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AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
SERIES 2018

ADOPTED: November 13, 2018

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of "CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2018"; specifying the terms and features of said bonds; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of said bonds; and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, payment and delivery of said bonds, including the approval and execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and an Escrow Agreement, and the approval and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement; providing for the redemption of the obligations being refunded; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of North Richland Hills, Texas (the "City") has heretofore issued, sold, and delivered, and there is currently outstanding, obligations totaling in principal amount \$7,755,000 (collectively, the "Refunded Obligations") more particularly described as follows:

- (1) City of North Richland Hills, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008, dated April 15, 2008, scheduled to mature on February 15 in each of the years 2020 through 2028, and aggregating in the principal amount of \$1,870,000 (the "Series 2008 Refunded Bonds");
- (2) City of North Richland Hills, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2009, dated May 1, 2009, scheduled to mature on February 15 in each of the years 2020 through 2029, and aggregating in the principal amount of \$3,040,000 (the "Series 2009 Refunded Certificates");
- (3) City of North Richland Hills, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, dated May 1, 2009, scheduled to mature on February 15 in each of the years 2020 through 2029, and aggregating in the principal amount of \$2,845,000 (the "Series 2009 Refunded Bonds"); and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the "Council") hereby finds and determines that general obligation refunding bonds should be issued at this time to refund the Refunded Obligations, and such refunding will result in the City saving approximately \$_____ in debt service payments on such indebtedness and further provide net present value savings of approximately \$_____; and

WHEREAS, in combination with the issuance of such refunding bonds, the Council hereby finds and determines that general obligation bonds authorized to be issued at an election held on February 1, 2003 should be issued and sold at this time; a summary of the general obligation bonds authorized at such election, the principal amounts authorized, amounts heretofore issued and being issued pursuant to this ordinance and amounts remaining to be issued subsequent hereto being as follows:

| Date of Election | Purpose | Amount Authorized (\$) | Previously Issued (\$) | Amount Being Issued (\$) | Premium Applied (\$)* | Unissued Balance (\$) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2-1-03 | Street Improvements | 30,010,000 | 25,760,000 | \$ | \$ | 3,700,000 |
| 2-1-03 | Drainage Improvements | 4,000,000 | 3,840,000 | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> | 160,000 |
| | | 34,010,000 | 29,600,000 | \$ | \$ | 3,860,000 |

^{*} Premium in the amount of \$_____ which the City has allocated to and applied against the voted authorization referenced in the above table results in a total amount of \$550,000 allocated to and applied against the voted authorization.

AND WHEREAS, the Council hereby reserves and retains the right to issue the balance of unissued bonds approved at such elections in one or more installments when, in the judgment of the Council, funds are needed to accomplish the purposes for which such bonds were voted; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS:

Section 2: <u>Fully Registered Obligations - Bond Date - Authorized Denominations-Stated Maturities - Interest Rates.</u> The Bonds shall be issued as fully registered obligations only, shall be dated November 1, 2018 (the "Bond Date"), shall be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple (within a Stated Maturity) thereof, and shall become due and payable on February 15 in each of the years and in principal amounts (the "Stated Maturities") and bear interest at the rates per annum in accordance with the following schedule:

| Year of Stated Maturity | Principal Amount (\$) | Interest Rates (%) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2019 | | |
| 2020 | | |
| 2021 | | |
| 2022 | | |
| 2023 | | |
| 2024 | | |
| 2025 | | |
| 2026 | | |
| 2027 | | |
| 2028 | | |
| 2029 | | |
| 2030 | | |
| 2031 | | |
| 2032 | | |
| 2033 | | |
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The Bonds shall bear interest on the unpaid principal amounts from the date of delivery to the initial purchaser (anticipated to be December 11, 2018) at the rates per annum shown above in this Section (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months). Interest on the Bonds shall be payable on February 15 and August 15 in each year, commencing February 15, 2019, until maturity or prior redemption.

Section 3: <u>Terms of Payment - Paying Agent/Registrar</u>. The principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Bonds, due and payable by reason of maturity, redemption, or otherwise, shall be payable only to the registered owners or holders of the 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 The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, to serve as Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is hereby approved and confirmed. Books and records relating to the registration, payment, transfer and exchange of the Bonds (the "Security Register") shall at all times be kept and maintained on behalf of the City by the Paying Agent/Registrar, as provided herein and in accordance with the terms and provisions of a "Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement", substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. and such reasonable rules and regulations as the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City may prescribe. The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and City Secretary or Assistant City Secretary are 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.

Principal of and premium, if any, on the Bonds shall be payable at the Stated Maturities or on a date of earlier redemption thereof only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent/Registrar at its designated offices, initially in East Syracuse, New York, or, with respect to a successor Paying Agent/Registrar, at the designated offices of such successor (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office"). Interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the Holders whose names appear in the Security Register at the close of business on the Record Date (the last business day of the month next preceding each interest payment date) and shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar (i) by check sent United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of the Holder recorded in the Security Register or (ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the Holder. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when banking institutions are authorized to

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close; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

In the event of a nonpayment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

Section 4: Redemption.

(a) Optional Redemption. The Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 2028, may be redeemed prior to their Stated Maturities, at the option of the City, in whole or in part, from time to time, 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 August 15, 2027, or on any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption.

At least forty-five (45) days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds (unless a shorter notification period shall be satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar), the City shall notify the Paying Agent/Registrar of the decision to redeem Bonds, the principal amount of each Stated Maturity to be redeemed, and the date of redemption therefor.

(a) <u>Mandatory Redemption</u>. The Bonds having a Stated Maturity of February 15, 20___ and February 15, 20___ (the "Term Bonds") shall be subject to mandatory redemption in part prior to maturity at the redemption price of par and accrued interest to the date of redemption on the respective dates and in principal amounts as follows:

| Term Bonds due February 15, 2 | 0 | Term Bonds Due February 15, 20 | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Redemption Date | Principal Amount | Redemption Date | Principal Amount | |
| | | | | |
| February 15, 20 | \$ | February 15, 20 | \$ | |
| February 15, 20 | \$ | February 15, 20 | \$ | |
| February 15, 20 | \$ | February 15, 20 | \$ | |
| February 15, 20 (maturity) | \$ | February 15, 20 (maturity) | \$ | |

Approximately forty-five (45) days prior to each mandatory redemption date for the Term Bonds, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select by lot the numbers of the Term Bonds within the applicable Stated Maturity to be redeemed on the next following February 15 from moneys set aside for that purpose in the Interest and Sinking Fund (as hereinafter defined). Any Term Bond not selected for prior redemption shall be paid on the date of their Stated Maturity.

The principal amount of the 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 fifty (50) days prior to the 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 set forth in subsection (a) of this Section and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.

- (b) <u>Selection of Bonds for Redemption</u>. If less than all of the Outstanding (as defined herein) Bonds are to be redeemed on a redemption date, the City may select the Stated Maturity or Stated Maturities of Bonds to be redeemed. If less than all Outstanding Bonds of the same Stated Maturity are to be redeemed on a redemption date, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall treat such Bonds as representing the number of Bonds Outstanding which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bonds by \$5,000 and shall select the Bonds to be redeemed within such Stated Maturity by lot.
- (c) <u>Notice of Redemption</u>. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the City shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, in the name of the City and at the City's expense, to each Holder of a Bond to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address of the Holder appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice, and any notice of redemption so mailed shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given irrespective of whether received by the Holder.

All notices of redemption shall (i) specify the date of redemption for the Bonds, (ii) identify the Bonds to be redeemed and, in the case of a portion of the principal amount to be redeemed, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, (iii) state the redemption price, (iv) state that the Bonds, or the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall become due and payable on the redemption date specified and the interest thereon, or on the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, provided moneys sufficient for the payment of such Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) at the then applicable redemption price are held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar and (v) specify that payment of the redemption price for the Bonds, or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall be made at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds. If a Bond is subject by its terms to prior redemption and has been called for redemption or notice of redemption has been duly given as hereinabove provided, such Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) shall become due and payable and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date therefor.

- (d) <u>Conditional Notice of Redemption</u>. With respect to any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on 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 receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption or upon any other prerequisites set forth in such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption are not satisfied or 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.
- Section 5: Registration Transfer Exchange of Bonds Predecessor Bonds. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain, record, and maintain in the Security Register the name and address of each Holders 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 other authorized denominations by the Holder, in person or by his duly authorized agent, upon surrender of such Bond to the Paying Agent/Registrar at the 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 of any Bond (other than the Initial Bond(s) referenced in Section 8 hereof) for transfer at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of authorized denominations and having the same Stated Maturity and of a like aggregate principal amount as the Bond or Bonds surrendered for transfer.

