<u>Note</u>: The Ordinance is drafted to provide for serial maturities. If the purchaser prefers a single term certificate, the ordinance will be revised to reflect that structure.

ORDINANCE NO.

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

CITY OF PORT NECHES, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2016

Adopted: May 19, 2016

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY OF PORT NECHES, TEXAS, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2016; LEVYING A TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT THEREOF; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

THE STATE OF TEXAS§COUNTY OF JEFFERSON§CITY OF PORT NECHES§

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Subchapter C, Chapter 271, Texas Local Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), the City of Port Neches, Texas (the "City"), is authorized to issue certificates of obligation for the purposes specified in this Ordinance and for the payment of all or a portion of the contractual obligations for professional services, including that of engineers, attorneys, and financial advisors in connection therewith, and to sell the same for cash as herein provided; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to provide that such obligations will be payable from and secured by the levy of a direct and continuing ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, against all taxable property within the City, in combination with a limited pledge of a subordinate lien on the net revenues of the City's waterworks and sanitary sewer system (the "System") in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 as authorized by the Act and Chapter 1502, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the governing body (the "City Council") of the City has found and determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City and its citizens that it issue such certificates of obligation authorized by this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City has found and determined that the issuance of the certificates of obligation through a direct purchase will result in the best value for the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution heretofore passed by this governing body, notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation of the City payable as provided in this Ordinance was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, which notice provided that the principal amount of such certificates of obligation would not exceed \$7,250,000 and the proceeds would be used for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for the purposes set forth in Section 3.1 hereof; and

WHEREAS, such notice provided that the City tentatively planned to consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Certificates on May 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, no petition of any kind has been filed with the City Secretary, any member of the City Council or any other official of the City, protesting the issuance of such certificates of obligation; and

WHEREAS, this City Council is now authorized and empowered to proceed with the issuance of said certificates of obligation and to sell the same for cash; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT NECHES, TEXAS:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Section 1.1. <u>Definitions</u>.

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

"Bond Counsel" means Bracewell LLP.

"Business Day" means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or other day on which banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office is located are required or authorized by law or executive order to close.

"Certificate" or "Certificates" means the City's certificates of obligation entitled, "City of Port Neches, Texas, Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016" authorized to be issued by Section 3.1 of this Ordinance.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Debt Service Fund" means the debt service fund established by Section 2.2 of this Ordinance.

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

"Fiscal Year" means such fiscal year as shall from time to time be set by the City Council.

"Initial Certificate" means the initial certificate authorized by Section 3.3(b) of this Ordinance.

"Interest Payment Date" means the date or dates upon which interest on the principal of the Certificates is scheduled to be paid until their respective dates of maturity or prior redemption, such dates being March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing on September 1, 2016, until maturity or prior redemption. "Issuance Date" means date of the initial delivery and payment for the Certificates.

"Net Revenues" means the revenues to be derived from the System, after the payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof.

"Ordinance" as used herein and in the Certificates means this ordinance authorizing the Certificates.

"Owner" means the person who is the registered owner of a Certificate or Certificates, as shown in the Register.

"Paying Agent/Registrar" means initially ______ or any successor thereto as provided in this Ordinance.

"Paying Agent Registrar Agreement" means the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement between the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City relating to the Certificates.

"Purchase Letter" means the letter agreement described in Section 7.1 of this Ordinance.

"Purchaser" means ______.

"Record Date" means, for any Interest Payment Date, the [fifteenth day] of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date.

"Register" means the Register specified in Section 3.6(a) of this Ordinance.

"Rule" means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

"Special Payment Date" means the Special Payment Date prescribed by Section 3.3(e) of this Ordinance.

"Special Record Date" means the Special Record Date prescribed by Section 3.3(e) of this Ordinance.

"System" as used in this Ordinance means the City's waterworks and sanitary sewer system.

"Unclaimed Payments" means money deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of principal, redemption premium, if any, or interest on the Certificates as the same becomes due and payable or money set aside for the payment of Certificates duly called for redemption prior to maturity and remaining unclaimed by the Owners of such Certificates for ninety (90) days after the applicable payment or redemption date.

Section 1.2. Other Definitions.

The terms "Act," "City" and "City Council" shall have the meanings assigned in the preamble to this Ordinance.

Section 1.3. Findings.

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

Section 1.4. Table of Contents, Titles, and Headings.

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

Section 1.5. Interpretation.

(a) Unless the context requires otherwise, words of the masculine gender shall be construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa, and words of the singular number shall be construed to include correlative words of the plural number and vice versa.

(b) Any action required to be taken on a date which is not a Business Day shall be taken on the next succeeding Business Day and have the same effect as if taken on the date so required.

(c) This Ordinance and all the terms and provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein to sustain the validity of this Ordinance.

(d) Article and section references shall mean references to articles and sections of this Ordinance unless otherwise designated.

ARTICLE II

TAX LEVY; DEBT SERVICE FUND; PLEDGE OF REVENUES

Section 2.1. <u>Tax Levy</u>.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by the Texas Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, there shall be levied and there is hereby levied for the current year and for each succeeding year thereafter while any of the Certificates or any interest thereon is outstanding and unpaid, an ad valorem tax on each one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property within the City, at a rate sufficient, within the limit prescribed by law, to pay the debt service requirements of the Certificates, being (i) the interest on the Certificates, and (ii) a sinking fund for their

redemption at maturity or a sinking fund of 2% per annum (whichever amount is greater), when due and payable, full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection.

(b) The ad valorem tax thus levied shall be assessed and collected each year against all property appearing on the tax rolls of the City most recently approved in accordance with law and the money thus collected shall be deposited as collected to the Debt Service Fund.

(c) Said ad valorem tax, the collections therefrom, and all amounts on deposit in or required hereby to be deposited to the Debt Service Fund are hereby pledged and committed irrevocably to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates when and as due and payable in accordance with their terms and this Ordinance.

