

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

AGENDA DATE: April 11, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME / PHONE NUMBER: Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer (915)-212-1067

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOALS: Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of City of El Paso, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2023A for debt service savings; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of such Bonds; and resolving other matters which are necessary to effectuate such issuance; including the delegation of matters relating to the sale and issuance of such Bonds to an authorized City official within certain specified parameters.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

General obligation bonds of the City shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued, in one or more series, in the maximum aggregate principal amount set forth in Section 4 hereof. Unless otherwise specified in a Pricing Certificate, such general obligation bonds shall be designated and bear the title the "CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2023A" (the "Bonds") and/or such additional or different series or subseries as specified by the Pricing Officer in an applicable Pricing Certificate. The Bonds are authorized to be issued for the purposes of providing funds (1) for the discharge and final payment of certain outstanding obligations of the City (described in the preamble hereof and finally identified in the applicable Pricing Certificate and referred to as the "Refunded Bonds"); and (2) to pay the costs and expenses of issuing the Bonds, all as provided in the applicable Pricing Certificate and in accordance with the authority conferred by and in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Chapter 1207, Chapter 1371, and the Charter of the City.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On December 13, 2022 the City Council approved the issuance of \$46.1 million in General Obligation bonds for the Community Progress Bond.

City Council has previously authorized both refunding and new money General Obligation Bonds.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Debt service is primarily funded from ad valorem taxes.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: *Robert Cortinas*

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS,
SERIES 2023A**

Adopted: April 11, 2023

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas (the "City") has heretofore issued, sold, and delivered, and there are currently outstanding obligations of the City (hereinafter referred to as the "Refunded Bonds"), to wit: "*City of El Paso, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021A*," dated May 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207, as amended ("Chapter 1207"), the City Council of the City is authorized to issue refunding bonds and deposit the proceeds of sale directly with any place of payment for the Refunded Bonds, or other authorized depository, and such deposit, when made in accordance with such statute, shall constitute the making of firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City shall by this Ordinance, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 1207, and Texas Government Code, Chapter 1371, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), delegate to a Pricing Officer (hereinafter designated) the authority to determine the principal amount of Bonds to be issued and negotiate the terms of sale thereof and to select the specific maturities (whole or part) of the Refunded Bonds to be refunded through payment of the purchase price and cancellation thereof through a tender offer (such transaction, the "Tender Offer") or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that it is a public purpose and in the best interests of the City to authorize the issuance of Bonds in one or more series with the terms of such Bonds to be included in one or more pricing certificates (each a "Pricing Certificate") to be executed by the Pricing Officer (hereafter designated), all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1207 and Chapter 1371 as applicable; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1: Definitions, Findings and Interpretation

(a) Definitions. Unless otherwise expressly provided or unless the context clearly requires otherwise, in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

"Attorney General" means the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

"Bond" means any of the Bonds.

"Bond Date" means the date designated as the Bond Date in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

“Bonds” means the City of El Paso, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2023A, authorized by Section 2 of this Ordinance, and any additional or different series specified in an applicable Pricing Certificate.

“Bond Counsel” means Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, or such other firm of nationally recognized bond attorneys experienced in the issuance of bonds and acceptable to the City.

“Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday or other day on which banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located in the State of Texas are generally authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

“Chapter 1207” means Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207, as amended.

“Chapter 1371” means Texas Government Code, Chapter 1371, as amended.

“City” means the City of El Paso, Texas.

“City Council” means the governing body of the City of El Paso, Texas.

“Closing Date” means, with respect to each series of Bonds issued hereunder, the date of the initial delivery of and payment for such series Bonds.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including the regulations and published rulings thereunder.

“Comptroller” means the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

“Dealer Manager” means Jefferies LLC.

“Debt Service Requirements” means with respect to each series of Bonds issued hereunder: (i) the interest on the applicable series of Bonds; and (ii) the principal amounts due in accordance with the schedule appearing in the Pricing Certificate executed pursuant to this Ordinance with respect to such series of Bonds (which shall not be less than 2% of the original par amount of such series of Bonds as a sinking fund each year).

“Designated Payment/Transfer Office” means (i) with respect to the initial Paying Agent/Registrar named herein, its designated office specified in the Pricing Certificate, or at such other location designated by the Paying Agent/Registrar and (ii) with respect to any successor Paying Agent/Registrar, the office of such successor designated and located as may be agreed upon by the City and such successor.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company of New York, New York, or any successor securities depository.

“DTC Participant” means brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations on whose behalf DTC was created to hold securities to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among DTC Participants.

“Fiscal Year” means the annual financial accounting period used by the City now ending on August 31 of each year; provided, however, the City Council may change, by ordinance duly

passed, such annual financial accounting period to end on another date if such change is found and determined to be necessary for accounting purposes and to be consistent with the ordinances authorizing the additional obligations of the City.

“Government Securities,” unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Certificate, means: (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 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, (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 under applicable State law that may be used to defease obligations such as the Bonds.

“Holders” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5 hereof.

“Initial Bond” means the Initial Bond authorized by Section 9 of this Ordinance.

“Interest and Sinking Fund” means each fund created and established with respect to each series of Bonds issued hereunder in accordance with Section 11 hereof. Specific Interest and Sinking Funds for each series of Bonds shall be established in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

“Interest Payment Date” means the date or dates on which interest on or the principal of each series of Bonds is scheduled to be paid until their respective dates of maturity or prior redemption, such dates being February 15 and August 15, commencing August 15, 2023, or such other dates as specified in the Pricing Certificate.

