be completed and new Securities delivered to the Holder or the assignee of the Holder in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Securities to be cancelled in an exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the Holder, or his duly authorized agent, in form and manner satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar.

**Section 4.02 Securities.** The Issuer shall provide additional Securities when needed to facilitate transfers or exchanges thereof. The Bank covenants that such additional Securities, if and when provided, will be kept in safekeeping pending their use and reasonable care will be exercised by the Bank in maintaining such Securities in safekeeping, which shall be not less than the care maintained by the Bank for debt securities of other governments or corporations for which it serves as registrar, or that is maintained for its own securities.

**Section 4.03 Form of Security Register.** The Bank, as Registrar, will maintain the Security Register relating to the registration, payment, transfer and exchange of the Securities in accordance with the Bank's general practices and procedures in effect from time to time. The Bank shall not be obligated to maintain such Security Register in any form other than those which the Bank has currently available and currently utilizes at the time.

The Security Register may be maintained in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time.

**Section 4.04 List of Security Holders.** The Bank will provide the Issuer at any time requested by the Issuer, upon payment of the required fee, a copy of the information contained in the Security Register. The Issuer may also inspect the information contained in the Security Register at any time the Bank is customarily open for business, provided that reasonable time is allowed the Bank to provide an up-to-date listing or to convert the information into written form.

The Bank will not release or disclose the contents of the Security Register to any person other than to, or at the written request of, an authorized officer or employee of the Issuer, except upon receipt of a court order or as otherwise required by law. Upon receipt of a court order and prior to the release or disclosure of the contents of the Security Register, the Bank will notify the Issuer so that the Issuer may contest the court order or such release or disclosure of the contents of the Security Register, provided the Bank is not prohibited from providing such notice.

**Section 4.05 Return of Cancelled Securities.** The Bank will, at such reasonable intervals as it determines, surrender to the Issuer, all Securities in lieu of which or in exchange for which other Securities have been issued, or which have been paid.

**Section 4.06 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Securities.** The Issuer hereby instructs the Bank, subject to the provisions of the Authorizing Document, to deliver and issue Securities in exchange for or in lieu of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Securities as long as the same does not result in an overissuance.

In case any Security shall be mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, the Bank may execute and deliver a replacement Security of like form and tenor, and in the same denomination and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Security, or in lieu of and in substitution for such mutilated, destroyed lost or stolen Security, only upon the approval of the Issuer and after (i) the filing by the Holder thereof with the Bank of evidence satisfactory to the Bank of the destruction, loss or theft of such Security, and of the authenticity of the ownership thereof and (ii) the furnishing to the Bank of indemnification in an amount satisfactory to hold the Issuer and the Bank harmless. All expenses and charges associated with such indemnity and with the preparation, execution and delivery of a replacement Security shall be borne by the Holder of the Security mutilated, or destroyed, lost or stolen.

**Section 4.07 Transaction Information to Issuer.** The Bank will, within a reasonable time after receipt of written request from the Issuer, furnish the Issuer information as to the Securities it has paid pursuant to Section 3.01, Securities it has delivered upon the transfer or exchange of any Securities pursuant to Section 4.01, and Securities it has delivered in exchange for or in lieu of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Securities pursuant to Section 4.06.

## **ARTICLE FIVE THE BANK**

**Section 5.01 Duties of Bank.** The Bank undertakes to perform the duties set forth herein and agrees to use reasonable care in the performance thereof.

**Section 5.02 Reliance on Documents, Etc.**

(a) The Bank may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and correctness of the opinions expressed therein, on certificates or opinions furnished to the Bank.

(b) The Bank shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Bank was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts.

(c) No provisions of this Agreement shall require the Bank to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability for performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity satisfactory to it against such risks or liability is not assured to it.