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

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

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

Bonds cancelled by reason of an exchange or transfer pursuant to the provisions hereof are hereby defined to be "Predecessor Bonds," evidencing all or a portion, as the case may be, of the same obligation to pay evidenced by the new Bond or Bonds registered and delivered in the exchange or transfer therefor. Additionally, the term "Predecessor Bonds" shall include any mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Bond for which a replacement Bond has been issued, registered, and delivered in lieu thereof pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 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 issue or transfer to an assignee of a Holder any Bond called for redemption, in whole or in part, within 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 6: <u>Book-Entry-Only Transfers and Transactions</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions contained herein relating to the payment, redemption, 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, a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York ("DTC"), in accordance with the operational arrangements referenced in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, by and between the City and DTC (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 or the City decides to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC, the City covenants and agrees with the Holders of the Bonds to cause Bonds to be printed in definitive form and provide for the Bond certificates to be issued and delivered to DTC Participants and Beneficial Owners, as the case may be. Thereafter, the Bonds in definitive form shall be assigned, transferred and exchanged on the Security Register maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar and payment of such Bonds shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3, 4, and 5 hereof.

Section 7: Execution - Registration. The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem under its seal reproduced or impressed thereon and countersigned by the City Secretary or Assistant City Secretary. The signature of said officers on the Bonds may be manual or facsimile. Bonds bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who are or were the proper officers of the City on the 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 the 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 **Exhibit B**, manually executed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, or his duly authorized agent, or a certificate of registration substantially in the form provided in **Exhibit B**, 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.

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

Section 9: Forms.

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

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

Section 10: Levy of Taxes. To provide for the payment of the "Debt Service Requirements" of the Bonds, being (i) the interest on the Bonds and (ii) a sinking fund for their payment at maturity or redemption or a sinking fund of 2% (whichever amount is the greater), 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 prescribed by law, and such tax hereby levied on each one hundred dollars' valuation of taxable property in the City for 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 principal of and interest on said Bonds while Outstanding: full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection; separate books and records relating to the receipt and disbursement of taxes levied, assessed and collected for and on account of the Bonds shall be kept and maintained by the City at all times while the Bonds are Outstanding, and the taxes collected for the payment of the Debt Service Requirements on the Bonds shall be deposited to the credit of a "Special 2018 Bond Account" (the "Interest and Sinking Fund") maintained on the records of the City and deposited in a special fund 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 the Bonds...

The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, City Secretary, and Assistant City Secretary of the City, any one or more of said officials, are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, from funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund, amounts sufficient to fully pay and discharge promptly each installment of principal of and interest on the 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 11: <u>Mutilated - Destroyed - Lost and Stolen Bonds</u>. In case any Bond shall be mutilated, 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, or in lieu of and in substitution for such destroyed, lost or stolen Bond, only upon the approval of the City and after (i) the filing by the Holder thereof 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, destroyed, lost or stolen.

Every replacement Bond issued pursuant to this Section shall be a valid and binding obligation, 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 12: <u>Satisfaction of Obligation of City</u>. 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, 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) thereof 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 or the principal amount(s) thereof at maturity or 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 have been certified by an independent accounting firm to 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 all necessary and proper fees, compensation, and expenses of the Paying Agent/Registrar and to pay when due the principal of and interest on such Bonds, or the principal amount(s) thereof, on and prior to 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 and. The City reserves the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (i) and/or (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. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the City to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of this Ordinance are extinguished; provided, however, that the right to call the Bonds for redemption is not extinguished if the City: (1) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption; (2) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the Holders of the Bonds immediately following the making of the payment arrangements; and (3) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes. 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 the Certificates 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.

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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, 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 term "Government Securities", as used herein, shall mean (i) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America and (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and, on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the City, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent.

Ordinance a Contract - Amendments - Outstanding Bonds. This Ordinance Section 13: shall constitute a contract with the Holders from time to time, be binding on the City, and shall not be amended or repealed by the City so long as any Bond remains Outstanding except as permitted in this Section and in Section 29 hereof. The City may, without the consent of or notice to any Holders, from time to time and at any time, amend this Ordinance 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 holding a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of this Ordinance; provided that, without the consent of all Holders of Outstanding Bonds, no such amendment, addition, or rescission shall (1) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 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, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, (2) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (3) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required to be held by Holders for consent to any such amendment, addition, or rescission.

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

- (1) those Bonds cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar or delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation;
- (2) those Bonds deemed to be duly paid by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 hereof; and
- (3) those mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bonds which have been replaced with Bonds registered and delivered in lieu thereof as provided in Section 11 hereof.

Section 14: Covenants to Maintain Tax-Exempt Status.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Not to Cause Interest to Become Taxable. The City shall not use, permit the use of, or omit to use Gross Proceeds or any other amounts (or any property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds) in a manner which if made or omitted, respectively, would cause the interest on any Bond to become includable in the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Code, of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless and until the City receives a written opinion of counsel nationally recognized in the field of municipal bond law to the effect that failure to comply with such covenant will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income tax of the interest on any Bond, the City shall comply with each of the specific covenants in this Section.

- (c) <u>No Private Use or Private Payments</u>. 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 Bonds:
 - (1) exclusively own, operate and possess all property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed or refinanced directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds of the Bonds (including property financed with Gross Proceeds of the Refunded Obligations), and not use or permit the use of such Gross Proceeds (including all contractual arrangements with terms different than those applicable to the general public) or any property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds in any activity carried on by any person or entity (including the United States or any agency, department and instrumentality thereof) other than a state or local government, unless such use is solely as a member of the general public; and
 - (2) not directly or indirectly impose or accept any charge or other payment by any person or entity who is treated as using Gross Proceeds of the Bonds or any property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed or refinanced directly or indirectly with such Gross Proceeds (including property financed with Gross Proceeds of the Refunded Obligations), 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) <u>Not Federally Guaranteed</u>. 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) <u>Information Report</u>. The City shall timely file the information required by section 149(e) of the Code with the Secretary of the Treasury on Form 8038-G or such other form and in such place as the Secretary may prescribe.

- (h) Rebate of Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent otherwise provided in section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder:
 - (1) The City shall account for all Gross Proceeds (including all receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) on its books of account separately and apart from all other funds (and receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) and shall retain all records of accounting for at least six years after the day on which the last outstanding Bond is discharged. However, to the extent permitted by law, the City may commingle Gross Proceeds of the Bonds with other money of the City, provided that the City separately accounts for each receipt and expenditure of Gross Proceeds and the obligations acquired therewith.
 - (2) Not less frequently than each Computation Date, the City shall calculate the Rebate Amount in accordance with rules set forth in section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder. The City shall maintain such calculations with its official transcript of proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds until six years after the final Computation Date.
 - As additional consideration for the purchase of the Bonds by the Purchasers (defined below) and the loan of the money represented thereby and in order to induce such purchase by measures designed to insure the excludability of the interest thereon from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, the City shall pay to the United States from the construction fund, the general fund, or other appropriate fund or, if permitted by applicable Texas statute, regulation or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the 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.
 - (4) The City shall exercise reasonable diligence to assure that no errors are made in the calculations and payments required by paragraphs (2) and (3), and if an error is made, to discover and promptly correct such error within a reasonable amount of time thereafter (and in all events within one hundred eighty (180) days after discovery of the error), including payment to the United States of any additional Rebate Amount owed to it, interest thereon, and any penalty imposed under Section 1.148-3(h) of the Regulations.
- (i) Not to Divert Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent permitted by section 148 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not, at any time prior to the earlier of the Stated Maturity or final payment of the Bonds, enter into any transaction that reduces the amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Subsection h of this Section because such transaction results in a smaller profit or a larger loss than would have resulted if the transaction had been at arm's length and had the Yield of the Bonds not been relevant to either party.

- (j) <u>Bonds Not Hedge Bonds</u>. (1) At the time the original bonds refunded by the Bonds were issued, the City reasonably expected to spend at least 85% of the spendable proceeds of such bonds within three years after such bonds were issued and (2) not more than 50% of the proceeds of the original bonds refunded by the Bonds were invested in Nonpurpose Investments having a substantially guaranteed Yield for a period of 4 years or more.
- (k) <u>Current Refunding</u>. The Bonds are a current refunding of the Refunded Bonds in that the Refunded Bonds are to be paid and redeemed in full within 90 days of the delivery date of the Bonds.
- (I) <u>Elections</u>. The City hereby directs and authorizes the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, City Secretary and Assistant City Secretary, individually or jointly, to make elections permitted or required pursuant to the provisions of the Code or the Regulations, as they deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the Bonds, in the Certificate as to Tax Exemption or similar or other appropriate certificate, form or document.