(d) To pay the debt service coming due on the Certificates prior to receipt of the taxes levied to pay such debt service, there is hereby appropriated from current funds on hand, which are hereby certified to be on hand and available for such purpose, an amount sufficient to pay such debt service, and such amount shall be used for no other purpose.

Section 2.2. <u>Debt Service Fund</u>.

(a) The City hereby establishes a special fund or account to be designated the "City of Port Neches, Texas, Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016, Debt Service Fund" (the "Debt Service Fund") with said fund to be maintained at an official depository bank of the City separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the City.

(b) Money on deposit in or required by this Ordinance to be deposited to the Debt Service Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the interest on and principal of the Certificates when and as due and payable in accordance with their terms and this Ordinance and related expenses.

Section 2.3. <u>Pledge of Revenues</u>.

The Net Revenues to be derived from the operation of the System in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates as the same come due; provided, however, that such pledge is and shall be junior and subordinate in all respects to the pledge of the Net Revenues to the payment of all outstanding obligations of the City and any obligation of the City, whether authorized heretofore or hereafter, which the City designates as having a pledge senior to the pledge of the Net Revenues to the payment of the Certificates. The City also reserves the right to issue, for any lawful purpose at any time, in one or more installments, bonds, certificates of obligation and other obligations of any kind payable in whole or in part from the Net Revenues, secured by a pledge of the Net Revenues that may be prior and superior in right to, on a parity with, or junior and subordinate to the pledge of Net Revenues securing the Certificates.

ARTICLE III

AUTHORIZATION; GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATES

Section 3.1. <u>Authorization</u>.

The City's "City of Port Neches, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016" are hereby authorized to be issued and delivered in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, specifically Subchapter C, Chapter 271, Texas Local Government Code, as amended. The Certificates shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of [\$7,250,000] for the costs associated with (i) the construction of improvements and renovations to and the equipment of the City's waterworks and sanitary sewer system, including the wastewater collection system, the water distribution system, the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant, (ii) the construction of improvements to and the repair of streets and sidewalks, (iii) the construction of improvements to and renovation of the police station, (iv) the construction of erosion protection for City-owned property and (v) paying the costs of professional services incurred in connection therewith.

Section 3.2. Date, Denomination, Maturities, and Interest.

(a) The Certificates shall be in fully registered form, without coupons, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof and shall be numbered separately from R-1 upward, except the Initial Certificate, which shall be numbered I-1.

(b) The Certificates shall mature on September 1 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth in the following schedule:

Year	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Year	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>
20	\$	%	20	\$	%
20			20		
20			20		
20			20		
20			20		

(c) Interest shall accrue and be paid on each Certificate respectively until the principal amount thereof has been paid or provision for such payment has been made, from the later of the Issuance Date or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or provided for at the rate per annum for each respective maturity specified in the schedule contained in subsection (b) above. Such interest shall be payable semiannually on each Interest Payment Date, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months.

Section 3.3. Medium, Method, and Place of Payment.

(a) The principal of and interest on the Certificates shall be paid in lawful money of the United States of America.

(b) Interest on the Certificates shall be payable to the Owners whose names appear in the Register at the close of business on the Record Date; provided, however, that in the event of nonpayment of interest on a scheduled Interest Payment Date, and for 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 (the "Special Payment Date," which shall be at least 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five Business Days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of the Owner of the Certificates appearing on the books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the fifteenth day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

(c) Interest on the Certificates shall be paid by wire or check (dated as of the Interest Payment Date) or by such other method as agreed to by the City, the Purchase and the Paying Agent, and sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the person entitled to such payment, United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of such person as it appears in the Register or by such other customary banking arrangements acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the person to whom interest is to be paid; provided, however, that such person shall bear all risk and expenses of such other customary banking arrangements.

(d) The principal of the Certificates shall be paid to the person in whose name such Certificates are registered on the respective dates due thereof (whether at the maturity date or the date of prior redemption thereof) upon presentation and surrender of such Certificates at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office; provided, however, that for so long as the Certificates are held by a single Owner, mandatory sinking fund redemption payments, if applicable, made prior to final maturity will be noted by the Paying Agent/Registrar, in their official records but will not require presentation and surrender of the Certificates.

(e) If a date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates is not a Business Day, a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions in the city in which then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding Business Day, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

(f) Subject to any applicable escheat, unclaimed property, or similar law, including Title 6, Texas Property Code, Unclaimed Payments remaining unclaimed by the Owners entitled thereto for three years after the applicable payment or redemption date shall be paid to the City and thereafter neither, the Paying Agent/Registrar, nor any other person shall be liable or responsible to any Owners of such Certificates for any further payment of such unclaimed moneys or on account of any such Certificates.

Section 3.4. <u>Execution and Registration of Certificates</u>.

(a) The Certificates shall be executed on behalf of the City by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and the City Secretary, by their manual or facsimile signatures, and the official seal of the City shall be impressed or placed in facsimile thereon. Such facsimile signatures on the Certificates shall have the same effect as if each of the Certificates had been signed manually and in person by each of said officers, and such facsimile seal on the Certificates shall have the same effect as if the official seal of the City had been manually impressed upon each of the Certificates.

(b) In the event that any officer of the City whose manual or facsimile signature appears on the Certificates ceases to be such officer before the authentication of such Certificates or before the delivery thereof, such manual or facsimile signature nevertheless shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if such officer had remained in such office.

(c) Except as provided below, no Certificate shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit of this Ordinance unless and until there appears thereon the Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar substantially in the form provided herein, duly authenticated by manual execution by an officer or duly authorized signatory of the Paying Agent/Registrar. It shall not be required that the same officer or authorized signatory of the Paying Agent/Registrar sign the Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar on all of the Certificates. In lieu of the executed Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar described above, the Initial Certificate delivered on the Issuance Date shall have attached thereto the Comptroller's Registration Certificate substantially in the form provided herein, manually executed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, or by his duly authorized agent, which certificate shall be evidence that the Initial Certificate has been duly approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and that it is a valid and binding obligation of the City, and has been registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

(d) On the Issuance Date, one initial Certificate (the "Initial Certificate"), representing the entire principal amount of the Certificates, payable in stated installments to the Purchaser or its designee, executed by manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and the City Secretary of the City, approved by the Attorney General of Texas, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, will be delivered to the Purchaser or its designee.