“Invitation” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4 hereof.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“Outstanding” when used in this Ordinance with respect to any series of Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds of such series theretofore issued and delivered under this Ordinance, except:

- (1) those Bonds of such series cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar or delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation;
- (2) those Bonds of such series deemed to be duly paid by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 hereof; and
- (3) those mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bonds of such series which have been replaced with Bonds registered and delivered in lieu thereof as provided in Section 12 hereof.

“Owner” means the person who is the registered owner of a Bond or Bonds.

“Paying Agent/Registrar” means Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (or such other entity or banking association determined by the Pricing Officer in the Pricing Certificate), or any successor thereto or replacement therefor as provided in this Ordinance.

“Pricing Certificate” means collectively one or more pricing certificates that set forth the terms of one or more series of the Bonds in accordance with Section 4 of this Ordinance and executed by the Pricing Officer, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1207 and Chapter 1371.

“Pricing Officer” means the City Manager of the City or the Chief Financial Officer of the City, each acting in such capacity severally and not jointly.

“Purchasers” means collectively the initial purchasers of each series of Bonds issued hereunder as named in the Pricing Certificate, including the Dealer Manager.

“Record Date” means with respect to each interest payment date for each series of Bonds, the close of business on the last business day of the month preceding such interest payment date.

“Refunded Bonds” means the “City of El Paso, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021A,” dated May 15, 2021.

“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.

“Rule” means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time or officially interpreted by the SEC.

“SEC” means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Security Register” means the Security Register specified in Section 5 of this Ordinance.

“Stated Maturity” means the principal amounts due in accordance with the schedule(s) appearing in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

“Tender Offer” shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Ordinance.

(b) Findings. The declarations, determinations and findings declared, made and found in the preamble to this Ordinance are hereby adopted, restated and made a part of the operative provisions hereof.

(c) Table of Contents, Titles and Headings. The table of contents, titles and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Ordinance have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered a part hereof and shall not in any way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof and shall never be considered or given any effect in construing this Ordinance or any provision hereof or in ascertaining intent, if any question of intent should arise.

(d) Interpretation. Unless the context requires otherwise, words of the masculine gender shall be construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa, and words of the singular number shall be construed to include correlative words of the plural number and vice versa. This Ordinance and all the terms and provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein to sustain the validity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Authorization - Series Designation - Principal Amount - Purpose - Bond Date.

(a) Authorization, Series Designation, Principal Amount. General obligation bonds of the City shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued, in one or more series, in the maximum aggregate principal amount set forth in Section 4 hereof. Unless otherwise specified in a Pricing Certificate, such general obligation bonds shall be designated and bear the title the “CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2023A” (the “Bonds”) and/or such additional or different series or subseries as specified by the Pricing Officer in an applicable Pricing Certificate. The Bonds are authorized to be issued for the purposes of providing funds (1) for the discharge and final payment of certain outstanding obligations of the City (described in the preamble hereof and finally identified in the applicable Pricing Certificate and referred to as the “Refunded Bonds”); and (2) to pay the costs and expenses of issuing the Bonds, all as provided in the applicable Pricing Certificate and in accordance with the authority conferred by and in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Chapter 1207, Chapter 1371, and the Charter of the City.

(b) Bond Date. Each series of Bonds shall be dated (the “Bond Date”) as provided in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

SECTION 3: Fully Registered Obligations - Terms. The Bonds shall be issued as fully registered obligations, without coupons, shall be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple (within a Stated Maturity) thereof, shall be lettered “R” and numbered consecutively from One (1) upward and principal shall become due and payable on a date certain in each of the years and in amounts (the “Stated Maturities”) and bear interest at the rate(s) per annum in accordance with the details of the Bonds as set forth in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

The Bonds shall bear interest on the unpaid principal amounts from the date specified in the applicable Pricing Certificate at the rate(s) per annum shown in the Pricing Certificate (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months). Interest on the Bonds shall be payable in each year, on the dates, and commencing on the date, set forth in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

SECTION 4: Delegation of Authority to Pricing Officer. (a) As authorized by Chapter 1207 and Chapter 1371, each of the City Manager or Interim City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer of the City (either one of them, a “Pricing Officer”) is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City in selling and delivering the Bonds, in one or more series, and carrying out the other procedures specified in this Ordinance, including selection of the specific maturities of the Refunded Bonds to be refunded or purchased for cancellation in accordance with an invitation to offer bonds for purchase (including all exhibits and/or appendices thereto, the “Invitation”), and the method for determining the purchase price for each maturity of the Refunded Bonds subject to the Tender Offer, designation of an information agent and tender agent related to and the principal amount and purchase price of the Refunded Bonds to be

tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer and accepted for purchase and cancellation, overseeing the preparation and distribution of the Invitation with respect to the Refunded Bonds, overseeing the preparation and execution of a dealer manager agreement and an agreement with the information agent and tender agent relating to the Invitation and the Tender Offer, determining the aggregate original principal amount of each series of Bonds, the date of each series of Bonds, any additional or different designation or title by which each series of Bonds shall be known, determining whether the Bonds shall be issued in one or more series, the price at which the Bonds will be sold, the manner of sale (negotiated, privately placed or competitively bid), the years in which each series of the Bonds will mature, the principal amount to mature in each of such years, the rate of interest to be borne by each such maturity, the interest payment dates, the record date, the price and terms upon and at which the Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the City, as well as any mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions, the terms of any bond insurance applicable to the Bonds, any amendments or modifications to the continuing disclosure undertaking set forth in Section 32 hereof, the designation of one or more funds for the payment of the Bonds, and all other matters relating to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds and the Tender Offer; all of which shall be specified in one or more applicable Pricing Certificates, provided that:

- (i) the aggregate original principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$83,500,000;
- (ii) the refunding of the Refunded Bonds must produce present value debt service savings of at least three percent (3.00%), net of any City contribution;
- (iii) the aggregate true interest cost rate for the Bonds shall not exceed 4.75%; and
- (iv) the maximum maturity date for any series of Bonds issued hereunder shall not exceed December 31, 2039.