Furthermore, the use of the Preliminary Official Statement by the Purchaser in connection with the public offering and sale of the Bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects. The final Official Statement, which reflects the terms of sale (together with such changes approved by the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, City Secretary or Assistant City Secretary, any one or more of such officials), shall be and is hereby in all respects approved and the Purchaser is hereby authorized to use and distribute such final Official Statement, dated November 13, 2018 in the reoffering, sale and delivery of the Bonds to the public. The Mayor and City Secretary are further authorized to deliver, for and on behalf of the City, copies of such Official Statement in final form as may be required by the Purchaser, and such final Official Statement in the form and content executed by such officials shall be deemed to be approved by the City Council and constitute the Official Statement authorized for distribution and use by the Purchaser.

Section 16: Escrow Agreement Approval and Execution. The "Escrow Agreement" (the "Agreement") by and between the City and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas (the "Escrow Agent"), attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes, is hereby approved as to form and content, and such Agreement in substantially the form and substance attached hereto, together with such changes or revisions as may be necessary to accomplish the refunding or benefit the City, is hereby authorized to be executed by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and City Secretary or Assistant City Secretary for and on behalf of the City and as the act and deed of this Council; and such Agreement as executed by said officials shall be deemed approved by the Council and constitute the Agreement herein approved.

Furthermore, appropriate officials of the City in cooperation with the Escrow Agent are hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the

escrowed securities referenced in the Agreement, if any, and the delivery thereof to the Escrow Agent on the day of delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser for deposit to the credit of the "SPECIAL 2018 CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, REFUNDING BOND ESCROW FUND" (the "Escrow Fund"); all as contemplated and provided in Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207, as amended, this Ordinance and the Agreement.

Section 17: <u>Control and Custody of Bonds</u>. The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City shall be and is hereby authorized to take and have charge of all necessary orders and records pending investigation by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, including the printing and supply of definitive Bonds, and shall take and have charge and control of the Initial Bond(s) pending the approval thereof by the Attorney General, the registration thereof by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the delivery thereof to the Purchaser.

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Additionally, on or immediately prior to the date of the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser, the Finance Director shall cause to be transferred in immediately available funds to the Escrow Fund from moneys on deposit in the interest and sinking funds maintained for the payment of the Refunded Obligations the sum of \$_______ to accomplish the refunding.

Section 19: Redemption of Refunded Obligations.

- (a) The Series 2008 Refunded Bonds shall be redeemed and the same are hereby called for redemption on December 18, 2018, at the price of par and accrued interest to the date of redemption. The City Secretary or Assistant City Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this Ordinance, together with a suggested form of notice of redemption to be sent to bondholders, with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in accordance with the redemption provisions applicable to such bonds; such suggested form of notice of redemption being attached hereto as **Exhibit D** and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.
- (b) The Series 2009 Refunded Certificates shall be redeemed and the same are hereby called for redemption on February 15, 2019, at the price of par and accrued interest to the date of redemption. The City Secretary or Assistant City Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this Ordinance, together with a suggested form of notice of redemption to be sent to certificate holders, with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in accordance with the redemption provisions applicable to such certificates; such suggested form of notice of redemption being attached hereto as **Exhibit E** and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

The Series 2009 Refunded Bonds shall be redeemed and the same are hereby called for redemption on February 15, 2019, at the price of par and accrued interest to the date of

redemption. The City Secretary or Assistant City Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this Ordinance, together with a suggested form of notice of redemption to be sent to bondholders, with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in accordance with the redemption provisions applicable to such bonds; such suggested form of notice of redemption being attached hereto as **Exhibit F** and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

(c) The redemption of the Refunded Obligations as described above being associated with the refunding of the Refunded Obligations, the approval, authorization and arrangements herein given and provided for the redemption of the Refunded Obligations on the redemption dates designated therefor and in the manner provided shall be irrevocable upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds; and the City Secretary and Assistant City Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to make all arrangements necessary to notify the holders of the Refunded Obligations of the City's decision to redeem the Refunded Obligations on the dates and in the manner herein provided and in accordance with the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Obligations and this Ordinance.

Section 20: <u>Notices to Holders - Waiver</u>. Wherever this Ordinance 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 where 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 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: <u>Cancellation</u>. 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: <u>Legal Opinion</u>. The obligation of the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Bonds is subject to being furnished a final legal opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas ("Bond Counsel") approving such Bonds as to their validity, such opinion to be dated and delivered as of the date of delivery and payment for such Bonds. A true and correct reproduction of such opinion is hereby authorized to be printed on or attached to the definitive Bonds or an executed counterpart thereof shall accompany the Bonds deposited with DTC. The engagement of Bond Counsel as bond counsel to the City is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 23: <u>CUSIP Numbers</u>. 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

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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 24: <u>Benefits of Ordinance</u>. Nothing in this Ordinance, expressed or implied, is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person other than the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar and the Holders, any right, remedy, or claim, legal or equitable, under or by reason of this Ordinance or any provision hereof, this Ordinance and all its provisions being intended to be and being for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar and the Holders.
- Section 25: <u>Inconsistent Provisions</u>. All ordinances, orders 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 26: <u>Governing Law</u>. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.
- Section 27: <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
- Section 28: <u>Construction of Terms</u>. 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 29: Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.
- (a) <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to such terms below:
 - "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 in or after 2018, financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in Official Statement under Tables numbered 1 through 5 and 7 through 14, 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 twelve (12) months after the end of each year ending in or after 2018. Any financial statements so provided shall (i) be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Appendix B to the Official Statement, or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and (ii) 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 the audit of such financial statements is not complete within twelve (12) months after any such fiscal year of the City, then the City will provide unaudited financial statements within such twelve-month period 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 website or filed with the SEC.

- (c) <u>Notice of Certain Events</u>. 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 ten (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; and
 - Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

For these purposes, 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.

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) <u>Filings with the MSRB</u>. 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) <u>Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments</u>. 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

underwriters of the initial public offering of the Bonds from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in such offering. If the City so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided pursuant to subsection (b) hereof 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 30: <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Further Procedures. Any one or more of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Section 31: Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, City Secretary, and Assistant City Secretary are hereby expressly authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and on behalf of the City all agreements, instruments, certificates or other documents, whether mentioned herein or not, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Ordinance and the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. In addition, prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, or Bond Counsel to the City are each hereby authorized and directed to approve any changes or corrections to this Ordinance or to any of the documents authorized and approved by this Ordinance: (i) in order to cure any ambiguity, formal defect, or omission in this Ordinance or such other document, or (ii) as requested by the Attorney General of the State of Texas or his representative to obtain the approval of the Bonds by the Attorney General. In the event that any officer of the City whose signature shall appear on any document shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such document, such signature nevertheless shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

Section 32: <u>Incorporation of Findings and Determinations</u>. The findings and determinations of the City Council contained in the preamble hereof are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes as if the same were restated in full in this Section.

Section 33: <u>Public Meeting</u>. 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: <u>Effective Date</u>. In accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 1201.028, as amended, this Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage on the date shown below and it is so ordained.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this November 13, 2018.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS

| | Mayor | |
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| ATTEST: | | |
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| Assistant City Secretary | | |
| City Seal) | | |
| APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY: | | |
| City Attorney | : | |
| City Seal) | | |
| APPROVED AS TO CONTENT; | | |
| Finance Director | | |

EXHIBIT A

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of November 13, 2018 (this "Agreement"), by and between The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America (the "Bank") and the City of North Richland Hills, Texas (the "Issuer"),

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Issuer has duly authorized and provided for the issuance of its "City of North Richland Hills, Texas, General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2018" (the "Securities"), dated November 1, 2018, such Securities scheduled to be delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or about December 11, 2018; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed as follows:

ARTICLE ONE APPOINTMENT OF BANK AS PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

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

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

Section 1.02 <u>Compensation</u>. As compensation for the Bank's services as Paying Agent/Registrar, the Issuer hereby agrees to pay the Bank the fees and amounts set forth in **Annex A** attached hereto.

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

ARTICLE TWO DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

"Financial Advisor" means Hilltop Securities Inc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE THREE PAYING AGENT

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

| First Class/Registered/Certified | Express Delivery/Courier | By Hand Only |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| The Bank of New York | The Bank of New York | The Bank of New York Mellon |
| Mellon Trust Company, N.A. | Mellon Trust Company, N.A. | Trust Company, N.A. |
| Global Corporate Trust | Global Corporate Trust | Global Corporate Trust |
| P.O. Box 396 | 111 Sanders Creek Pkwy. | Corporate Trust Window |
| East Syracuse, NY 13057 | East Syracuse, NY 13057 | 101 Barclay Street, 1st Floor East New York, NY 10286 |

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

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

ARTICLE FOUR REGISTRAR

Section 4.01 <u>Security Register - Transfers and Exchanges</u>. The Bank agrees to keep and maintain for and on behalf of the Issuer at the Bank Office books and records (herein sometimes referred to as the "Security Register") for recording the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities, the transfer, exchange and replacement of the Securities and the payment of the principal of and interest on the Securities to the Holders and containing such other

information as may be reasonably required by the Issuer and subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Bank may prescribe. All transfers, exchanges and replacements of Securities shall be noted in the Security Register.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE FIVE THE BANK

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

Section 5.02 Reliance on Documents, Etc.