(d) The Bank may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, security, or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing statement, the Bank need not examine the ownership of any Securities, but is protected in acting upon receipt of Securities containing an endorsement or instruction of transfer or power of transfer which appears on its face to be signed by the Holder or an agent of the Holder. The Bank shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in

a resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, security, or other paper or document supplied by the Issuer.

(e) The Bank may consult with counsel, and the written advice of such counsel or any opinion of counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection with respect to any action taken, suffered, or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(f) The Bank may exercise any of the powers hereunder and perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys of the Bank.

(g) The Bank is also authorized to transfer funds relating to the closing and initial delivery of the Securities in the manner disclosed in the closing memorandum or letter as prepared by the Issuer, Issuer's financial advisor or other agent. The Bank may act on a facsimile or e-mail transmission of the closing memorandum or letter acknowledged by the Issuer, the Issuer's financial advisor or other agent as the final closing memorandum or letter. The Bank shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Bank's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions.

**Section 5.03 Recitals of Issuer.** The recitals contained herein with respect to the Issuer and in the Securities shall be taken as the statements of the Issuer, and the Bank assumes no responsibility for their correctness.

The Bank shall in no event be liable to the Issuer, any Holder or Holders of any Security, or any other Person for any amount due on any Security from its own funds.

**Section 5.04 May Hold Securities.** The Bank, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any other agent.

**Section 5.05 Moneys Held by Bank - Paying Agent Account/Collateralization.** A paying agent account shall at all times be kept and maintained by the Bank for the receipt, safekeeping, and disbursement of moneys received from the Issuer under this Agreement for the payment of the Securities, and money deposited to the credit of such account until paid to the Holders of the Securities shall be continuously collateralized by securities or obligations which qualify and are eligible under both the laws of the State of Texas and the laws of the United States of America to secure and be pledged as collateral for paying agent accounts to the extent such money is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Payments made from such paying agent account shall be made by check drawn on such account unless the owner of the Securities shall, at its own expense and risk, request an alternative method of payment.

Subject to the applicable unclaimed property laws of the State of Texas, any money deposited with the Bank for the payment of the principal of, premium (if any), or interest on any Security and remaining unclaimed for three years after final maturity of the Security has become due and payable will be held by the Bank and disposed of only in accordance with Title 6 of the Texas Property Code, as amended. The Bank shall have no liability by virtue of actions taken in compliance with this provision.

The Bank is not obligated to pay interest on any money received by it under this Agreement.

This Agreement relates solely to money deposited for the purposes described herein, and the parties agree that the Bank may serve as depository for other funds of the Issuer, act as trustee under indentures authorizing other bond transactions of the Issuer, or act in any other capacity not in conflict with its duties hereunder.

**Section 5.06 Indemnification.** To the extent permitted by law, the Issuer agrees to indemnify the Bank for, and hold it harmless against, any loss, liability, or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with its acceptance or administration of its duties hereunder, including the cost and expense against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under this Agreement.

**Section 5.07 Interpleader.** The Issuer and the Bank agree that the Bank may seek adjudication of any adverse claim, demand, or controversy over its person as well as funds on deposit, in either a Federal or State District Court located in the state and county where the administrative office of the Issuer is located, and agree that service of process by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the address referred to in Section 6.03 of this Agreement shall constitute adequate service. The Issuer and the Bank further agree that the Bank has the right to file a Bill of Interpleader in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Texas to determine the rights of any Person claiming any interest herein.

**Section 5.08 DTC Services.** It is hereby represented and warranted that, in the event the Securities are otherwise qualified and accepted for “Depository Trust Company” services or equivalent depository trust services by other organizations, and in the event the Bank has the capability to comply with the “Operational Arrangements”, which establishes requirements for securities to be eligible for such type depository trust services, including, but not limited to, requirements for the timeliness of payments and funds availability, transfer turnaround time, and notification of redemptions and calls, the Bank will comply with the “Operational Arrangements”.

## **ARTICLE SIX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**Section 6.01 Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended only by an agreement in writing signed by both of the parties hereto.