Section 3.5. <u>Ownership</u>.

(a) The City, the Paying Agent/Registrar and any other person may treat the person in whose name any Certificate is registered as the absolute Owner of such Certificate for the purpose of making and receiving payment of the principal thereof and premium, if any, thereon, for the further purpose of making and receiving payment of the interest thereon (subject to the provisions herein that the interest is to be paid to the person in whose name the Certificate is registered on the Record Date or Special Record Date, as applicable), and for all other purposes, whether or not such Certificate is overdue, and neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be bound by any notice or knowledge to the contrary.

(b) All payments made to the person deemed to be the Owner of any Certificate in accordance to this Section shall be valid and effectual and shall discharge the liability of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar upon such Certificate to the extent of the sums paid.

Section 3.6. <u>Registration, Transfer, and Exchange</u>.

(a) So long as any Certificates remain outstanding, the City shall cause the Paying Agent/Registrar to keep at its Designated Payment/Transfer Office a register (the "Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the registration and transfer of Certificates in accordance with this Ordinance.

(b) Subject to the restrictions contained in the Purchase Letter, the ownership of a Certificate may be transferred only upon the presentation and surrender of the Certificate to the Paying Agent/Registrar at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office with such endorsement or other instrument of transfer and assignment as is acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. No transfer of any Certificate shall be effective until entered in the Register.

(c) The Certificates shall be exchangeable upon the presentation and surrender thereof at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office for Certificates of the same maturity and interest rate and in any denomination or denominations of any integral multiple of \$5,000, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the Certificates presented for exchange. The Paying Agent/Registrar is hereby authorized to authenticate and deliver Certificates transferred or exchanged for other Certificates in accordance with this Section.

(d) Each exchange Certificate delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in accordance with this Section shall constitute an original contractual obligation of the City and shall be entitled to the benefits and security of this Ordinance to the same extent as the Certificate in lieu of which such exchange Certificate is delivered.

(e) No service charge shall be made to the Owner for the initial registration, subsequent transfer, or exchange for a different denomination of a Certificate. The Paying Agent/Registrar, however, may require the Owner to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed in connection with the registration, transfer, or exchange of a Certificate.

(f) Neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to issue, transfer or exchange any Certificate called for redemption, in whole or in part, within 45 days after the transfer or exchange; provided, however, such limitation shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Owner of the uncalled balance of a Certificate.

Section 3.7. Cancellation and Authentication.

A Certificate paid or redeemed before scheduled maturity in accordance with this Ordinance, and a Certificate in lieu of which an exchange Certificate or a replacement Certificate is authenticated and delivered in accordance with this Ordinance, shall be cancelled upon the making of proper records made with such payment, redemption, exchange or replacement. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall dispose of such cancelled Certificate in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 3.8. <u>Replacement Certificates</u>.

(a) Upon the presentation and surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar, at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office, of a mutilated Certificate, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a replacement Certificate of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. The City or the Paying Agent/Registrar may require the Owner of such Certificate to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed in connection therewith and any other expenses connected therewith.

(b) In the event that any Certificate is lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Paying Agent/Registrar, pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Texas and in the absence of notice or knowledge that such Certificate has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, shall authenticate and deliver a replacement Certificate of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, provided that the Owner first complies with the following requirements:

(i) furnishes to the Paying Agent/Registrar satisfactory evidence of his or her ownership of and the circumstances of the loss, destruction, or theft of such Certificate;

(ii) furnishes such security or indemnity as may be required by the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City to save them harmless;

(iii) pays all expenses and charges in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, printing costs, legal fees, fees of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed; and

(iv) satisfies any other reasonable requirements imposed by the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(c) If, after the delivery of such replacement Certificate, a bona fide purchaser of the original Certificate in lieu of which such replacement Certificate was issued presents for payment such original Certificate, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to recover such replacement Certificate from the person to whom it was delivered or any person taking therefrom, except a bona fide purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost, or expense incurred by the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar in connection therewith.

(d) In the event that any such mutilated, lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken Certificate has become or is about to become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar, in its discretion, instead of issuing a replacement Certificate, may pay such Certificate when it becomes due and payable.

(e) Each replacement Certificate delivered in accordance with this Section shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the City and shall be entitled to the benefits and security of this Ordinance to the same extent as the Certificate or Certificates in lieu of which such replacement Certificate is delivered.

ARTICLE IV

REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATES BEFORE MATURITY

Section 4.1. Limitation on Redemption.

The Certificates shall be subject to redemption before scheduled maturity only as provided in this Article IV.

Section 4.2. Optional Redemption.

(a) The City has reserved the right to redeem at its option the Certificates maturing on and after [September 1, 20_], in whole or from time to time in part before their respective scheduled maturity dates, on [September 1, 20_], or on any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

(b) The City, at least 45 days before the redemption date, unless a shorter period shall be satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, shall notify the Paying Agent/Registrar of such redemption and of the principal amount of Certificates to be redeemed.

Section 4.3. [Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption.

(a) The Certificates designated as "Term Certificates" in the form of Certificate contained in Section 6.2(a) ("Term Certificates"), are subject to scheduled mandatory redemption and will be redeemed by the City, in part at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, without premium, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, out of moneys available for such purpose in the Debt Service Fund, on the dates and in the respective principal amounts as set forth in the form of Certificate contained in Section 6.2(a).

(b) Prior to each scheduled mandatory redemption date, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select for redemption by lot, or by any other customary method that results in a random selection, a principal amount of Term Certificates equal to the aggregate principal amount of such Term Certificates to be redeemed, shall call such Term Certificates for redemption on such scheduled mandatory redemption date, and shall give notice of such redemption, as provided in Section 4.5.