- (a) The Bank may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and correctness of the opinions expressed therein, on certificates or opinions furnished to the Bank.
- (b) The Bank shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Bank was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts.
- (c) No provisions of this Agreement shall require the Bank to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability for performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity satisfactory to it against such risks or liability is not assured to it.
- (d) The Bank may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, security or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. Without limiting the generality

of the foregoing statement, the Bank need not examine the ownership of any Securities, but is protected in acting upon receipt of Securities containing an endorsement or instruction of transfer or power of transfer which appears on its face to be signed by the Holder or an agent of the Holder. The Bank shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in a resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, security or other paper or document supplied by the Issuer.

- (e) The Bank may consult with counsel, and the written advice of such counsel or any opinion of counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection with respect to any action taken, suffered, or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (f) The Bank may exercise any of the powers hereunder and perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys of the Bank.
- (g) The Bank is also authorized to transfer funds relating to the closing and initial delivery of the Securities in the manner disclosed in the closing memorandum or letter as prepared by the Issuer, the Financial Advisor or other agent. The Bank may act on a facsimile or e-mail transmission of the closing memorandum or letter acknowledged by the Issuer, the Issuer's financial advisor or other agent as the final closing memorandum or letter. The Bank shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Bank's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the event the Bank becomes involved in litigation in connection with this Section, the Issuer, to the extent permitted by law, agrees to indemnify and save the Bank harmless from all loss, cost, damages, expenses, and attorney fees suffered or incurred by the Bank as a result. The obligations of the Bank under this Agreement shall be performable at the principal corporate office of the Bank in the City of Dallas, Texas.

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

ARTICLE SIX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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

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

Section 6.03 <u>Notices</u>. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver, or other document provided or permitted hereby to be given or furnished to the Issuer or the Bank shall be mailed or delivered to the Issuer or the Bank, respectively, at the addresses shown on the signature page(s) hereof.

- **Section 6.04** <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The Article and Section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
- **Section 6.05** <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. All covenants and agreements herein by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.
- **Section 6.06** <u>Severability</u>. In case any provision herein shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
- Section 6.07 Merger, Conversion, Consolidation, or Succession. Any corporation or association into which the Bank may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation or association resulting from any merger, conversion, or consolidation to which the Bank shall be a party, or any corporation or association succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Bank shall be the successor of the Bank as Paying Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of either parties hereto.
- **Section 6.08** <u>Benefits of Agreement</u>. Nothing herein, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder.
- **Section 6.09** Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Authorizing Document constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto relative to the Bank acting as Paying Agent/Registrar and if any conflict exists between this Agreement and the Authorizing Document, the Authorizing Document shall govern.
- **Section 6.10** <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- Section 6.11 <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement will terminate (i) on the date of final payment of the principal of and interest on the Securities to the Holders thereof or (ii) may be earlier terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice; provided, however, an early termination of this Agreement by either party shall not be effective until (a) a successor Paying Agent/Registrar has been appointed by the Issuer and such appointment accepted and (b) notice has been given to the Holders of the Securities of the appointment of a successor Paying Agent/Registrar. However, if the Issuer fails to appoint a successor Paying Agent/Registrar within a reasonable time, the Bank may petition a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Texas to appoint a successor. Furthermore, the Bank and the Issuer mutually agree that the effective date of an early termination of this Agreement shall not occur at any time which would disrupt, delay or otherwise adversely affect the payment of the Securities.

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

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

Section 6.12 No Boycott Israel. To the extent this Agreement is a contract for goods or services within the meaning of Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended the Bank hereby verifies that the Bank is a company (as defined in Section 808.001(2), Texas Government Code) which does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this verification, "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

Section 6.13 <u>Iran, Sudan and Foreign Terrorists Organizations</u>. To the extent this Agreement is a governmental contract, within the meaning of Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, the Bank represents that it is not a company (as defined in Section 2270.0001(2), Texas Government Code) engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization (as defined in Section 2252.151(2), Texas Government Code) and that it is not on a list prepared and maintained by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas under Section 2270.0201 or 2252.153, Texas Government Code.

Section 6.14 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

| | By: |
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| | Title: |
| Attest: | Address: 2001 Bryan Street, 10 th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201 |
| | |
| Title: | |
| | |
| | CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS |
| | |
| | By: |
| | Mayor |
| | Address: 4301 City Point Drive North Richland Hills, Texas 76180 |
| Attest: | |
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| | |
| City Secretary | |

EXHIBIT B

FORMS

(a) Form of Definitive Bonds.

| REGISTERED NO | | | \$ |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------|
| GENERAL OBL | STATE C CITY OF NORTH RIC | S OF AMERICA OF TEXAS HLAND HILLS, TEXAS ND IMPROVEMENT BOND | , SERIES 2018 |
| Bond Date: November 1, 2018 | Interest Rate: % | Stated Maturity February 15, 20 | CUSIP No: |
| Registered Owner: | | | |

The City of North Richland Hills, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), a body corporate and political subdivision in the County of Tarrant, 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 delivery to the initial purchasers (anticipated to be December 11, 2018) 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 February 15, 2019, until maturity or earlier redemption. Principal of this Bond is payable at its Stated Maturity or on a date of earlier 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. 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 last business day of the month next 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 when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when banking

Principal Amount:

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.

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 February 15, 20 | | Term Bonds Due February 15, 20 | |
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The particular Term Bonds 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 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 February 15, 2028, 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 August 15, 2027, 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 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 forty-five (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 moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on 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 receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon the satisfaction of any prerequisites set forth in such notice of redemption; and, if sufficient moneys are not received or such prerequisites are not satisfied, 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 hereof at its Stated Maturity or upon its prior 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 scheduled payment date and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

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 aforestated. 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.

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(d) Form of Assignment.

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| (Social Security or other identifying nur Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby | mber) the within revocably constitutes and appoints |
| attorney to transfer the within Bond on the substitution in the premises. | books kept for registration thereof, with full power of |
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| 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. |
| (e) The Initial Bond(s) shall be in except that the form of the single fully regis | in the form set forth in subsection (a) of this Exhibit, stered Initial Bond shall be modified as follows: |
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| STA CITY OF NORTH GENERAL OBLIGATION RE | TATES OF AMERICA TE OF TEXAS I RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS FUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BOND ERIES 2018 |
| Bond Date: November 1, 2018 | |
| Registered Owner: | |
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| corporate and municipal corporation in the acknowledges itself indebted to and here above, or the registered assigns thereof, the | Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), a body County of Tarrant, State of Texas, for value received, by promises to pay to the Registered Owner named e Principal Amount hereinabove stated on February 15 ments in accordance with the following schedule: |
| YEAR OF STATED MATURITY | PRINCIPAL INTEREST INSTALLMENTS (\$) RATE (%) |
| (Information to be inse | erted from schedule in Section 2 hereof). |

(or so much principal thereof as shall not have been redeemed prior to maturity) and to pay interest on the unpaid Principal Amount hereof from the date of delivery to the initial purchasers (anticipated to be December 11, 2018) 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 February 15 and August 15 in each year, commencing February 15, 2019, until maturity or earlier redemption. Principal installments of this Bond are payable on the Stated Maturity dates or on a redemption date to the registered owner hereof by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"), upon its presentation and surrender at its designated offices, initially in East Syracuse, New York, or, with respect to a successor paying agent/registrar, at the designated office of such successor (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 last business day of the month next 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 when banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when banking institutions are authorized to close; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due. 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...