**Section 6.02 Assignment.** This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other.

**Section 6.03 Notices.** Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver, or other document provided or permitted hereby to be given or furnished to the Issuer or the Bank shall be mailed or delivered to the Issuer or the Bank, respectively, at the addresses shown on the signature pages hereof.

**Section 6.04 Effect of Headings.** The Article and Section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

**Section 6.05 Successors and Assigns.** All covenants and agreements herein by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

**Section 6.06 Severability.** In case any provision herein shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

**Section 6.07 Merger, Conversion, Consolidation, or Succession.** Any corporation or association into which the Bank may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation or association resulting from any merger, conversion, or consolidation to which the Bank shall be a party, or any corporation or association succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Bank shall be the successor of the Bank as Paying Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of either parties hereto.

**Section 6.08 Benefits of Agreement.** Nothing herein, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder.

**Section 6.09 Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and the Authorizing Document constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto relative to the Bank acting as Paying Agent/Registrar and if any conflict exists between this Agreement and the Authorizing Document, the Authorizing Document shall govern.

**Section 6.10 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

**Section 6.11 Termination.** This Agreement will terminate (i) on the date of final payment of the principal of and interest on the Securities to the Holders thereof or (ii) may be earlier terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice; provided, however, an early termination of this Agreement by either party shall not be effective until (a) a successor Paying Agent/Registrar has been appointed by the Issuer and such appointment accepted and (b) notice has been given to the Holders of the Securities of the appointment of a successor Paying Agent/Registrar. However, if the Issuer fails to appoint a successor Paying Agent/Registrar within a reasonable time, the Bank may petition a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Texas to appoint a successor. Furthermore, the Bank and the Issuer mutually agree that the effective date of an early termination of this Agreement shall not occur at any time which would disrupt, delay or otherwise adversely affect the payment of the Securities.

Upon an early termination of this Agreement, the Bank agrees to promptly transfer and deliver the Security Register (or a copy thereof), together with the other pertinent books and records relating to the Securities, to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar designated and appointed by the Issuer.

The provisions of Section 1.02 and of Article Five shall survive and remain in full force and effect following the termination of this Agreement.

**Section 6.12 Iran, Sudan or Foreign Terrorist Organizations.** The Bank represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer's internet website:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudan-list.pdf>,  
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/iran-list.pdf>, or  
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fto-list.pdf>.

The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law and excludes the Bank and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. The Bank understands “affiliate” to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Bank and exists to make a profit.

**Section 6.13 Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

ZIONS BANCORPORATION, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Amegy Bank Division

Address: 1801 Main Street, Suite 1190  
Houston, Texas 77002

*[signature page to Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement]*

CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Address: 508 East Tyler Street  
Athens, Texas 75751

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

*[signature page to Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement]*



ANNEX A  
TO PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

BANK'S FEES AND CHARGES

**EXHIBIT B**  
ESCROW AGREEMENT

## **ESCROW AGREEMENT**

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), dated as of October 12, 2020, made by and between the City of Athens, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas in Henderson County (the "City"), acting by and through the Mayor and City Secretary, and Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Amegy Bank Division, a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America (the "Bank"), as Escrow Agent (the "Escrow Agent") together with any successor in such capacity:

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to an ordinance finally adopted on October 12, 2020 (the Ordinance"), the City authorized the issuance of \$1,080,000 "City of Athens, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A", dated November 1, 2020 (the "Obligations") to obtain financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") for the purpose of funding sewer system improvements (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Escrow Agent is a state or national bank designated by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository institution in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter C, or is a designated custodian of collateral in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter D and is otherwise qualified and empowered to enter into this Agreement, and hereby acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and provisions hereof; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the Obligations is the deposit of the proceeds of the Obligations (the "Proceeds") in escrow subject to being withdrawn only with the approval of the Executive Administrator of the TWDB (the "Executive Administrator") or his/her designated representative; provided, however, the Proceeds can be transferred to different investments so long as all parties hereto consent to such transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained and in consideration of the amount of fees to be paid by the City to the Escrow Agent, as set forth on **EXHIBIT A**, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in order to secure the delivery of the Obligations, the parties hereto mutually undertake, promise and agree for themselves, their respective representatives and successors, as follows:

**SECTION 1: ESCROW ACCOUNT.** Upon the delivery of the Obligations described above, the Proceeds identified under TWDB Commitment Number L\_\_\_\_\_ shall be deposited to the credit of a special escrow account (the "Escrow Account") maintained at the Escrow Agent on behalf of the City and the TWDB and shall not be commingled with any other accounts or with any other proceeds or funds. The Proceeds received by the Escrow Agent under this Agreement shall not be considered as a banking deposit by the City, and the Escrow Agent shall have no right to title with respect thereto except as Escrow Agent under the terms of this Agreement.

The Escrow Account shall be entitled "City of Athens, Texas, Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Texas Water Development Board L\_\_\_\_\_ Escrow Account" and shall not be subject to warrants, drafts or checks drawn by the City but shall be disbursed or withdrawn to pay the costs of the Project for which the Obligations were issued or other purposes in accordance with the Ordinance and solely upon written authorization from the Executive Administrator, or his/her designated representative. The Escrow Agent shall provide to the City and to the TWDB the Escrow Account bank statements upon request.

**SECTION 2: COLLATERAL.** All cash deposited to the credit of such Escrow Account and any accrued interest in excess of the amounts insured by the FDIC and remaining uninvested

under the terms of this Agreement shall be continuously secured by a valid pledge of direct obligations of the United States of America or other collateral meeting the requirements of the Public Funds Collateral Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2257, as amended.

**SECTION 3: INVESTMENTS.** While the Proceeds are held in escrow, the Escrow Agent shall only invest escrowed Proceeds in investments that are authorized by the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256 ("PFIA"). It is the City's responsibility to direct the Escrow Agent to invest all public funds in a manner that is consistent not only with the PFIA but also with its own written investment policy.

**SECTION 4: DISBURSEMENTS.** The Escrow Agent shall not honor any disbursement from the Escrow Account, or any portion thereof, unless and until it has been supplied with written approval and consent by the Executive Administrator or his/her designated representative. However, no written approval and consent by the Executive Administrator shall be required if the disbursement involves transferring Proceeds from one investment to another within the Escrow Account provided that all such investments are consistent with the PFIA requirements.

**SECTION 5: UNEXPENDED FUNDS.** Any Proceeds remaining unexpended in the Escrow Account after completion of the Project and after the final accounting has been submitted to and approved by the TWDB shall be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance. The City shall deliver a copy of such TWDB approval of the final accounting to the Escrow Agent together with instructions concerning the disbursement of unexpended Proceeds hereunder. The Escrow Agent shall have no obligation to ensure that such unexpended Proceeds are used as required by the provisions of the Ordinance, that being the sole obligation of the City.

**SECTION 6: CERTIFICATIONS.** The Escrow Agent shall be authorized to accept and rely upon the certifications and documents furnished to the Escrow Agent by the City and the TWDB and shall not be liable for the payment of any funds made in reliance in good faith upon such certifications or other documents or approvals, as herein recited.

**SECTION 7: LIABILITY OF ESCROW AGENT.** To the extent permitted by law, the Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any act done or step taken or omitted by it or any mistake of fact or law, except for its negligence or willful misconduct or failure in the performance of any obligation imposed upon it hereunder. The Escrow Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for any proceedings in connection with the Obligations or any recitation contained in the Obligations.

**SECTION 8: RECORDS.** The Escrow Agent will keep complete and correct books of record and account relating to the receipts, disbursements, allocations and application of the money deposited to the Escrow Account, and investments of the Escrow Account and all proceeds thereof. The records shall be available for inspection and copying at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions by the City and the TWDB.