(c) The principal amount of the Term Certificates required to be redeemed on any redemption date pursuant to subparagraph (a) of this Section 4.3 shall be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of any Term Certificates which, at least 45 days prior to the mandatory sinking fund redemption date (i) shall have been acquired by the City at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Certificates plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, or (ii) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions hereof and not previously credited to a mandatory sinking fund redemption.]

Section 4.4. <u>Partial Redemption</u>.

(a) If less than all of the Certificates are to be redeemed pursuant to Section 4.2 hereof, the City shall determine the maturity or maturities and the amounts thereof to be redeemed and shall direct the Paying Agent/Registrar to call by lot, or other customary method that results in random selection, the Certificates, or portions thereof, within such maturity or maturities and in such principal amounts for redemption.

(b) A portion of a single Certificate of a denomination greater than \$5,000 may be redeemed, but only in a principal amount equal to \$5,000 or any integral \$5,000 multiple thereof. If such a Certificate is to be partially redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall treat each \$5,000 portion or any integral \$5,000 multiple of the Certificate as though it were a single Certificate for purposes of selection for redemption.

(c) Upon surrender of any Certificate for redemption in part, the Paying Agent/Registrar, in accordance with Section 3.6 of this Ordinance, shall authenticate and deliver an exchange Certificate or Certificates in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Certificate so surrendered, such exchange being without charge.

(d) The Paying Agent/Registrar shall promptly notify the City in writing of the principal amount to be redeemed of any Certificate as to which only a portion thereof is to be redeemed.

Section 4.5. Notice of Redemption to Owners.

(a) The Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice of any redemption of Certificates by sending notice by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, not less than 30 days before the date fixed for redemption, to the Owner of each Certificate (or part thereof) to be redeemed, at the address shown on the Register at the close of business on the Business Day next preceding the date of mailing such notice.

(b) The City reserves the right to give notice of its election or direction to redeem Certificates under Section 4.2 conditioned upon the occurrence of subsequent events. Such notice may state (i) that the redemption is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys and/or authorized securities, in an amount equal to the amount necessary to effect the redemption, with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or such other entity as may be authorized by law, no later than the redemption date or (ii) that the City retains the right to rescind such notice at any time prior to the scheduled redemption date if the City delivers a certificate of the City to the Paying Agent/Registrar instructing the Paying Agent/Registrar to rescind the redemption notice, and such notice and redemption shall be of no effect if such moneys and/or authorized securities are not so deposited or if the notice is rescinded. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall give prompt notice of any such rescission of a conditional notice of redemption to the affected Owners. Any Certificates subject to conditional redemption where redemption has been rescinded shall remain Outstanding.

(c) Any notice given as provided in this Section shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Owner receives such notice.

Section 4.6. <u>Payment Upon Redemption</u>.

(a) Before or on each redemption date, the City shall deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar money sufficient to pay all amounts due on the redemption date and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall make provision for the payment of the Certificates to be redeemed on such date by setting aside and holding in trust such amounts as are received by the Paying Agent/Registrar from the City and shall use such funds solely for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and accrued interest on the Certificates being redeemed.

(b) Upon presentation and surrender of any Certificate called for redemption at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar on or after the date fixed for redemption, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and accrued interest on such Certificate to the date of redemption from the money set aside for such purpose.

Section 4.7. Effect of Redemption.

(a) When Certificates have been called for redemption in whole or in part and due provision has been made to redeem same as herein provided, the Certificates or portions thereof so redeemed shall no longer be regarded as outstanding except for the purpose of receiving payment solely from the funds so provided for redemption, and the rights of the Owners to collect interest which would otherwise accrue after the redemption date on any Certificate or portion thereof called for redemption shall terminate on the date fixed for redemption. If the City shall fail to make provision for payment of all sums due on a redemption date, then any Certificate or portion thereof called for redemption shall continue to bear interest at the rate stated on the Certificate until due provision is made for the payment of same.

(b) If the City shall fail to make provision for payment of all sums due on a redemption date, then any Certificate or portion thereof called for redemption shall continue to bear interest at the rate stated on the Certificate until due provision is made for the payment of same by the City.

(c) <u>Lapse of Payment</u>. Money set aside for the redemption of the Certificates and remaining unclaimed by the Owners thereof shall be subject to the provisions of Section 3.3(f) hereof.

ARTICLE V

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR

Section 5.1. <u>Appointment of Initial Paying Agent/Registrar</u>.

(a) is hereby appointed as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates. The form of Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement is hereby approved.

(b) The City hereby approves and the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and the City Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, specifying the duties and responsibilities of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Section 5.2. <u>Qualifications</u>.

Each Paying Agent/Registrar shall be a commercial bank, a trust company organized under the laws of the State of Texas, or any other entity duly qualified and legally authorized to serve as and perform the duties and services of paying agent and registrar for the Certificates.

Section 5.3. <u>Maintaining Paying Agent/Registrar</u>.

(a) At all times while any Certificates are outstanding, the City will maintain a Paying Agent/Registrar that is qualified under Section 5.2 of this Ordinance.

(b) If the Paying Agent/Registrar resigns or otherwise ceases to serve as such, the City will promptly appoint a replacement, provided no such resignation shall be effective until a successor Paying Agent/Registrar has accepted the duties of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates.

Section 5.4. <u>Termination</u>.

The City reserves the right to terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent/Registrar by delivering to the entity whose appointment is to be terminated (i) 45 days written notice of the termination of the appointment and of the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, stating the effective date of such termination, and (ii) appointing a successor Paying Agent/Registrar; provided, that, no such termination shall be effective until a successor Paying Agent/Registrar has assumed the duties of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates.

Section 5.5. Notice of Change to Owners.

Promptly upon each change in the entity serving as Paying Agent/Registrar, the City will cause notice of the change to be sent to each Owner by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, at the address in the Register, stating the effective date of the change and the name and mailing address of the replacement Paying Agent/Registrar.