EXHIBIT C

ESCROW AGREEMENT

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THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), made and entered into as of November 13, 2018, by and between the City of North Richland Hills, Texas, a governmental agency, body politic and corporate and political subdivision of the State of Texas in Tarrant County (the "City"), and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas (the "Escrow Agent"), a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City has heretofore issued, sold, and delivered and there is currently outstanding obligations in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,755,000 of the following issues or series (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Refunded Obligations"), to wit:

- (1) City of North Richland Hills, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008, dated April 15, 2008, scheduled to mature on February 15 in each of the years 2020 through 2028, and aggregating in the principal amount of \$1,870,000 (the "Series 2008 Refunded Bonds");
- (2) City of North Richland Hills, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2009, dated May 1, 2009, scheduled to mature on February 15 in each of the years 2020 through 2029, and aggregating in the principal amount of \$3,040,000 (the "Series 2009 Refunded Certificates");
- (3) City of North Richland Hills, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, dated May 1, 2009, scheduled to mature on February 15 in each of the years 2020 through 2029, and aggregating in the principal amount of \$2,845,000 (the "Series 2009 Refunded Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207, as amended (the "Act"), the City is authorized to sell refunding bonds in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of the Refunded Obligations, deposit the proceeds of such refunding bonds with any place of payment for the obligations being refunded, or other authorized depository, and enter into an escrow or similar agreement with such place of payment for the safekeeping, investment, reinvestment, administration and disposition of such deposit, upon such terms and conditions as the parties may agree, provided such deposits may be invested only (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America. (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the City are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent and (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 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 (hereinafter called "Governmental Securities") that mature and/or bear interest payable at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient to provide for the scheduled payment of the Refunded Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Refunded Obligations are scheduled to mature, or be redeemed, and interest thereon is payable on the dates and in the manner set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Agreement for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City on the 12th day of November, 2018 pursuant to an ordinance (the "Ordinance") finally passed and adopted by the City Council, authorized the issuance of bonds known as "City of North Richland Hills, Texas, General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2018" (the "Bonds"), and such Bonds are being issued to refund, discharge and make final payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Obligations pursuant to the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, upon the delivery of the Bonds, the proceeds of sale, together with other available funds of the City to be deposited with the Escrow Agent, are to be used in part to purchase the Governmental Securities listed and identified in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Agreement for all purposes (together with substituted securities therefor in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 hereof hereinafter referred to as the "Escrowed Securities"); and

WHEREAS, the Escrowed Securities shall be held and deposited to the credit of the "Escrow Fund" to be established and maintained by the Escrow Agent in accordance with this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Escrowed Securities, together with the beginning cash balance in the Escrow Fund, shall mature and the interest thereon shall be payable at such times to insure the existence of monies sufficient to pay the principal amount of the Refunded Obligations and the accrued interest thereon, as the same shall become due in accordance with the terms of the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Obligations and as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed all arrangements for the purchase of the Escrowed Securities listed in Exhibit B and the deposit and credit of the same to the Escrow Fund as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the Escrow Agent is a banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, possessing trust powers and is fully qualified and empowered to enter into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in Section 16 of the Ordinance, the City Council duly approved and authorized the execution of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Escrow Agent, as the case may be, shall take all action necessary to call, pay, redeem and retire said Refunded Obligations in accordance with the provisions thereof, including, without limitation, all actions required by the ordinances authorizing the Refunded Obligations, the Act, the Ordinance and this Agreement;

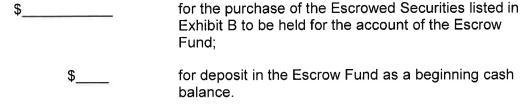
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained, and to secure the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Refunded Obligations as the same shall become due, the City and the Escrow Agent hereby mutually undertake, promise and agree as follows:

SECTION 1: Receipt of Refunded Obligations Ordinances. Receipt of true and correct copies of the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Obligations and the Ordinance are hereby acknowledged by the Escrow Agent. Reference herein to or citation herein of any provision of said documents shall be deemed an incorporation of such provision as a part hereof in the same manner and with the same effect as if it were fully set forth herein.

FURTHERMORE, the Escrow Agent acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Ordinance which provides for the redemption of the (i) Series 2008 Refunded Bonds on December 18, 2018 at the price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption and (ii) the Series 2009 Refunded Bonds and Series 2009 Refunded Certificates on February 15, 2019 at the price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption; all in accordance with the provisions of the notice requirements applicable to said Refunded Obligations and the notice requirements contained in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Obligations.

The Escrow Agent, as paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations, agrees to cause a notice of redemption pertaining thereto to be sent to the registered owners thereof appearing on the registration books at least thirty (30) days prior to the respective redemption dates therefor.

SECTION 2: Escrow Fund Creation/Funding. There is hereby created by the City with the Escrow Agent a special segregated and irrevocable trust fund designated "CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2018 ESCROW FUND" (hereinafter called the "Escrow Fund") for the benefit of the holders of the Refunded Obligations, and, immediately following the delivery of the Bonds, the City agrees and covenants to cause to be deposited with the Escrow Agent the following:



The Escrow Agent hereby accepts the Escrow Fund and further agrees to receive said moneys, apply the same as set forth herein, and to hold the cash and Escrowed Securities deposited and credited to the Escrow Fund for application and disbursement for the purposes and in the manner provided in this Agreement.

SECTION 3: Escrow Fund Sufficiency Warranty. The City hereby represents that the cash and Escrowed Securities, together with the interest to be earned thereon, deposited to the credit of the Escrow Fund will be sufficient to pay the principal of and premium and interest on the Refunded Obligations as the same shall become due and payable, and such Refunded Obligations, and the interest thereon, are to mature or be redeemed and shall be paid at the times and in the amounts set forth and identified in Exhibit A attached hereto.

SECTION 4: Pledge of Escrow. The Escrow Agent agrees that all cash and Escrowed Securities, together with any income or interest earned thereon, held in the Escrow Fund shall be and is hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Obligations which will mature and become due on and after the date of this Agreement, and such funds initially deposited and to be received from maturing principal and

interest on the Escrowed Securities in the Escrow Fund shall be applied solely in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 5: Escrow Insufficiency. If, for any reason, at any time, the funds on hand in the Escrow Fund shall be insufficient to make the payments set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, as the same becomes due and payable, notice of any such insufficiency shall be immediately given by the Escrow Agent to the City by the fastest means possible, but neither the Escrow Agent nor the City shall in any manner be responsible for any insufficiency of funds in the Escrow Fund.

SECTION 6: Escrow Fund Securities/Segregation. The Escrow Agent shall hold said Escrowed Securities and moneys in the Escrow Fund at all times as a special and separate trust fund for the benefit of the holders of the Refunded Obligations, wholly segregated from other moneys and securities on deposit with the Escrow Agent; shall never commingle said Escrowed Securities and moneys with other moneys or securities of the Escrow Agent; and shall hold and dispose of the assets therein only as set forth herein. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring the Escrow Agent to keep the identical moneys, or any part thereof, in said Escrow Fund, if it is impractical, but moneys of an equal amount, except to the extent such are represented by the Escrowed Securities, shall always be maintained on deposit in the Escrow Fund by the Escrow Agent and a special account evidencing such facts shall at all times be maintained on the books of the Escrow Agent.

SECTION 7: Escrow Fund Collections/Payments. The Escrow Agent shall from time to time collect and receive the principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities as they respectively mature and become due and credit the same to the Escrow Fund. On or before each principal and/or interest payment date or redemption date, as the case may be, for the Refunded Obligations shown in Exhibit A attached hereto, the Escrow Agent, without further direction from anyone, including the City, shall cause to be withdrawn from the Escrow Fund the amount required to pay the accrued interest on the Refunded Obligations due and payable on said payment date and the principal of the Refunded Obligations due and payable on said payment date or redemption date, as the case may be, and the amount withdrawn from the Escrow Fund shall be immediately transmitted and deposited with the paying agent for the Refunded Obligations to be paid with such amount. The paying agent for the Refunded Obligations is the Escrow Agent.

If any Refunded Obligations or interest coupon thereon shall not be presented for payment when the principal thereof or interest thereon shall have become due, and if cash shall at such times be held by the Escrow Agent in trust for that purpose sufficient and available to pay the principal of such Refunded Obligations and interest thereon it shall be the duty of the Escrow Agent to hold said cash without liability to the holder of such Refunded Obligations for interest thereon after such maturity or redemption date, in trust for the benefit of the holder of such Refunded Obligations, who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to said cash for any claim of whatever nature on his part on or with respect to said Refunded Obligations, including for any claim for the payment thereof and interest thereon. All cash required by the provisions hereof to be set aside or held in trust for the payment of the Refunded Obligations, including interest thereon, shall be applied to and used solely for the payment of the Refunded Obligations and interest thereon with respect to which such cash has been so set aside in trust.

Subject to the provisions of the last sentence of Section 25 hereof, cash held by the Escrow Agent in trust for the payment and discharge of any of the Refunded Obligations and interest thereon which remains unclaimed for a period of three (3) years after the stated maturity

date or redemption date of such Refunded Obligations shall be returned to the City. Notwithstanding the above and foregoing, any remittance of funds from the Escrow Agent to the City shall be subject to any applicable unclaimed property laws of the State of Texas.

<u>SECTION 8:</u> <u>Disposal of Refunded Obligations</u>. All Refunded Obligations cancelled on account of payment by the Escrow Agent shall be cremated or otherwise destroyed by the Escrow Agent, and an appropriate certificate of destruction furnished the City.