**SECTION 9: MERGER/CONSOLIDATION.** In the event that the Escrow Agent merges or consolidates with another bank or sells or transfers substantially all of its assets or corporate trust business, then the successor bank shall be the successor Escrow Agent without the necessity of further action as long as the successor bank is a state or national bank designated by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository institution in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter C, or is a designated custodian of collateral in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 404, Subchapter D. The Escrow Agent must provide the TWDB with written notification within 30 days of acceptance of the merger, consolidation, or transfer. If the merger, consolidation or other transfer has occurred between state banks, the

newly-created entity shall forward the certificate of merger or exchange issued by the Texas Department of Banking as well as the statement filed with the pertinent chartering authority, if applicable, to the TWDB within five business days following such merger, consolidation or exchange.

**SECTION 10: AMENDMENTS.** This Agreement may be amended from time to time as necessary with the written consent of the City and the TWDB, but no such amendments shall increase the liabilities or responsibilities or diminish the rights of the Escrow Agent without its consent.

**SECTION 11: TERMINATION.** In the event that this Agreement is terminated by either the City or by the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent must report said termination in writing to the TWDB within five business days of such termination. The City is responsible for ensuring that the following criteria are satisfied in selecting the successor escrow agent and notifying the TWDB of the change in escrow agents: (a) the successor escrow agent must be an FDIC-insured state or national bank designated by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository or a designated custodian; (b) the successor escrow agent must be retained prior to or at the time of the termination; (c) an escrow agreement must be executed by and between the City and the successor escrow agent and must contain the same or substantially similar terms and conditions as are present in this Agreement; and (d) the City must forward a copy of the executed escrow agreement with the successor escrow agent within five business days of said termination. No funds shall be released by the TWDB until it has received, reviewed and approved the escrow agreement with the successor escrow agent. If the City has not appointed a successor escrow agent within thirty (30) days of the notice of termination, the Escrow Agent may petition any court of competent jurisdiction in Texas for the appointment of a successor escrow agent or for other appropriate relief, and any such resulting appointment shall be binding upon the City. Whether appointed by the City or a court, the successor escrow agent and escrow agreement must be approved by the TWDB for the appointment to be effective. The Escrow Agent is responsible for performance under this Agreement until a successor has been approved by the TWDB and has signed an acceptable escrow agreement.

**SECTION 12: EXPIRATION.** This Agreement shall expire upon final transfer of the funds in the Escrow Account to the City.

**SECTION 13: POINT OF CONTACT.** The points of contact for the Escrow Agent, the City and the TWDB are as follows:

Zions Bancorporation, National Association,  
Amegy Bank Division  
1801 Main Street, Suite 1190  
Houston, Texas 77002  
Attention: Robert Lozano  
Phone Number: (713) 232-1919  
Fax Number: (844) 527-2686  
Email Address: Robert.Lozano@amegybank.com

City of Athens  
508 East Tyler Street  
Athens, Texas 75751  
Attention: Mandie Quigg, Director of Finance  
Phone: (903) 675-5131  
Email: mquigg@athenstx.gov

Executive Administrator  
Texas Water Development Board  
1700 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

SECTION 14: **CHOICE OF LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the applicable laws of the State of Texas. Venue for disputes shall be in the District Court of Travis County, Texas.

SECTION 15: **ASSIGNABILITY.** This Agreement shall not be assignable by the parties hereto, in whole or in part, and any attempted assignment shall be void and of no force and effect.

SECTION 16: **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement evidences the entire Escrow Agreement between the Escrow Agent and the City and supersedes any other agreements, whether oral or written, between the parties regarding the Proceeds or the Escrow Account. No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same is in writing and is signed by the City and consented to by the Escrow Agent and the TWDB.

SECTION 17: **VALIDITY OF PROVISIONS.** If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

SECTION 18: **COMPENSATION FOR ESCROW SERVICES.** The Escrow Agent shall be entitled to compensation for its services as stated in **Exhibit A**, which compensation shall be paid by the City but may not be paid directly from the Escrow Account.