Section 5.6. <u>Agreement to Perform Duties and Functions</u>.

By accepting the appointment as Paying Agent/Registrar, the Paying Agent/Registrar is deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Ordinance and that it will perform the duties and functions of Paying Agent/Registrar prescribed hereby and under the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement.

Section 5.7. <u>Delivery of Records to Successor</u>.

If a Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced, such Paying Agent/Registrar, promptly upon the appointment of the successor, will deliver the Register (or a copy thereof) and all other pertinent books and records relating to the Certificates to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar.

ARTICLE VI

FORM OF THE CERTIFICATES

Section 6.1. Form Generally.

(a) The Certificates, including the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, the Certificate of the Paying Agent/Registrar and the Assignment form to appear on each of the Certificates, (i) shall be substantially in the form set forth in this Article, with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions, and other variations as are permitted or required by this Ordinance, and (ii) may have such letters, numbers, or other marks of identification and such legends and endorsements (including any reproduction of an opinion of counsel) thereon as, consistently herewith, may be determined by the City or by the officers executing such Certificates, as evidenced by their execution thereof.

(b) The definitive Certificates, if any, shall be typewritten, photocopied, printed, lithographed, or engraved, and may be produced by any combination of these methods or produced in any other similar manner, all as determined by the officers executing such Certificates, as evidenced by their execution thereof.

(c) The Initial Certificate submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Texas may be typewritten and photocopied or otherwise reproduced.

Section 6.2. Form of the Certificates.

The form of the Certificates, including the form of the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, the form of Certificate of the Paying Agent/Registrar and the form of Assignment appearing on the Certificates, shall be substantially as follows:

(a) Form of Certificate.

REGISTERED NO. ____

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

CITY OF PORT NECHES, TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2016

INTEREST RATE:

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MATURITY DATE: September 1, 20 <u>ISSUANCE DATE</u>: [_____, 2016] The City of Port Neches (the "City"), in the County of Jefferson, State of Texas, for value received, hereby promises to pay to

or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date specified above, the sum of

DOLLARS

unless the payment of the principal hereof shall have been paid or provision for such payment shall have been made, and to pay interest on such principal amount hereof from the later of the Issuance Date specified above or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or provided for until payment of such principal amount shall have been paid or provided for, 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 to be paid semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing on September 1, 2016.

The principal of this Certificate (or so much thereof as shall not have been paid or deemed to have been paid upon prior redemption) shall be payable without exchange or collection charges in lawful money of the United States of America on the Maturity Date specified above (unless redeemed prior thereto as provided in this Certificate) upon presentation and surrender of this Certificate at the corporate trust office in

(the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office"), of ,as the initial Paying Agent/ Registrar or, with respect to a successor Paying Agent/Registrar, at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of such successor. Interest on this Certificate is payable by check dated as of the interest payment date, and will be mailed by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar or by such other customary banking arrangements acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the registered owner; provided, however, such registered owner shall bear all risk and expenses of such customary banking arrangement. For the purpose of the payment of interest on this Certificate, the registered owner shall be the person in whose name this Certificate is registered at the close of business on the "Record Date," which shall be the last business day of the month next preceding such interest payment date. In the event of a nonpayment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 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 special payment date of the past due interest (the "Special Payment Date," which date shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of each owner of a Certificate appearing on the books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Certificate is not a business day, the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions in the State of Texas or the city in

which the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are generally authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close (a "Business Day"), and payment on such date shall for all purposes be deemed to have been made on the original date payment was due.

This Certificate is dated [_______, 2016] and is one of a series of fully registered certificates specified in the title hereof issued in the aggregate principal amount of [\$7,250,000] (herein referred to as the "Certificates"), issued pursuant to a certain ordinance of the City (the "Ordinance") for the costs associated with the construction of improvements and renovations to and the equipment of the City's waterworks and sanitary sewer system, including the wastewater collection system, the water distribution system, the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant, the construction of improvements to and the repair of streets and sidewalks, the construction of improvements to and renovation of the costs of th

The City has reserved the right to redeem the Certificates maturing on and after [September 1, 20_], in whole or from time to time in part before their respective scheduled maturity dates, on [September 1, 20_], or on any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If less than all of the Certificates are to be redeemed, the City shall determine the maturity or maturities and the amounts thereof to be redeemed and shall direct the Paying Agent/Registrar to call by lot the Certificates, or portions thereof, within such maturity and in such principal amounts, for redemption.

Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Certificates, the City shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the Owners of the Certificates to be redeemed at the address of the Owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice.

The City reserves the right to give notice of its election or direction to redeem Certificates pursuant to an optional redemption conditioned upon the occurrence of subsequent events. Such notice may state (i) that the redemption is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys and/or authorized securities, in an amount equal to the amount necessary to effect the redemption, with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or such other entity as may be authorized by law, no later than the redemption date, or (ii) that the City retains the right to rescind such notice at any time on or prior to the scheduled redemption date if the City delivers a certificate of the City to the Paying Agent/Registrar instructing the Paying Agent/Registrar to rescind the redemption notice and such notice and redemption shall be of no effect if such moneys and/or authorized securities are not so deposited or if the notice is rescinded. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall give prompt notice of any such rescission of a conditional notice of redemption to the affected Owners. Any Certificates subject to conditional redemption and such redemption has been rescinded shall remain Outstanding and the rescission of such redemption shall not constitute an event of default. Further, in the case of a conditional redemption, the failure of the City to make moneys and or authorized securities available in part or in whole on or before the redemption date shall not constitute an event of default.

Any notice so mailed shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the registered owner receives such notice. Notice having been so given and subject, in the case of an optional redemption, to any rights or conditions reserved by the City in the notice, the Certificates called for redemption shall become due and payable on the specified redemption date, and notwithstanding that any Certificate or portion thereof has not been surrendered for payment, interest on such Certificates or portions thereof shall cease to accrue.