The execution of the applicable Pricing Certificate shall evidence the sale date of the applicable series of Bonds by the City to the Purchasers of such Bonds as identified in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

If the Pricing Officer determines that bond insurance results in a net reduction of the City's interest costs associated with one or more series of the Bonds, then the Pricing Officer is authorized, in connection with effecting the sale of the Bonds, to obtain from a municipal bond insurance company (the "Insurer") a municipal bond insurance policy in support of one or more series of the Bonds. To that end, should the Pricing Officer exercise such authority and commit the City to obtain a municipal bond insurance policy, for so long as such policy is in effect, the requirements of the Insurer relating to the issuance of such policies are incorporated by reference into this Ordinance and made a part hereof for all purposes, notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary. Each of the City Manager of the City, the Chief Financial Officer of the City, and the Pricing Officer shall have the authority to execute any documents to effect the issuance of such policy by the Insurer.

To effectuate the purchase of the Refunded Bonds, the City hereby selects Jefferies LLC as the exclusive dealer manager (the "Dealer Manager") to assist the City in conducting the

Tender Offer and further authorizes each Pricing Officer to negotiate and execute a Dealer Manager Agreement, and, in conjunction with the Dealer Manager, to execute, acknowledge, modify, deliver, and file with the MSRB any and all documentation related to the Tender Offer. Furthermore, each Pricing Officer is authorized to (i) negotiate the fees and expenses of the information agent and tender agent, whether such agent is hired by the City or by the Dealer Manager, in connection with the Invitation, and (ii) to pay, or reimburse the Dealer Manager for, the fees and expenses of the information agent and tender agent, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, from lawfully available funds of the City.

(b) In establishing the aggregate principal amount of each series of the Bonds, the Pricing Officer shall establish an amount for such series not exceeding the amount authorized in Subsection (a) above, which shall be sufficient in amount to provide for the purposes for which the Bonds are authorized and to pay costs of issuing the Bonds, including any costs associated with the Tender Offer. The delegation made hereby shall expire if not exercised by the Pricing Officer within 365 days of the date of adoption of this Ordinance. The Pricing Officer may exercise such delegation on more than one occasion during such time period.

SECTION 5: Terms of Payment - Paying Agent/Registrar. The principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on each series of Bonds, due and payable by reason of maturity, redemption or otherwise, shall be payable only to the registered owners or holders of such series of Bonds (hereinafter called the "Holders") appearing on the registration and transfer books 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 Computershare Trust Company, N.A., or such other entity or banking association determined by the Pricing Officer in the applicable Pricing Certificate, to serve as Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is hereby approved and confirmed. Books and records relating to the registration, payment, exchange and transfer of the Bonds (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 Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such 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.

The Bonds shall be payable at their Stated Maturities or upon their earlier redemption, only upon the presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent/Registrar at its designated offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota, or such other office designated by the Pricing Officer in the Pricing Certificate (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office"); provided, however, while a Bond is registered to Cede & Co., the payment of principal upon a partial

redemption of the principal amount thereof may be accomplished without presentation and surrender of such Bond. Interest on a Bond shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the Holders whose names appears in the Security Register at the close of business on the Record Date, which is the close of business on the last business day of the month preceding each interest payment date, and such interest payments shall be made (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. 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 on which 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 be closed, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions are authorized to be closed; 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 of the Bonds 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 past due 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 the Bonds 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 6: 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 the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement 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 and every Holder of the Bonds issued under and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, or if appropriate, the nominee thereof. Any Bond may be transferred or exchanged for Bonds of like maturity and amount and in 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 at its Designated Payment/Transfer Office 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 for assignment or transfer of any Bond (other than the Initial Bond authorized in Section 9 hereof) for transfer at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, one or more new Bonds, executed on behalf of and furnished by the City, shall be registered and issued to the assignee or transferee of the previous Holder; such Bonds to be of authorized denominations, of like 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 authorized in Section 9 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, executed on behalf of and furnished by the City, to the Holder requesting the exchange.

All Bonds issued upon any such 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 canceled 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 12 hereof, and such new replacement Bond shall be deemed to evidence the same obligation as the mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Bond.

Neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to transfer or exchange any Bond called for redemption, in whole or in part, within forty-five (45) days of the date fixed for the redemption of such Bond; provided, however, such limitation on transferability shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Holder of the unredeemed balance of a Bond called for redemption in part.

SECTION 7: Book-Entry-Only Transfers and Transactions. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Sections 5 and 6 hereof relating to the payment and transfer/exchange of the Bonds, the City hereby approves and authorizes the use of "Book-Entry-Only" securities clearance, settlement, and transfer system provided by The Depository Trust Company (DTC), a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, in accordance with the requirements and procedures identified in the current DTC Operational Arrangements memorandum, as amended, the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representation, by and between the City and DTC, and the Letter of Representation 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 such 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, 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 5 and 6 hereof.