SECTION 9: Escrow Fund Encumbrance. The escrow created hereby shall be irrevocable and the holders of the Refunded Obligations shall have an express lien on all moneys and Escrowed Securities in the Escrow Fund until paid out, used and applied in accordance with this Agreement.

Unless disbursed in payment of the Refunded Obligations, all funds and the Escrowed Securities received by the Escrow Agent for the account of the City hereunder shall be and remain the property of the Escrow Fund and the City and the owners of the Refunded Obligations shall be entitled to a preferred claim and shall have a first lien upon such funds and Escrowed Securities enjoyed by a trust beneficiary. The funds and Escrowed Securities received by the Escrow Agent under this Agreement shall not be considered as a banking deposit by the City and the Escrow Agent and the City shall have no right or title with respect thereto, except as otherwise provided herein. Such funds and Escrowed Securities shall not be subject to checks or drafts drawn by the City.

<u>SECTION 10:</u> <u>Absence of Claim/Lien on Escrow Fund</u>. The Escrow Agent shall have no lien whatsoever upon any of the moneys or Escrowed Securities in the Escrow Fund for payment of services rendered hereunder, services rendered as paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations, or for any costs or expenses incurred hereunder and reimbursable from the City.

SECTION 11: Substitution/Reinvestments. The Escrow Agent shall be authorized to accept initially and temporarily cash and/or substituted Governmental Securities pending the delivery of the Escrowed Securities identified in the Exhibit B attached hereto, or shall be authorized to redeem the Escrowed Securities and reinvest the proceeds thereof, together with other moneys held in the Escrow Fund in Governmental Securities, provided such early redemption and reinvestment of proceeds does not change the repayment schedule of the Refunded Obligations appearing in Exhibit A and the Escrow Agent receives the following:

- (1) an opinion by an independent certified public accountant to the effect that (i) the initial and/or temporary substitution of cash and/or securities for one or more of the Escrowed Securities identified in Exhibit B pending the receipt and delivery thereof to the Escrow Agent or (ii) the redemption of one or more of the Escrowed Securities and the reinvestment of such funds in one or more substituted Governmental Securities, together with the interest thereon and other available moneys then held in the Escrow Fund, will, in either case, be sufficient without reinvestment to pay, as the same become due in accordance with Exhibit A, the principal of, and interest on, the Refunded Obligations which have not previously been paid, and
- (2) with respect to an early redemption of Escrowed Securities and the reinvestment of the proceeds thereof, an unqualified opinion of nationally recognized municipal bond counsel to the effect that (a) such investment will not

cause interest on the Bonds or Refunded Obligations to be included in the gross income for federal income tax purposes, under the Code and related regulations as in effect on the date of such investment, or otherwise make the interest on the Bonds or the Refunded Obligations subject to Federal income taxation and (b) such reinvestment complies with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and with all relevant documents relating to the issuance of the Refunded Obligations and the Bonds.

(b) If on the date and in the amount shown in Exhibit C attached hereto there exists cash in the Escrow Fund, the Escrow Agent and the City agree at least fifteen (15) days prior to such date, to subscribe for the purchase of United States Treasury Securities - State and Local Government Series (SLGS) bearing zero interest (0%) and on such date, in the amount and scheduled to mature as provided in Exhibit C and subscription forms prepared therefor as may be then required by the United States Department of the Treasury; provided that the then existing rules and regulations and policy of United States Department of the Treasury permit and authorize such investments. Should the policy, rules and regulations of the United States Department of Treasury not permit or authorize the purchase of such SLGS at such time or times, such cash balance or balances shall remain uninvested and held in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Refunded Obligations and used for the payment of the Refunded Obligations on the dates and in the amount such moneys would have been expended had such SLGS been acquired and matured.

SECTION 12: Restriction Re: Escrow Fund Investments/ Re-investment. Except as provided in Section 11 hereof, moneys in the Escrow Fund will be invested only in the Escrowed Securities listed in Exhibit B and neither the City nor the Escrow Agent shall reinvest any moneys deposited in the Escrow Fund except as specifically provided by this Agreement.

SECTION 13: Excess Funds. If at any time through redemption or cancellation of the Refunded Obligations there exists or will exist excesses of interest on or maturing principal of the Escrowed Securities in excess of the amounts necessary hereunder for the Refunded Obligations, the Escrow Agent may transfer such excess amounts to or on the order of the City, provided that the City delivers to the Escrow Agent the following:

- (1) an opinion by an independent certified public accountant that after the transfer of such excess, the principal amount of securities in the Escrow Fund, together with the interest thereon and other available monies then held in the Escrow Fund, will be sufficient to pay, as the same become due, in accordance with Exhibit A, the principal of, and interest on, the Refunded Obligations which have not previously been paid, and
- (2) an unqualified opinion of nationally recognized municipal bond counsel to the effect that (a) such transfer will not cause interest on the Bonds or the Refunded Obligations to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, under the Code and related regulations as in effect on the date of such transfer, or otherwise make the interest on the Bonds or the Refunded Obligations subject to Federal income taxation, and (b) such transfer complies with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and with all relevant documents relating to the issuance of the Refunded Obligations or the Bonds.

<u>SECTION 14:</u> <u>Collateralization</u>. The Escrow Agent represents that the deposit covered by this Agreement shall constitute firm banking arrangements to insure payment of the

Refunded Obligations and, to the extent not invested in Escrowed Securities, such deposit is collateralized to insure against any loss or diminution by virtue of any action of the Escrow Agent or as a result of its lack of financial integrity and such deposit, if not invested in the Escrowed Securities, will be continuously collateralized by securities or obligations which qualify and are eligible under both the laws of the State of Texas and the laws of the United States of America to secure and be pledged as collateral for paying agent accounts to the extent such money is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

<u>SECTION 15:</u> Absence of Escrow Agent's Liability Re: Investments. The Escrow Agent shall not be liable or responsible for any loss resulting from any investment made in the Escrowed Securities or substitute securities as provided in Section 11 hereof.

SECTION 16: Escrow Agent's Compensation - Escrow Administration Settlement of Paying Agents' Charges. The City agrees to pay the Escrow Agent for the performance of services hereunder and as reimbursement for anticipated expenses to be incurred hereunder the amount of \$_____ and, except for reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred by the Escrow Agent pursuant to Sections 11, and 19 hereof, the Escrow Agent hereby agrees said amount is full and complete payment for the administration of this Agreement.

The City also agrees to deposit with the Escrow Agent on the effective date of this Agreement, the sum of \$______, which represents the total charges due the paying agent for the Refunded Obligations and the Escrow Agent acknowledges and agrees that such amount is and represents the total amount of compensation due the Escrow Agent for services rendered as paying agent for the Refunded Obligations. The Escrow Agent hereby agrees to pay, assume and be fully responsible for any additional charges that it may incur in the performance of its duties and responsibilities as paying agent for the Refunded Obligations.

SECTION 17: Escrow Agent's Duties/Responsibilities/Liability. The Escrow Agent shall not be responsible for any recital herein, except with respect to its organization and its powers and authority. As to the existence or nonexistence of any fact relating to the City or as to the sufficiency or validity of any instrument, paper or proceedings relating to the City, the Escrow Agent shall be entitled to rely upon a certificate signed on behalf of the City by its City Secretary or City Manager of the City as sufficient evidence of the facts therein contained. The Escrow Agent may accept a certificate of the City Secretary under the City's seal, to the effect that a resolution or other instrument in the form therein set forth has been adopted by the City Council of the City, as conclusive evidence that such resolution or other instrument has been duly adopted and is in full force and effect.

The duties and obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Agreement and the Escrow Agent shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Escrow Agent.

In the absence of willful misconduct on the part of the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificate or opinion furnished to the Escrow Agent, conforming to the requirements of this Agreement; but notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in the case of any such certificate or opinion or any evidence which by any provision hereof is specifically required to be furnished to the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether it conforms to the requirements of this Agreement.

The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer or Officers of the Escrow Agent unless it shall be proven that the Escrow Agent was negligent in ascertaining or acting upon the pertinent facts.

The Escrow Agent shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of all said Refunded Obligations at the time outstanding relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Escrow Agent not in conflict with the intent and purpose of this Agreement. For the purposes of determining whether the holders of the required principal amount of said Refunded Obligations have concurred in any such direction, Refunded Obligations owned by any obligor upon the Refunded Obligations, or by any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such obligor, shall be disregarded, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Escrow Agent shall be protected in relying on any such direction only Refunded Obligations which the Escrow Agent actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded unless all Refunded Obligations are so owned.