As provided in the Ordinance, and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Certificate is transferable upon surrender of this Certificate for transfer at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar with such endorsement or other evidence of transfer as is acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar; thereupon, one or more new fully registered Certificate of the same stated maturity, of authorized denominations, bearing the same rate of interest, and for the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any other person may treat the person in whose name this Certificate is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided (except interest shall be paid to the person in whose name this Certificate is registered on the Record Date) and for all other purposes, whether or not this Certificate be overdue, and neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

IT IS HEREBY certified, recited and covenanted that this Certificate has been duly and validly issued and delivered; that all acts, conditions and things required or proper to be performed, to exist and to be done precedent to or in the issuance and delivery of this Certificate have been performed, exist and have been done in accordance with law; and that annual ad valorem taxes, within the limits prescribed by law, sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of this Certificate, as such interest comes due and such principal matures, have been levied and ordered to be levied against all taxable property in the City.

IT IS FURTHER certified, recited and represented that the revenues to be derived from the operation of the City's waterworks and sanitary sewer system, after the payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof (the "Net Revenues"), are pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates in an amount not to exceed \$1,000; provided, however, that such pledge is junior and subordinate in all respects to the pledge of the Net Revenues to the payment of all outstanding obligations of the City and any obligation of the City, whether authorized heretofore or hereafter, which the City designates as having a pledge senior to the pledge of the Net Revenues to the payment of the Certificates. The City also reserves the right to issue, for any lawful purpose at any time, in one or more installments, bonds, certificates of obligation and other obligations of any kind payable in whole or in part from the Net Revenues, secured by a pledge of the Net Revenues that may be prior and superior in right to, on a parity with, or junior and subordinate to the pledge of the Net Revenues securing the Certificates. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Certificate to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Secretary, and the official seal of the City has been duly impressed or placed in facsimile on this Certificate.

City Secretary City of Port Neches, Texas Mayor [Pro Tem]¹ City of Port Neches, Texas

[SEAL]

(b) Form of Comptroller's Registration Certificate.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER	§	
OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS	§	REGISTER NO.
THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT there is on file and of record in my office a certificate to the effect that the Attorney General of the State of Texas has approved this Certificate, and that this Certificate has been registered this day by me.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE this _____.

[SEAL]

Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas

(c) Form of Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar.

The following Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar may be deleted from the Initial Certificate if the Comptroller's Registration Certificate appears thereon.

CERTIFICATE OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR

The records of the Paying Agent/Registrar show that the Initial Certificate of this series of certificates of obligation was approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and

¹ Delete if the Mayor executes the Initial Certificate.

registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and that this is one of the Certificates referred to in the within-mentioned Ordinance.

as Paying Agent/Registrar

Dated:

By: ______Authorized Signatory

(d) Form of Assignment.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto (print or typewrite name, address and Zip Code of transferee):

(Social Security or other identifying number: _____) the within Certificate and all rights hereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints ______attorney to transfer the within Certificate on the books kept for registration hereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed By:

NOTICE: The signature on this Assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Certificate in every particular and must be guaranteed in a manner acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Authorized Signatory

(e) The Initial Certificate shall be in the form set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of this Section, except for the following alterations:

(i) immediately under the name of the Certificate the headings "INTEREST RATE" and "MATURITY DATE" shall both be completed with the expression "As Shown Below" and "CUSIP NUMBER _____" deleted; and

(ii) in the first paragraph of the Certificate, the words "on the Maturity Date specified above, the sum of _____ DOLLARS" and shall be deleted and the following will be inserted: "on [September 1] in each of the years, in the principal installments and bearing interest at the per annum rates set forth in the following schedule:

(Information to be inserted from schedule in Section 3.2 of the Ordinance)

(iii) the Initial Certificate shall be numbered I-1.

Section 6.3. Legal Opinion.

The approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel may be attached to or printed on the reverse side of each Certificate over the certification of the City Secretary of the City, which may be executed in facsimile.

ARTICLE VII

SALE AND DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES; DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS; OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Section 7.1. <u>Sale of Certificates; Purchase Letter.</u>

(a) The Certificates are hereby sold and shall be delivered to the Purchaser at the price of \$______, representing the par amount of the Certificates in accordance with the terms of the Purchaser Letter of even date herewith, presented to and hereby approved by the City Council, which price and terms are hereby found and determined to be the most advantageous reasonably obtainable by the City. The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and other appropriate officials of the City are hereby authorized to execute the Purchase Letter on behalf of the City and to do any and all things necessary or desirable to satisfy the conditions set out therein and to provide for the issuance and delivery of the Certificates and the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

(b) All officers and officials of the City are authorized to take such actions and to execute such documents, certificates and receipts, and to make such elections with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Certificates, as they may deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the delivery of the Certificates. Further, in connection with the submission of the record of proceedings for the Certificates to the Attorney General of the State of Texas for examination and approval of such Certificates, the appropriate officer of the City is hereby authorized and directed to issue a check of the City payable to the Attorney General of the State of Texas as a nonrefundable examination fee in the amount required by Chapter 1202, Texas Government Code (such amount to be the lesser of (i) 1/10th of 1% of the principal amount of the Certificates or (ii) \$9,500, but in no case less than \$750).

(c) The obligation of the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Certificates is subject to the Purchaser being furnished with the final, approving opinion of Bond Counsel to the City, which opinion shall be dated as of and delivered on the Issuance Date.

Section 7.2. Deposit of Proceeds.

Proceeds from the sale of the Certificates shall, promptly upon receipt by the City, be applied as follows:

(a) Certificate proceeds in the amount of \$______ shall be used for the purposes set forth in Section 3.1.

(b) Certificate proceeds in the amount of \$_____shall be used to pay the costs of issuance.

(c) Any amounts remaining after accomplishing such purposes and paying costs of issuance shall be deposited for the purposes described in subsection (a) above.

Section 7.3. Control and Delivery of Certificates.