SECTION 8: Execution - Registration. Each series of Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem under the City's seal reproduced or impressed thereon and attested by the City Clerk or Alternate City Clerk. The signature of such officials on the Bonds may be manual or facsimile. Bonds bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who are or were the proper officials of the City as of the date of the adoption of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be duly executed on behalf of the City, notwithstanding that such individuals or either of them 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 10(c), manually executed by the Comptroller, or his or her duly authorized agent, or a certificate of registration substantially in the form provided in Section 10(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 9: Initial Bond. The Bonds herein authorized shall be initially issued as a single, fully registered Bond in the aggregate principal amount noted and principal installments to become due and payable as provided in the applicable Pricing Certificate and numbered T-1 (hereinafter called the "Initial Bond"), and the Initial Bond shall be registered in the name of the initial purchaser(s) or the designee thereof. The Initial Bond shall be the Bond submitted to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas for approval, certified and registered by the Office of the Comptroller and delivered to the initial purchaser(s). Any time after the delivery of the Initial Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar, pursuant to written instructions from the initial purchaser(s), or the designee thereof, shall cancel the Initial Bond 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 10: Forms.

(a) Forms Generally. The Bonds, the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller, 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, with the Bonds to be completed and modified with the information set forth in the applicable Pricing Certificate, 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 on insured Bonds and any reproduction of an opinion of counsel) thereon as may, consistently herewith, be established by the City or determined by the Pricing Officer. Each Pricing Certificate shall set forth the final and controlling forms and terms of the Bonds. 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 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 Bonds.

REGISTERED
NO. R- _____ PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
\$ _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND
SERIES 2023A

Bond Date: _____ Interest Rate: _____ Stated Maturity: _____ CUSIP No. _____

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount: _____ DOLLARS

The City of El Paso (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), a body corporate and political subdivision in the County of El Paso, State of Texas, for value received, acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner named above, or the registered assigns thereof, on the Stated Maturity date specified above the Principal Amount hereinabove stated (or so much thereof as shall not have been paid upon prior redemption), and to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof from the interest payment date next preceding the "Registration Date" of this Bond appearing below (unless this Bond bears a "Registration Date" as of an interest payment date, in which case it shall bear interest from such date, or unless the "Registration Date" of this Bond is prior to the initial interest payment date in which case it shall bear interest from the date of its delivery to the initial purchasers) at the per annum rate of interest specified above computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months; such interest being payable on February 15 and August 15 in each year, commencing _____, until maturity or prior redemption. Principal of this Bond is payable at its Stated Maturity or

redemption to the registered owner hereof, upon presentation and surrender, at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar executing the registration certificate appearing hereon, or its successor; provided, however, while this Bond is registered to Cede & Co., the payment of principal upon a partial redemption of the principal amount hereof may be accomplished without presentation and surrender of this Bond. Interest is payable to the registered owner of this Bond (or one or more Predecessor Bonds, as defined in the Ordinance hereinafter referenced) whose name appears on the "Security Register" maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the "Record Date," which is the close of business on the last business day of the month preceding each interest payment date, and interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check sent United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner recorded in the Security Register or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the registered owner. 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 on which 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 on which 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. All payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond shall be without exchange or collection charges to the owner hereof and 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.

This Bond is one of the series specified in its title issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$ _____ (herein referred to as the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds (1) for the discharge and final payment of certain outstanding obligations of the City (the "Refunded Bonds"); and (2) to pay the costs and expenses of issuing the Bonds, under and in strict conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Texas Government Code, Chapters 1207 and 1371, as amended, and pursuant to an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City (herein referred to as the "Ordinance").

[The Bonds maturing on the dates hereinafter identified (the "Term Bonds") are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity with funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund established and maintained for the payment thereof in the Ordinance, and shall be redeemed in part prior to maturity at the price of par and accrued interest thereon to the date of redemption, and without premium, on the dates and in the principal amounts as follows:

Term Bonds due _____, 20__		Term Bonds due _____, 20__	
<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
_____, 20__	\$_____,000	_____, 20__	\$_____,000
_____, 20__	\$_____,000	_____, 20__	\$_____,000
_____, 20__ (maturity)	\$_____,000	_____, 20__ (maturity)	\$_____,000

The particular Term Bonds of a Stated Maturity to be redeemed on each redemption date shall be chosen by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar; provided, however, that the principal amount of Term Bonds for a Stated Maturity required to be redeemed on a mandatory redemption date may be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of Term Bonds of like Stated Maturity which, at least 50 days prior to a mandatory redemption date,

(1) shall have been acquired by the City at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation or (2) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions appearing below and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.]

The Bonds maturing on and after _____, may be redeemed prior to their Stated Maturities, at the option of the City, in whole or in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and if within a Stated Maturity by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar), on _____, or on any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption.

At least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for any redemption of Bonds, the City shall cause a written notice of such redemption to be sent by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to the registered owners of each Bond to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address shown on the Security Register and subject to the terms and provisions relating thereto contained in the Ordinance. If a Bond (or any portion of its principal sum) shall have been duly called for redemption and notice of such redemption duly given, then upon such redemption date such Bond (or the portion of its principal sum to be redeemed) shall become due and payable, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date therefor; provided moneys for the payment of the redemption price and the interest on the principal amount to be redeemed to the date of redemption are held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar.