SECTION 19: **OTHER PROVISIONS.** If the Escrow Agent is made a party to or intervenes in any litigation pertaining to this Agreement or institutes interpleader proceedings relative hereto, the Escrow Agent shall be compensated reasonably by the City for such extraordinary services and reimbursed for any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, fines, penalties, and expenses, including out-of-pocket and incidental expenses and legal fees occasioned thereby, unless such claim, liability, loss, damages, fine, penalty, and expense shall have been finally adjudicated to have resulted from the willful misconduct or negligence of the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent shall not be required to risk or expend its own funds before taking any action under this Agreement.

The Escrow Agent may execute any of the trusts or powers hereof and perform any of its duties by or through attorneys, agents or receivers, and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters of trusts hereof and duties hereunder.

The Escrow Agent may consult with counsel, and the advice of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by the Escrow Agent hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

The Escrow Agent shall be protected in acting and relying upon any notice, order, requisition, request, consent, certificate, order, opinion, affidavit, letter, telegram or other paper or document in good faith deemed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed or sent by the proper person or persons.

SECTION 20: **FAX/E-MAIL.** The Escrow Agent shall have the right to accept and act upon instructions, including funds transfer instructions ("Instructions") given pursuant to this Agreement and delivered using Electronic Means; provided, however, that the City shall provide to the Escrow Agent an incumbency certificate listing officers with the authority to provide such Instructions ("Authorized Officers") and containing specimen signatures of such Authorized Officers, which incumbency certificate shall be amended by the City, whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the City elects to give the Escrow Agent Instructions using Electronic Means and the Escrow Agent in its discretion elects to act upon such Instructions, the Escrow Agent's understanding of such Instructions shall be deemed controlling. The City

understands and agrees that the Escrow Agent cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such Instructions and that the Escrow Agent shall conclusively presume that directions that purport to have been sent by an Authorized Officer listed on the incumbency certificate provided to the Escrow Agent have been sent by such Authorized Officer. The City shall be responsible for ensuring that only Authorized Officers transmit such Instructions to the Escrow Agent and that the City and all Authorized Officers are solely responsible to safeguard the use and confidentiality of applicable user and authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys upon receipt by the City. The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Escrow Agent's reliance upon and compliance with such Instructions notwithstanding such directions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The City agrees: (i) to assume all risks arising out of the use of Electronic Means to submit Instructions to the Escrow Agent, including without limitation the risk of the Escrow Agent acting on unauthorized Instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties; (ii) that it is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with the various methods of transmitting Instructions to the Escrow Agent and that there may be more secure methods of transmitting Instructions than the method(s) selected by the City; (iii) that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection with its transmission of Instructions provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances; and (iv) to notify the Escrow Agent immediately upon learning of any compromise or unauthorized use of the security procedures. "Electronic Means" shall mean the following communications methods: e-mail, facsimile transmission, secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys issued by the Escrow Agent, or another method or system specified by the Escrow Agent as available for use in connection with its services hereunder.

**SECTION 21: NO BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL.** The Escrow Agent hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and, to the extent this Agreement is a contract for goods or services, will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2271.002, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, 'boycott Israel' means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes. The Escrow Agent understands 'affiliate' to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent and exists to make a profit.

**SECTION 22: IRAN, SUDAN AND FOREIGN TERRORISTS ORGANIZATIONS.** The Escrow Agent represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer's internet website:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudan-list.pdf>,  
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/iran-list.pdf>, or  
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fto-list.pdf>.

The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law and excludes the Escrow Agent and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively

declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. The Escrow Agent understands “affiliate” to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent and exists to make a profit.

SECTION 23: **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

*[signatures continue on next page]*

*[signature page to Escrow Agreement]*

ZIONS BANCORPORATION, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as Escrow Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amegy Bank Division

*[signature page to Escrow Agreement]*