

## **FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 10**

### **Sales and Use Tax Election: November 4, 2025**

This Information Sheet will provide election information for the upcoming Sales and Use Tax Election in Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 10, which operates in the Fairchilds area in Fort Bend County.

The election is ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 10 ("ESD 10").

The election is November 4, 2025.

Early Voting is October 20 - October 31, 2025.

The Fort Bend County Elections Office will be conducting the election. Only registered voters can vote in the election.

Note: October 6, 2025 is the last day to register for the November 4, 2025 election if you are not currently a registered voter in ESD 10.

The ballot is for the voters to vote yes or no on the proposition of authorizing a 1% sales tax in ESD 10.

#### Background information:

- In Texas, the state sales tax rate is 6.25%.
- Local entities, such as cities and ESDs, with voter approval, can levy up to a 2% local sales tax for a combined sale tax rate of up to 8.25%.
- Currently, in the Fairchilds area, there is the following sales tax established:
- Village of Fairchilds sales tax: 7.25% (State 6.25%, plus the Village 1%)
- In the remainder of ESD 10 outside the Village: 6.25% (Only the state sales tax)
- However, the local sales tax cannot exceed 2%. That is why ESD 10 is having an election for authority to levy an additional 1% sales tax in ESD 10.

If approved, the sales tax in ESD 10 will be as follows:

- Village of Fairchilds: 8.25% (State 6.25%, plus the Villages 1%, plus the ESD10 1%)
- In the remainder of ESD 10: 7.25% (State 6.25%, plus the ESD10 1%)

Projected uses for an ESD 10 sales tax:

The sole source of revenue for ESD 10 is currently from property taxes. The sales tax will provide additional revenue. The sales tax revenue can help ESD 10 to purchase additional fire trucks and equipment. The revenue can also be used in the ESD 10 contract with Fairchild's VFD for the VFD to hire paid firefighters to cover times and shifts when volunteers are not available. With paid firefighters, response times can be improved.

Additionally, non-resident travelers in ESD 10 - who benefit from ESD 10 emergency services, but do not contribute tax funds to ESD 10 - would participate in the revenue source when they purchase goods and services in ESD 10. Also, the ESD 10 sales tax would be used exclusively within the ESD 10 service area. These sales tax funds would not go to the state.

ESD 10 is committed to providing fire and emergency services to meet the needs of the growing community as the demand for emergency services is increasing. To keep up with the current and future growth, there is a need for more firefighters and equipment. In fact, the cost for one firefighter's protective clothing costs over \$10,000.

On this ESD 10 website there is a tab for Elections. You can review the Election materials, and determine voting locations and times for voting. In Fort Bend County voters are able to vote at any listed county polling location. The internet website for the Fort Bend County Elections Department is [www.fortbendvotes.com](http://www.fortbendvotes.com).

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