(a) The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to have control of the Initial Certificate and all necessary records and proceedings pertaining thereto pending investigation, examination, and approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas and registration with, and initial exchange or transfer by, the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(b) After registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivery of the Certificates shall be made to the Purchaser under and subject to the general supervision and direction of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, against receipt by the City of all amounts due to the City under the terms of sale.

(c) In the event the Mayor is absent or otherwise unable to execute any document or take any action authorized herein, the Mayor Pro Tem shall be authorized to execute such documents and take such actions, and the performance of such duties by the Mayor Pro Tem shall for the purposes of this Ordinance have the same force and effect as if such duties were performed by the Mayor.

ARTICLE VIII

PARTICULAR REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

Section 8.1. <u>Payment of the Certificates</u>.

On or before each Interest Payment Date while any of the Certificates are outstanding and unpaid, there shall be made available to the Paying Agent/Registrar, out of the Debt Service Fund, money sufficient to pay such interest on and principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates as will accrue or mature on the applicable Interest Payment Date or date of prior redemption.

Section 8.2. Other Representations and Covenants.

(a) The City will faithfully perform, at all times, any and all covenants, undertakings, stipulations, and provisions contained in this Ordinance and in each Certificate; the City will promptly pay or cause to be paid the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on each Certificate on the dates and at the places and manner prescribed in such Certificate; and the City will, at the times and in the manner prescribed by this Ordinance, deposit or cause to be deposited the amounts of money specified by this Ordinance.

(b) The City is duly authorized under the laws of the State of Texas to issue the Certificates; all action on its part for the creation and issuance of the Certificates has been duly and effectively taken; and the Certificates in the hands of the Owners thereof are and will be valid and enforceable obligations of the City in accordance with their terms.

Section 8.3. Ordinance a Contract - Amendments and Remedies.

(a) This Ordinance shall constitute a contract with the Owners from time to time, be binding on the City, and shall not be amended or repealed by the City so long as the Certificates remain outstanding except as permitted in this Section. The City may, without the consent of or notice to any Owners, from time to time and at any time, amend this Ordinance in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission herein. In addition, the City may, with the consent of the Owners, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

(b) In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates, or a default in the performance of any duty or covenant provided by law or in this Ordinance, the Owner or Owners of the Certificates may pursue all legal remedies afforded by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas to compel the City to remedy such default and to prevent further default or defaults, including by suit for mandamus or otherwise to enforce or compel performance of all duties required to be performed by the City under this Ordinance.

Section 8.4. <u>Provisions Concerning Federal Income Tax Exclusion</u>.

(a) <u>General</u>. The City intends that the interest on the Certificates be excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation pursuant to sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Regulations"). The City covenants and agrees not to take any action, or knowingly omit to take any action within its control, that if taken or omitted, respectively, would (i) cause the interest on the Certificates to be includable in the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Code, of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation or (ii) result in the violation of or failure to satisfy any provision of Section 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code and the applicable Regulations that is applicable to the Certificates. In particular, the City covenants and agrees to comply with each requirement of this Section 8.4; provided, however, that the City will not be required to comply with any particular requirement of this Section 8.4 if the City has received an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel ("Counsel's Opinion") that (i) such noncompliance will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Certificates or (ii) compliance with some other requirement set forth in this Section 8.4 will

satisfy the applicable requirements of the Code, in which case compliance with such other requirement specified in such Counsel's Opinion will constitute compliance with the corresponding requirement specified in this Section 8.4.

(b) <u>No Private Use or Payment and No Private Loan Financing</u>. The City will certify, through an authorized officer, employee or agent, that, based upon all facts and estimates known or reasonably expected to be in existence on the date the Certificates are delivered, the proceeds of the Certificates will not be used in a manner that would cause the Certificates to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141 of the Code and the Regulations. The City covenants and agrees that it will make such use of the proceeds of the Certificates, including interest or other investment income derived from Certificate proceeds, regulate the use of property financed, directly or indirectly, with such proceeds, and take such other and further action as may be required so that the bonds will not be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141 of the Code and the Regulations.

(c) <u>No Federal Guarantee</u>. The City covenants and agrees not to take any action, or knowingly omit to take any action within its control, that, if taken or omitted, respectively, would cause the Certificates to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of section 149(b) of the Code and the Regulations, except as permitted by section 149(b)(3) of the Code and the Regulations.

(d) <u>Certificates Are Not Hedge Bonds</u>. The City covenants and agrees not to take any action, or knowingly omit to take any action, and has not knowingly omitted and will not knowingly omit to take any action, within its control, that, if taken or omitted, respectively, would cause the Certificates to be "hedge bonds" within the meaning of section 149(g) of the Code and the Regulations.

(e) <u>No-Arbitrage Covenant</u>. The City will certify, through an authorized officer, employee or agent that, based upon all facts and estimates known or reasonably expected to be in existence on the date the Certificates are delivered, the proceeds of the Certificates will not be used in a manner that would cause the Certificates to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations. Moreover, the City covenants and agrees that it will make such use of the proceeds of the Certificates including interest or other investment income derived from Certificate proceeds, regulate investments of proceeds of the Certificates, and take such other and further action as may be required so that the Certificates will not be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations.

(f) <u>Arbitrage Rebate</u>. If the City does not qualify for an exception to the requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code, the City will take all necessary steps to comply with the requirement that certain amounts earned by the City on the investment of the "gross proceeds" of the Certificates (within the meaning of section 148(f)(6)(B) of the Code), be rebated to the federal government. Specifically, the City will (i) maintain records regarding the investment of the gross proceeds of the Certificates as may be required to calculate the amount earned on the investment of the gross proceeds of the Certificates separately from records of amounts on deposit in the funds and accounts of the City allocable to other bond issues of the City or moneys that do not represent gross proceeds of any Certificates of the City, (ii) calculate at such times as are required by the Regulations, the amount earned from the investment of the

gross proceeds of the Certificates that is required to be rebated to the federal government, and (iii) pay, not less often than every fifth anniversary date of the delivery of the Certificates or on such other dates as may be permitted under the Regulations, all amounts required to be rebated to the federal government. Further, the City will not indirectly pay any amount otherwise payable to the federal government pursuant to the foregoing requirements to any person other than the federal government by entering into any investment arrangement with respect to the gross proceeds of the Certificates that might result in a reduction in the amount required to be paid to the federal government because such arrangement results in a smaller profit or a larger loss than would have resulted if the arrangement had been at arm's length and had the yield on the issue not been relevant to either party.