The term "Responsible Officers" of the Escrow Agent, as used in this Agreement, shall mean and include the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President and any Second Vice President, the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer and any Assistant Treasurer, and every other officer and assistant officer of the Escrow Agent customarily performing functions similar to those performed by the persons who at the time shall be officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred, because of his knowledge of and familiarity with a particular subject; and the term "Responsible Officer" of the Escrow Agent, as used in this Agreement, shall mean and include any of said officers or persons.

The Escrow Agent may consult with "independent legal counsel" (such term does not include an attorney who is an employee of the Escrow Agent) and the Escrow Agent shall be entitled to conclusively rely on such advice of such independent legal counsel in good faith. Such advice or opinion of independent legal counsel, relied upon in good faith, shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in accordance with such advice. The Escrow Agent may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through its agents or attorneys and may in all cases pay reasonable compensation to any agent or attorney retained or employed by it in connection therewith. The Escrow Agent may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, written investment direction, statement, instrument, opinion, notice or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party. The Escrow Agent need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall require the Escrow Agent to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any liability, financial or otherwise, in the performance of any of its duties hereunder.

To the extent permitted by law, the City shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Escrow Agent and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents, from and against and reimburse the Escrow Agent for any and all claims, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, suits, judgments, reasonable costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' and agents' fees and expenses) of whatever kind or nature regardless of their merit, demanded, asserted or claimed against the Escrow Agent directly or indirectly relating to, or arising from, claims against the Escrow Agent by reason of its participation in the transactions contemplated hereby, except to the extent caused by the Escrow Agent's negligence or willful

misconduct. The foregoing indemnity shall survive the termination of this Agreement or the earlier resignation or removal of the Escrow Agent.

Any bank, corporation or association into which the Escrow Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any bank, corporation or association resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Escrow Agent shall be a party, or any bank, corporation or association succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Escrow Agent shall be the successor of the Escrow Agent hereunder without the execution or filing of any paper with any party hereto or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto except on the part of any of the parties hereto where an instrument of transfer or assignment is required by law to effect such succession, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 18: Limitation Re: Escrow Agent's Duties/Responsibilities/Liabilities to Third Parties. The Escrow Agent shall not be responsible or liable to any person in any manner whatever for the sufficiency, correctness, genuineness, effectiveness, or validity of this Agreement with respect to the City, or for the identity or authority of any person making or executing this Agreement for and on behalf of the City. The Escrow Agent is authorized by the City to rely upon the representations of the City with respect to this Agreement and the deposits made pursuant hereto and as to the City's right and power to execute and deliver this Agreement, and the Escrow Agent shall not be liable in any manner as a result of such reliance. The duty of the Escrow Agent hereunder shall only be to the City and the holders of the Refunded Obligations. Neither the City nor the Escrow Agent shall assign or attempt to assign or transfer any interest hereunder or any portion of any such interest; provided, however, that such assignment or transfer by the Escrow Agent shall be permitted if such assignment or transfer is due to a merger, consolidation, conversion, or business sale of the Escrow Agent as described in the last paragraph of Section 17 hereof. Any such assignment or attempted assignment shall be in direct conflict with this Agreement and be without effect.

<u>SECTION 19: Interpleader.</u> In the event conflicting demands or notices are made upon the Escrow Agent growing out of or relating to this Agreement or the Escrow Agent in good faith is in doubt as to what action should be taken hereunder, the Escrow Agent shall have the right at its election to:

- (a) Withhold and stop all further proceedings in, and performance of, this Agreement with respect to the issue in question and of all instructions received hereunder in regard to such issue; and
- (b) File a suit in interpleader and obtain an order from a court of appropriate jurisdiction requiring all persons involved to interplead and litigate in such court their several claims and rights among themselves.

In the event the Escrow Agent becomes involved in litigation in connection with this Section, the City to the extent permitted by law agrees to indemnify and save the Escrow Agent harmless from all loss, cost, damages, expenses and attorney fees suffered or incurred by the Escrow Agent as a result thereof. The obligations of the Escrow Agent under this Agreement shall be performable at the corporate office of the Escrow Agent in the City of Dallas, Texas. To the extent permitted by law, and subject to any applicable statutes of limitation, the foregoing indemnification shall survive the resignation or removal of the Escrow Agent or the termination of this Agreement.

The Escrow Agent may advise with legal counsel in the event of any dispute or question regarding the construction of any of the provisions hereof or its duties hereunder, and in the absence of negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Escrow Agent, no liability shall be incurred by the Escrow Agent for any action taken pursuant to this Section and the Escrow Agent shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with the opinion and instructions of legal counsel that is knowledgeable and has expertise in the field of law addressed in any such legal opinion or with respect to the instructions given.

<u>SECTION 20: Accounting - Annual Report</u> Following the final payment and redemption of the Refunded Bonds, the Escrow Agent shall forward by letter to the City, to the attention of the Finance Director, or other designated official of the City, a final accounting with respect to the Escrowed Securities and the payment and discharge of the Refunded Obligations.

<u>SECTION 21:</u> <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, authorization, request or demand required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid addressed as follows:

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

P. O. Box 820609 North Richland Hills, Texas 76182-0609

Attention: City Manager

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

2001 Bryan Street, 10th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201

Attention: Corporate Trust Division

The United States Post Office registered or certified mail receipt showing delivery of the aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the date and fact of delivery.

Any party hereto may change the address to which notices are to be delivered by giving to the other parties not less than ten (10) days prior notice thereof.

SECTION 22: Performance Date. Whenever under the terms of this Agreement the performance date of any provision hereof, including the date of maturity of interest on or principal of the Refunded Obligations, shall be a Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which the Escrow Agent is authorized by law to close, then the performance thereof, including the payment of principal of and interest on the Refunded Obligations, need not be made on such date but may be performed or paid, as the case may be, on the next succeeding business day of the Escrow Agent with the same force and effect as if made on the date of performance or payment and with respect to a payment, no interest shall accrue for the period after such date.

<u>SECTION 23: Warranty of Parties Re: Power to Execute and Deliver Escrow Agreement.</u> The City covenants that it will faithfully perform at all times any and all covenants, undertakings, stipulations and provisions contained in this Agreement, in any and every said Refunded Obligations as executed, authenticated and delivered and in all proceedings pertaining thereto as said Refunded Obligations shall have been modified as provided in this

Agreement. The City covenants that it is duly authorized under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas to execute and deliver this Agreement, that all actions on its part for the payment of said Refunded Obligations as provided herein and the execution and delivery of this Agreement have been duly and effectively taken and that said Refunded Obligations and coupons in the hands of the holders and owners thereof are and will be valid and enforceable obligations of the City according to the import thereof as provided in this Agreement.

SECTION 24: Severability. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this Agreement on the part of the parties to be performed should be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, such covenant or agreement shall be deemed and construed to be severable from the remaining covenants and agreements herein contained and shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement. In the event any covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement is declared to be severable from the other provisions of this Agreement, written notice of such event shall immediately be given to each national rating service (Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's Corporation or Fitch Investors Service) which has rated the Refunded Obligations on the basis of this Agreement.

SECTION 25: Termination. This Agreement shall terminate when the Refunded Obligations, including interest due thereon, have been paid and discharged in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. If any Refunded Obligations are not presented for payment when due and payable, the nonpayment thereof shall not prevent the termination of this Agreement. Funds for the payment of any nonpresented Refunded Obligations and accrued interest thereon shall upon termination of this Agreement be held by the Escrow Agent for such purpose in accordance with Section 7 hereof. Any moneys or Escrowed Securities held in the Escrow Fund at termination and not needed for the payment of the principal of or interest on any of the Refunded Obligations shall be paid or transferred to the City.

SECTION 26: <u>Time of the Essence</u>. Time shall be of the essence in the performance of obligations from time to time imposed upon the Escrow Agent by this Agreement.

SECTION 27: Successors/Assigns.

(a) Should the Escrow Agent not be able to legally serve or perform the duties and obligations under this Agreement, or should the Escrow Agent be declared to be insolvent or closed for any reason by federal or state regulatory authorities or a court of competent jurisdiction, the City, upon being notified or discovering the Escrow Agent's inability or disqualification to serve hereunder, shall forthwith appoint a successor to replace the Escrow Agent, and upon being notified of such appointment, the Escrow Agent shall (i) transfer all funds and securities held hereunder, together with all books, records and accounts relating to the Escrow Fund and the Refunded Obligations, to such successor and (ii) assign all rights, duties and obligations under this Agreement to such successor. If the City should fail to appoint such a successor within sixty (60) days from the date the City discovers, or is notified of, the event or circumstance causing the Escrow Agent's inability or disqualification to serve hereunder, the Escrow Agent, or a bondholder of the Refunded Obligations, may apply, at the expense of the City, to a court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor or assigns of the Escrow Agent and such court, upon determining the Escrow Agent is unable to continue to serve, shall appoint a successor to serve under this Agreement and the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to such successor for the remainder of the term of this Agreement for services to be rendered both for administering the Escrow Fund and for paying agent duties and responsibilities for the Refunded Obligations.

(b) Furthermore, the Escrow Agent may resign and be discharged from performing its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement upon notifying the City in writing of its intention to resign and requesting the City to appoint a successor. No such resignation shall take effect until a successor has been appointed by the City and such successor has accepted such appointment and agreed to perform all duties and obligations hereunder for a total compensation equal to the unearned proportional amount paid the Escrow Agent under Section 16 hereof for the administration of this Agreement and the unearned proportional amount of the paying agents fees for the Refunded Obligations due the Escrow Agent. If the City does not make such appointment within sixty (60) days of the date that such resignation notice is sent to the City, the Escrow Agent shall be entitled to petition of a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor.

Any successor to the Escrow Agent shall be a bank, trust company or other financial institution that is duly qualified under applicable law (the Act, or other appropriate statute) to serve as escrow agent hereunder and authorized and empowered to perform the duties and obligations contemplated by this Agreement and organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or the State of Texas, having an office and place of business in the State of Texas, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$5,000,000 and be subject to the supervision or examination by Federal or State authority.

Any successor or assigns to the Escrow Agent shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the City and the Escrow Agent, or its successor or assigns, an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and the Escrow Agent shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor, subject to the terms of this Agreement, all the rights, powers and trusts created and established and to be performed under this Agreement. Upon the request of any such successor Escrow Agent, the City shall execute any and all instruments in writing for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Escrow Agent all such rights, powers and duties. The term "Escrow Agent" as used herein shall be the Escrow Agent and its legal assigns and successor hereunder.

SECTION 28: Escrow Agreement - Amendment/Modification. This Agreement shall be binding upon the City and the Escrow Agent and their respective successors and legal representatives and shall inure solely to the benefit of the holders of the Refunded Obligations. the City the Escrow Agent and their respective successors and legal representatives. Furthermore, no alteration, amendment or modification of any provision of this Agreement (1) shall alter the firm financial arrangements made for the payment of the Refunded Bonds or (2) shall be effective unless (i) prior written consent of such alteration, amendment or modification shall have been obtained from the holders of all Refunded Obligations outstanding at the time of such alteration, amendment or modification and (ii) such alteration, amendment or modification is in writing and signed by the parties hereto; provided, however, the City and the Escrow Agent may, without the consent of the holders of the Refunded Obligations, amend or modify the terms and provisions of this Agreement to cure in a manner not materially adverse to the holders of the Refunded Obligations as evidenced by an opinion of counsel delivered to the Escrow Agent any ambiguity, formal defect or omission in this Agreement. If the parties hereto agree to any amendment or modification to this Agreement, prior written notice of such amendment or proposed modification, together with the legal documents amending or modifying this Agreement, shall be furnished to each national rating service (Standard & Poor's Corporation, Moody's Investors Service or Fitch Investors Service) which has rated the Refunded Obligations on the basis of this Agreement, prior to such amendment or modification being executed.

<u>SECTION 29:</u> <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

<u>SECTION 30:</u> <u>Executed Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, all or any of which shall be regarded for all purposes as one original and shall constitute and be but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 31: No Boycott Israel. To the extent this Agreement is a contract for goods or services within the meaning of Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended the Escrow Agent hereby verifies that the Escrow Agent is a company (as defined in Section 808.001(2), Texas Government Code) which does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this verification, "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

SECTION 32: Iran, Sudan and Foreign Terrorists Organizations. To the extent this Agreement is a governmental contract, within the meaning of Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, the Escrow Agent represents that it is not a company (as defined in Section 2270.0001(2), Texas Government Code) engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization (as defined in Section 2252.151(2), Texas Government Code) and that it is not on a list prepared and maintained by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas under Section 2270.0201 or 2252.153, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 33: Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and shall be effective as of the date of the delivery of the Bonds.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested as of the date first above written.

| | CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS |
|----------------|---|
| | Mayor |
| ATTEST: | |
| | |
| City Secretary | |
| | THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., Dallas, Texas, as Escrow Agent |
| | Title: |
| ATTEST: | |
| Title: | |
| (Bank Seal) | |

EXHIBIT D

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,
SERIES 2008
Dated April 15, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the bonds of the above series maturing on and after February 15, 2020 aggregating in the principal amount of \$1,870,000 have been called for redemption on December 18, 2018 at the redemption price of par and accrued interest to the date of redemption, such bonds being identified as follows:

| Year of <u>Maturity</u> | Principal Amount (\$) | CUSIP Number |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 2020 | 210,000 | |
| 2021 | 210,000 | |
| 2022 | 210,000 | |
| 2023 | 210,000 | |
| 2024 | 210,000 | |
| 2025 | 205,000 | |
| 2026 | 205,000 | |
| 2027 | 205,000 | |
| 2028 | 205,000 | |

ALL SUCH BONDS shall become due and payable on December 18, 2018, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said redemption date and payment of the redemption price of said bonds shall be paid to the registered owners thereof only upon presentation and surrender of such bonds to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, at its designated offices at the following addresses:

| First Class/ Registered/Certified | Express Delivery/Courier | By Hand Only |
|--|---|--|
| The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Institutional Trust Services P. O. Box 2320 Dallas, Texas 75221-2320 | The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Institutional Trust Services 2001 Bryan Street, 9th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201 | The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Room 234-North Building Institutional Trust Securities Window 55 Water Street New York, New York 10041 |

THIS NOTICE is issued and given pursuant to the terms and conditions prescribed for the redemption of said bonds and pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of North Richland Hills. Texas..

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. 2001 Bryan Street, 10th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201

EXHIBIT E

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS TAX AND WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM (LIMITED PLEDGE) REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2009 Dated MAY 1, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the obligations of the above series maturing on and after February 15, 2020 in the principal amount of \$3,040,000 have been called for redemption on February 15, 2019 at the redemption price of par and accrued interest to the date of redemption, such obligations being identified as follows:

| Year of <u>Maturity</u> | Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u> | CUSIP <u>Number</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2020 | 310,000 | |
| 2021 | 305,000 | |
| 2022 | 305,000 | |
| 2023 | 305,000 | |
| 2024 | 305,000 | |
| 2025 | 305,000 | |
| 2026 | 305,000 | |
| 2027 | 300,000 | |
| 2028 | 300,000 | |
| 2029 | 300,000 | |

ALL SUCH OBLIGATIONS shall become due and payable on February 15, 2019, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said redemption date and payment of the redemption price of said obligations shall be paid to the registered owners thereof only upon presentation and surrender of such obligations to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, at its designated offices at the following addresses:

| First Class/ Registered/Certified | Express Delivery/Courier | By Hand Only |
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| The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Institutional Trust Services P. O. Box 2320 Dallas, Texas 75221-2320 | The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Institutional Trust Services 2001 Bryan Street, 9th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201 | The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Room 234-North Building Institutional Trust Securities Window 55 Water Street New York, New York 10041 |

THIS NOTICE is issued and given pursuant to the terms and conditions prescribed for the redemption of said obligations and pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. 2001 Bryan Street, 10th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201

EXHIBIT F

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2009 Dated May 1, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the bonds of the above series maturing on and after February 15, 2020 and aggregating in the principal amount of \$2,845,000 have been called for redemption on February 15, 2019 at the redemption price of par and accrued interest to the date of redemption, such bonds being identified as follows:

| Year of <u>Maturity</u> | Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u> | CUSIP <u>Number</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2020 | 285,000 | |
| 2021 | 285,000 | |
| 2022 | 285,000 | |
| 2023 | 285,000 | |
| 2024 | 285,000 | |
| 2025 | 285,000 | |
| 2026 | 285,000 | |
| 2027 | 285,000 | |
| 2028 | 285,000 | |
| 2029 | 280,000 | |

ALL SUCH BONDS shall become due and payable on February 15, 2019, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said redemption date and payment of the redemption price of said bonds shall be paid to the registered owners thereof only upon presentation and surrender of such bonds to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., at its designated offices at the following addresses:

| First Class/ Registered/Certified | Express Delivery/Courier | By Hand Only |
|--|---|--|
| The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Institutional Trust Services P. O. Box 2320 Dallas, Texas 75221-2320 | The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Institutional Trust Services 2001 Bryan Street, 9th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201 | The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Room 234-North Building Institutional Trust Securities Window 55 Water Street New York, New York 10041 |

THIS NOTICE is issued and given pursuant to the terms and conditions prescribed for the redemption of said bonds and pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. 2001 Bryan Street, 11th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201