In the event a portion of the principal amount of a Bond is to be redeemed and the registered owner is someone other than Cede & Co., payment of the redemption price of such principal amount shall be made to the registered owner only upon presentation and surrender of such Bond to the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and a new Bond or Bonds of like maturity and interest rate in any authorized denominations provided by the Ordinance for the then unredeemed balance of the principal sum thereof will be issued to the registered owner, without charge. If a Bond is selected for redemption, in whole or in part, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to transfer such Bond to an assignee of the registered owner within 45 days of the redemption date therefor; provided, however, such limitation on transferability shall not be applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the unredeemed balance of a Bond redeemed in part.

With respect to any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless certain prerequisites to such redemption required by the Ordinance have been met and moneys sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds to be redeemed shall have been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice may state that such redemption is conditional upon the satisfaction of such prerequisites and receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon any prerequisite set forth in such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption and sufficient moneys are not received, such notice shall be of no force and effect, the City shall not redeem such Bonds and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that the Bonds have not been redeemed.

The Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the City. 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 owner or holder of this Bond by the acceptance hereof hereby assents, for definitions of terms; the description of and the nature and extent of the tax levied for the payment of the Bonds; the terms and conditions relating to the transfer or exchange of this Bond; the conditions upon which the Ordinance may be amended or supplemented with or without the consent of the Holders; the rights, duties, and obligations of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar; the terms and provisions upon which this Bond may be discharged at or prior to its maturity or redemption, and deemed to be no longer Outstanding thereunder; and for other terms and provisions contained therein. Capitalized terms used herein have the 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 at the Stated Maturity, or its redemption, in whole or in part, 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 Bond 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 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 registered owner of a Bond appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

It is hereby certified, recited, represented, and declared that the City is a body corporate and political subdivision duly organized and legally existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas; that the issuance of the Bonds is duly authorized by law; that all acts, conditions, and things required to exist and be done precedent to and in the issuance of the Bonds to render the same lawful and valid obligations of the City 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 due provision has been made for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds by the levy of a tax as aforesated. In case any provision in this Bond 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. The terms and provisions of this Bond and the Ordinance 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.

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

ATTEST:

[Mayor][Mayor Pro Tem]

[City Clerk][Alternate City Clerk]

(SEAL)

(c) Form of Registration Certificate of Comptroller to appear on Initial Bond only.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER)
)
OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS) REGISTER NO. _____
)
THE STATE OF TEXAS)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Bond has been examined, certified as to validity and approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and duly registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

WITNESS my signature and seal of office this _____.

(SEAL)

Comptroller of Public Accounts
of the State of Texas

(d) Form of Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar to appear on Definitive Bonds only.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR

This Bond has been duly issued and registered under the provisions of the within-mentioned Ordinance; the bond or bonds of the above entitled and designated series originally delivered having been approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, as shown by the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar.

The designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the designated payment/transfer Office for this Bond.

COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY,
N.A.
as Paying Agent/Registrar

Registration Date:

By: _____
Authorized Signature

(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 registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Bond in every particular.

(f) The Initial Bond shall be in the form set forth therefor in paragraph (b) of this Section, except as follows:

Heading and paragraph one shall be amended to read as follows:

NO. T-1

\$ _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND
SERIES 2023A

Bond Date:

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

DOLLARS

The City of El Paso (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), a body corporate and political subdivision in the County of El Paso, State of Texas, for value received, acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the registered owner named above, or the registered assigns thereof, the Principal Amount hereinabove stated on _____ in the years and in principal installments in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Stated Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate(s)</u>
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(Information to be inserted from Pricing Certificate).

(or so much principal thereof as shall not have been redeemed prior to maturity) and to pay interest on the unpaid principal installments hereof from the date of its delivery at the per annum rates of interest specified above computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months; such interest being payable on _____, and each _____ 15 and _____ 15 thereafter, until maturity or prior redemption. Principal installments of this Bond are payable in the year of maturity or on a redemption date to the registered owner hereof by Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"), upon presentation and surrender, at its designated offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office"). Interest is payable to the registered owner 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," which is the close of business on the last business day of the month preceding each interest payment date, and interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check sent United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner recorded in the Security Register or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the registered owner. All payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond shall be without exchange or collection charges to the registered owner hereof and 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. 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 on which 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 be closed, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions are authorized to be closed; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

SECTION 11: Levy of Taxes. To provide for the Debt Service Requirements of each series of Bonds there is hereby levied, and there shall be annually assessed and collected in due time, form, and manner, a tax on all taxable property in the City, within the limitations by law, prescribed sufficient to pay the Debt Service Requirements on each series of Bonds as the same becomes due and payable; and such tax hereby levied on each one hundred dollars' valuation of taxable property in the City for the payment of the Debt Service Requirements of the Bonds shall be at a rate from year to year as will be ample and sufficient to provide funds each year to pay the Debt Service Requirements on each series of Bonds while such Bonds are Outstanding; full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection; the taxes levied, assessed, and collected for and on account of the Bonds shall be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds of the City and shall be deposited in one or more special funds as specified in one or more Pricing Certificates by the Pricing Officer (each an "Interest and Sinking Fund") to be maintained at an official depository of the City's funds; and such tax hereby levied, and to be assessed and collected annually, is hereby pledged to the payment of each series of Bonds.