(g) <u>Information Reporting</u>. The City covenants and agrees to file or cause to be filed with the Secretary of the Treasury, not later than the 15th day of the second calendar month after the close of the calendar quarter in which the Certificates are issued, an information statement concerning the Certificates, all under and in accordance with section 149(e) of the Code and the Regulations.

(h) <u>Record Retention</u>. The City will retain all pertinent and material records relating to the use and expenditure of the proceeds of the Certificates until three years after the last Certificate is redeemed, or such shorter period as authorized by subsequent guidance issued by the Department of Treasury, if applicable. All records will be kept in a manner that ensures their complete access throughout the retention period. For this purpose, it is acceptable that such records are kept either as hardcopy books and records or in an electronic storage and retrieval system, provided that such electronic system includes reasonable controls and quality assurance programs that assure the ability of the City to retrieve and reproduce such books and records in the event of an examination of the Certificates by the Internal Revenue Service.

(i) <u>Registration</u>. The Certificates will be issued in registered form.

(j) <u>Deliberate Action</u>. The City will not take a deliberate action (as defined in section 1.141-2(d)(3) of the Regulations) that causes the Certificates to fail to meet any requirement of section 141 of the code after the issue date of the Certificates unless an appropriate remedial action is permitted by section 1.141-12 of the Regulations, the City takes such remedial action and an opinion of Bond Counsel is obtained that such remedial action cures any failure to meet the requirements of section 141 of the Code.

(k) <u>Continuing Obligation</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the City's obligations under the covenants and provisions of this Section 8.4 will survive the defeasance and discharge of the Certificates for so long as such matters are relevant to the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Certificates for federal income tax purposes.

(1) <u>Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations</u>. The City hereby designates the Certificates as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of section 265(b) of the Code. In connection therewith, the City represents (a) that the aggregate amount of tax-exempt obligations issued by the City during calendar year 2016, including the Certificates, that have been designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under section 265(b)(3) of the Code does not exceed \$10,000,000, and (b) that the reasonably anticipated amount of tax-exempt obligations that will

be issued by the City during calendar year 2016, including the Certificates, will not exceed 10,000,000. For purposes of this Section, the term "tax-exempt obligation" does not include (i) "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141 of the Code, other than "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" within the meaning of section 145 of the Code or (ii) obligations issued to currently refund any obligation to the extent that the amount of the refunding obligation does not exceed the outstanding amount of the refunded obligation. In addition, for purposes of this Section, the City includes all entities which are aggregated with the City under the Code.

ARTICLE IX

DISCHARGE

Section 9.1. <u>Discharge</u>.

The Certificates may be defeased, discharged or refunded in any manner now or hereafter permitted by applicable law.

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.1. Changes to Ordinance.

Bond Counsel is hereby authorized to make any changes to the terms of this Ordinance if necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof or in connection with the approval of the issuance of the Certificates by the Attorney General of Texas.

Section 10.2. Partial Invalidity.

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 10.3. <u>Repealer</u>.

All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, heretofore adopted by the City and inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 10.4. Individuals Not Liable.

No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement herein contained shall be deemed to be a covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member of City Council or agent or employee of City Council or of the City in his or her individual capacity and neither the members of City Council nor any officer thereof, nor any agent or employee of City Council or of the City, shall be liable personally on the Certificates, or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof. Section 10.5. Related Matters.

To satisfy in a timely manner all of the City's obligations under this Ordinance, the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, the City Secretary and all other appropriate officers and agents of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and/or convenient in order to consummate the delivery of the Certificates, pay the costs of issuance on the Certificates, and effectuate the terms and purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 10.6. Force and Effect.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordained.

[Signature Page Follows]

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2016.

City Secretary City of Port Neches, Texas Mayor City of Port Neches, Texas

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney City of Port Neches, Texas

> Signature Page to Ordinance No. _____ Authorizing Issuance of City of Port Neches, Texas, Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF JEFFERSON §

I, the undersigned officer of the City Council of the City of Port Neches, Texas, hereby certify as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Port Neches, Texas, convened in a regular meeting on the 19th day of May, 2016, at the regular meeting place thereof, within said City, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of said City Council, to wit:

Glenn Johnson Robert Arnold Chris McMahon Adam Anders John Davenport Julie Gauthier Mayor Council Member, Place 4 and Mayor Pro Tem Council Member, Place 1 Council Member, Place 2 Council Member, Place 3 Council Member, Place 5

and all of said persons were present, except the following absentee(s):______, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at said meeting: a written

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY OF PORT NECHES, TEXAS, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2016; LEVYING A TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT THEREOF; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

was duly introduced for the consideration of said City Council and read in full. It was then duly moved and seconded that said ordinance be adopted; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the adoption of said ordinance, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

_____ Member(s) of City Council shown present above voted "Aye."

Member(s) of City Council shown present above voted "No."

2. A true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid ordinance adopted at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this certificate; that said ordinance has been duly recorded in said City Council's minutes of said meeting; that the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full and correct excerpt from said City Council's minutes of said meeting pertaining to the adoption of said ordinance; that the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers and

members of said City Council as indicated therein; that each of the officers and members of said City Council was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the date, hour, place and purpose of the aforesaid meeting, and that said ordinance would be introduced and considered for adoption at said meeting, and each of said officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of said meeting for such purpose; that said meeting was open to the public as required by law; and that public notice of the date, hour, place and subject of said meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 19th day of May, 2016.

City Secretary City of Port Neches, Texas

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