PROVIDED, however, in regard to any payment to become due on the Bonds prior to the tax delinquency date next following the annual assessment of taxes levied which next follows the Bond Date, sufficient current funds will be available and are hereby appropriated to make such payments; and the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief Financial Officer of the City, individually or jointly, are hereby authorized and directed to transfer and deposit in the applicable Interest and Sinking Fund such current funds which, together with the accrued interest received from the initial purchasers, will be sufficient to pay the payments due on the Bonds prior to the tax delinquency date next following the annual assessment of taxes levied which next follows the Bond Date.

The Mayor, City Manager, and Chief Financial Officer of the City, individually or jointly, are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, from funds on deposit in the applicable Interest and Sinking Fund, amounts sufficient to fully pay and discharge promptly each installment of interest and principal of each series of Bonds as the same accrues or matures or comes due by reason of redemption prior to maturity; such transfers of funds to be made in such manner as will cause collected funds to be deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar on or before each principal and interest payment date for the Bonds.

SECTION 12: Mutilated – Destroyed - Lost and Stolen Bonds. In case any Bond shall be mutilated, or destroyed, lost, or stolen, the Paying Agent/Registrar may execute and deliver a replacement Bond of like form and tenor, and in the same denomination and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Bond; and with respect to a lost, destroyed, or stolen Bond, a replacement Bond may be issued only upon the approval of the City and after (i) the filing by the Holder with the Paying Agent/Registrar of evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar of the destruction, loss, or theft of such Bond, and of the authenticity of the ownership thereof and (ii) the furnishing to the Paying

Agent/Registrar of indemnification in an amount satisfactory to hold the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar harmless. All expenses and charges associated with such indemnity and with the preparation, execution and delivery of a replacement Bond shall be borne by the Holder of the Bond mutilated, or destroyed, lost, or stolen.

Every replacement Bond issued pursuant to this Section shall be a valid and binding obligation of the City, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Bonds, notwithstanding the enforceability of payment by anyone of the destroyed, lost, or stolen Bonds.

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 13: Satisfaction of Obligation of City. If the City shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Holders, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Ordinance and the applicable Pricing Certificate, then the pledge of taxes levied under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the City to the Holders shall thereupon cease, terminate, and be discharged and satisfied.

Bonds or any principal amount(s) shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section when (i) money sufficient to pay in full such Bonds at maturity or to the redemption date therefor, together with all interest due thereon, shall have been irrevocably deposited with and held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, or (ii) Government Securities shall have been irrevocably deposited in trust with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, which Government Securities shall mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money, together with any moneys deposited therewith, if any, to pay when due the Bonds on the Stated Maturity thereof or (if notice of redemption has been duly given or waived or if irrevocable arrangements therefor acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar have been made) the redemption date thereof. In the event of a defeasance of the Bonds, the City shall deliver a certificate from its financial advisor, the Paying Agent/Registrar, an independent certified public accountant, or another qualified third party concerning the sufficiency of the deposit of cash and/or Government Securities to pay, when due, the principal of, redemption premium (if any), and interest due on any defeased Bonds. The City covenants that no deposit of moneys or Government Securities will be made under this Section and no use made of any such deposit which would cause any Bonds to be treated as "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Any moneys so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, and all income from Government Securities held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, pursuant to this Section which is not required for the payment of the Bonds, or any principal amount(s) thereof, or interest thereon with respect to which such moneys have been so deposited shall be remitted to the City or deposited as directed by the City. Furthermore, any money held by the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and remaining unclaimed for a period of three (3) years after the Stated Maturity, or applicable redemption date, of the Bonds such moneys were deposited and are held

in trust to pay shall upon the request of the City be remitted to the City against a written receipt therefor. Notwithstanding the above and foregoing, any remittance of funds from the Paying Agent/Registrar to the City shall be subject to any applicable unclaimed property laws of the State of Texas.

The City reserves the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (i) and (ii) above, to substitute other Government Securities for the Government Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the City moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. Provided, however, the City has reserved the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption, at an earlier date, those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the City: (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption; (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the Holders of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements; and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

SECTION 14: Ordinance a Contract - Amendments - Outstanding Bonds. This Ordinance, together with the applicable Pricing Certificate authorizing the specific series of Bonds, shall constitute a contract with the Holders from time to time of such series of Bonds, be binding on the City, and shall not be amended or repealed by the City so long as any Bond of the applicable series remains Outstanding except as permitted in this Section and in Section 32 hereof. The City may, without the consent of or notice to any Holders, from time to time and at any time, amend this Ordinance or any provision in the Pricing Certificate in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Holders, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission herein. In addition, the City may, with the consent of Holders who own a majority of the aggregate of the principal amount of the Bonds of the applicable series then Outstanding, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any provision in the applicable Pricing Certificate; provided that, without the consent of all Holders of the Outstanding Bonds of the applicable series, no such amendment, addition, or rescission shall (1) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of and interest on such series of Bonds, reduce the principal amount thereof, the redemption price, or the rate of interest thereon, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of or interest on such series of Bonds, (2) give any preference to any such Bond over any other Bond of the applicable series, or (3) reduce the aggregate principal amount of such series of Bonds required to be held by Holders for consent to any such amendment, addition, or rescission.

SECTION 15: Covenants to Maintain Tax-Exempt Status of Bonds.

(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.

“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 (or refinanced) directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds) in a manner which if made or omitted, respectively, would cause the interest on any Bond issued hereunder 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:

(i) 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 (including property financed with Gross Proceeds of the Refunded 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

(ii) 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 (including property financed with Gross Proceeds of the Refunded 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:

(i) 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 (6) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) As additional consideration for the purchase of the Bonds by the Purchasers and the loan of the money represented thereby and in order to induce such purchase by measures designed to ensure the excludability of the interest thereon from the gross income of the Holders thereof for federal income tax purposes, the City shall pay to the United States from an appropriate fund, or if permitted by applicable Texas statute, regulation, or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the applicable Interest and Sinking 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.

(iv) The City shall exercise reasonable diligence to assure that no errors are made in the calculations and payments required by paragraphs (ii) and (iii), 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 rulings thereunder, the City shall not, at any time prior to the earlier of the final 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 of the Bonds not been relevant to either party.

(j) Elections. The City hereby directs and authorizes the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and City Clerk of the City, individually or jointly, to make elections permitted or required pursuant to the provisions of the Code or the Regulations, as one or more of such persons deems 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) Bonds Not Hedge Bonds. (1) At the time the original obligations refunded by the Bonds were issued, the City reasonably expected to spend at least 85% of the spendable proceeds of such original obligations within three years after such obligations were issued and (2) not more than 50% of the proceeds of the original obligations refunded by the Bonds were invested

in Nonpurpose Investments having a substantially guaranteed Yield for a period of 4 years or more.

(1) Current Refunding. The payment and discharge of the Refunded Bonds will occur within ninety (90) days after the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 16: Sale of Bonds – Official Statement. The Bonds authorized by this Ordinance may be sold by the City to the Purchasers by (i) negotiated sale, in accordance with one or more bond purchase agreements (each, a “Purchase Contract”), (ii) private placement, in accordance with an agreement to purchase or other agreement, or (iii) competitive bidding, in accordance with the successful bid submitted therefor, as determined by the Pricing Officer, in accordance with Section 4 hereof. The Pricing Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute each Purchase Contract, agreement to purchase in the event of a private placement, or the successful bid form in the event of a competitive sale, as applicable, for and on behalf of the City and as the act and deed of this City Council.

With regard to the terms and provisions of a Purchase Contract executed as a result of a negotiated sale, the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to come to an agreement with the Purchasers on the following, among other matters:

1. The details of the purchase and sale of the Bonds;
2. The details of the public offering of the Bonds by the Purchasers;
3. The details of an Official Statement (and, if appropriate, any Preliminary Official Statement) relating to the Bonds and the City’s Rule 15c2-12 compliance;
4. A security deposit for the Bonds;
5. The representations and warranties of the City to the Purchasers;
6. The details of the delivery of, and payment for, the Bonds;
7. The Purchasers’ obligations under the Purchase Contract;
8. The certain conditions to the obligations of the City under the Purchase Contract;
9. Termination of the Purchase Contract;
10. Particular covenants of the City;
11. The survival of representations made in the Purchase Contract;
12. The payment of any expenses relating to the Purchase Contract;
13. Notices; and
14. Any and all such other details that are found by the Pricing Officer to be necessary and advisable for the purchase and sale of the Bonds.

The Pricing Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Purchase Contract for and on behalf of the City and as the act and deed of this City Council.

The Mayor and City Clerk of the City are further authorized and directed to manually or electronically execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City copies of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement, prepared in connection with the offering of the Bonds by the Purchasers, in final form as may be required by the Purchasers, and such final Official Statement

in the form and content as approved by the Pricing Officer or as manually or electronically executed by such officials shall be deemed to be approved by the City Council of the City and constitute the Official Statement authorized for distribution and use by the Purchasers.

SECTION 17: Purchase of Refunded Bonds. If the City undertakes the Tender Offer for all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds, on or prior to the date of the initial delivery of the Bonds, the paying agent for the Refunded Bonds shall establish and maintain the “CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS SERIES 2023A REFUNDING BOND PURCHASE FUND” (referred to herein as the “Purchase Fund”), or such other designation as specified in the Pricing Certificate and deposit therein the amount set forth in the Pricing Certificate for the purchase for cancellation of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the Invitation. Specifically, each holder of the Purchased Bonds identified in the Pricing Certificate will deliver or cause to be delivered its Refunded Bonds to the City’s DTC ATOP Account as described in the Invitation. The paying agent for the Refunded Bonds, on behalf of the City, will complete the purchase by paying the purchase price for the Refunded Bonds from the Purchase Fund according to the instructions described in the Pricing Certificate or other written instructions from the City or its financial advisor. The City hereby directs the paying agent for the Refunded Bonds, after such payments have been made by the paying agent for the Refunded Bonds, on behalf of the City, to cancel the Refunded Bonds so purchased. Immediately after such Refunded Bonds have been cancelled, or at such time as no funds remain in the Purchase Fund, the paying agent for the Refunded Bonds may close and terminate the Purchase Fund.

SECTION 18: Control and Custody of Bonds. The Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to take and have charge of all necessary ordinances, resolutions, orders and records, including the definitive Bonds and the Initial Bond, pending the investigation and approval of the Initial Bond by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and the registration of the Initial Bond to the Comptroller and the delivery thereof to the Purchasers.

Furthermore, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and City Clerk of the City, any one or more of such officials, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish and execute such documents and certifications relating to the City and the issuance of each series of Bonds, including a certification as to facts, estimates, circumstances, and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds, as may be necessary for the issuance of the Bonds, the approval of the Attorney General, the registration by the Comptroller, and the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers and, together with the City’s financial advisor, bond counsel and the Paying Agent/Registrar, make the necessary arrangements for the delivery of the Initial Bond to the Purchasers and the initial exchange thereof for definitive Bonds.

SECTION 19: Proceeds of Sale. Immediately following the delivery of each series of Bonds, the proceeds of sale (less those proceeds of sale designated to pay costs of issuance, amounts to pay municipal bond insurance premium, if any, any accrued interest received from the Purchasers of the Bonds) shall be deposited with the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Bonds for the payment and redemption or purchase and cancellation of the Refunded Bonds, as the case may be, in such amounts as provided in the applicable Pricing Certificate. The proceeds of sale of the Bonds not so deposited shall be disbursed for payment of costs of issuance, disbursed for the payment of municipal bond insurance premium, if any, or deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund for the applicable series of Bonds, all in accordance with the terms of the applicable Pricing Certificate. Accrued interest and premium in the amount, if any, specified

in the applicable Pricing Certificate received from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited to the credit of the applicable Interest and Sinking Fund. Such proceeds of sale may be invested in authorized investments and any investment earnings realized may be (with respect to the accrued interest received from the Purchasers) deposited in the applicable Interest and Sinking Fund as shall be determined by the City Council of the City.

Additionally, the Pricing Officer shall determine the amount, if any, of any City contribution to the refunding or purchase for cancellation of the Refunded Bonds through the Tender Offer from moneys on deposit in the interest and sinking fund(s) maintained for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, as provided in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

SECTION 20: Notices to Holders-Waiver. Wherever this Ordinance or the applicable Pricing Certificate provides for notice to Holders 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 each Holder appearing in the Security Register at the close of business on the business day next preceding the mailing of such notice.

In any case in which notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Holders, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Bonds. Where this Ordinance or the applicable Pricing Certificate provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the 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 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 21: Cancellation. All Bonds surrendered for payment, redemption, 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 returned to the City.

SECTION 22: Bond Counsel Opinion. The obligation of the Purchasers to accept delivery of each series of Bonds is subject to being furnished a final opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Bond Counsel to the City, approving the Bonds as to their validity, such opinion to be dated and delivered as of the date of delivery and payment for the Bonds. A true and correct reproduction of such opinion is hereby authorized to be printed on the Bonds, or an executed counterpart thereof is hereby authorized to be either printed on definitive printed obligations or deposited with DTC along with the global certificates for the implementation and use of the Book-Entry-Only System used in the settlement and transfer of the Bonds. The City Council confirms the prior engagement of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as the City's bond counsel.

SECTION 23: Further Procedures. The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and City Clerk of the City and all other officers, employees and agents of the

City, and each of them, shall be and they 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 under the seal of the City and on behalf of the City all agreements, instruments, or such 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, the initial sale and delivery of the Bonds, and the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement. In addition, prior to the initial delivery of each series of Bonds, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk, Alternate City Clerk, City Manager, and/or Chief Financial Officer of the City and its Bond Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to approve any technical changes or corrections to this Ordinance or to any of the instruments authorized and approved by this Ordinance: (i) in order to cure any technical ambiguity, formal defect, or omission in the Ordinance or such other document; or (ii) as requested by the Attorney General or his representative to obtain the approval of the Bonds by the Attorney General and if such officer or counsel determines that such ministerial changes are consistent with the intent and purpose of the Ordinance, which determination shall be final. 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.

Additionally, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, the City Clerk, the Alternate City Clerk, the City Manager of the City, the Chief Financial Officer of the City or the Pricing Officer may execute, authenticate, certify, or endorse or authorize to be executed, authenticated, certified, or endorsed with such officer's facsimile signature instead of the officer's manual signature any written agreement, including a contract, purchase order or surety bond, and any related document, including an application, certificate, or approval. For purposes of this Ordinance, "facsimile signature" means a reproduction of the manual signature of an authorized officer that is made by any method.

SECTION 24: CUSIP Numbers. CUSIP numbers may be printed or typed on the definitive Bonds. It is expressly provided, however, that the presence or absence of CUSIP numbers on the definitive Bonds shall be of no significance or effect as regards 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 or typed on the definitive Bonds.

SECTION 25: Benefits of Ordinance. Nothing in this Ordinance or the Pricing Certificate, 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 or the Pricing Certificate, this Ordinance and all of its provisions and the Pricing Certificate being intended to be and being for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Holders.

SECTION 26: Inconsistent Provisions. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters contained herein.

SECTION 27: 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 28: Effect of Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 29: 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 30: Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the Pricing Certificate or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the Pricing Certificate and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council of the City hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 31: Incorporation of Findings and Determinations. The findings and determinations of the City Council of the City 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 32: 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 a 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 (1) within six months after the end of each fiscal year, beginning with the year stated in the applicable Pricing Certificate, financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in the final Official Statement approved by the Pricing Officer and described in the Pricing Certificate and (2) if not provided as part of such financial information and operating data, audited financial statements of the City, when and if available, and in any case within 12 months after the end of each fiscal year (beginning with the fiscal year stated in the Pricing Certificate). Any financial statements so provided shall be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in the applicable Pricing Certificate, 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 by the required time, 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 subsection (c)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 immediately preceding subsections (c)15 and (c)16 and the definition of Financial Obligation in this Section to have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as evidenced by 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 while, but only while, 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) hereof 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 to the contrary in this Ordinance, the provisions of this Section may be amended by the City from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances resulting 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 an underwriter 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 pursuant to 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 33: 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 34: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately from and after its adoption on the date hereof in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 1201.028, as amended.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2023.

Oscar Leeser
Mayor, City of El Paso, Texas

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Laura D. Prine
City Clerk, City of El Paso, Texas

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EXHIBIT A
PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT