

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE FISCAL COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY (“COUNTY”), AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.000, (THE “BONDS”); AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES, IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, TO THE EXTENT THAT REVENUES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS, INCLUDING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT, FEDERAL TAX CERTIFICATE, IRS FORM 8038G, AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES, NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

WHEREAS, the County of Franklin, Kentucky, acting by and through its Fiscal Court, (the “County”) desires to finance (i) the cost of the acquisition, development, and construction of a road maintenance building, owned and operated by the County and to be used for a public purpose, other capital improvement projects, including acquisition of a firetruck and/or other County equipment, and public park projects, as approved by the Fiscal Court, each having an estimated life or period of usefulness of one (1) year or more, to be owned and operated by the County, and used for a public purpose; (ii) the payment of capitalized and/or accrued interest, if any; and (iii) the payment of the Cost of Issuance;

WHEREAS, the County proposes to finance the Project by issuing its **General Obligation Bonds**, in one or more series, denominations, identifying name, and dated as determined by the County Judge/Executive with advice from the Financial Advisor, in a total principal amount not to exceed \$10,000.000; and

WHEREAS, in order to assure the payment of the Bonds, it is necessary that the County authorize a levy of a tax sufficient for the purposes provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Preamble Incorporated; Ordinance as Contract; Definitions.** That the Preamble to this Ordinance is hereby incorporated within the body of this Ordinance as fully as if copied in full hereat.

That this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the County and the Registered and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds herein authorized and no change, alteration, or amendment in the provisions hereof shall be made subsequent to the delivery of said Bonds.

For the purposes of this Ordinance and the Bonds, the capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth in the Preamble to this Ordinance and hereinafter set forth:

“Act” means Sections 66.011 through 66.191 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

“Bond Counsel” means Gillard B. Johnson, III, GBJ & Associates, PLLC, Nicholasville, Kentucky.

“Bond Registrar” or “Registrar” means the Depository acting in its capacity as the registrar of the Bonds and Paying Agent for the Bonds, and assuming the obligations of a registrar as set forth in this Ordinance.

“Bonds” means the general obligation bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance which may be issued in one or more series, denominations, identifying name, and dated as determined by the County Judge/Executive, with advice from the Financial Advisor.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Continuing Disclosure Agreement” means the agreement entered into by the County, including agreements with third party disclosure agents, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds pursuant to SEC Rule 15c2-12 (“Rule”) requiring the County to provide timely information regarding the County and to provide timely information of certain material events as defined in the Rule and the agreement.

“Costs” means all costs incident to financing the Project, including, but not being limited to, the expenses of financing the Costs of Issuance expenses incident to the issuance of the Bonds.

“Costs of Issuance” means those expenses incident to the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not being limited to, the fees of any rating agency, Financial Advisor, Bond and/or Tax Counsel, Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, publication cost, and any other cost associated with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

“Costs of Issuance Fund” means the separate account established with the Depository from the proceeds of the Bonds from which the Costs of Issuance are to be paid.

“Depository” means such bank as may be appointed by the County Judge/Executive, without further action of the Fiscal Court, who may also act as Bond Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds and depository for the various funds established by this Ordinance.

“Event of Default” shall mean the County’s (i) failure to comply with the provisions of the Act or this Ordinance; (ii) failure to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due; (iii) failure to reimburse any Fund established hereby, in accordance with the reimbursement provisions hereof; and, (iv) failure to comply with the Code.

“Federal Tax Certificate” or “Tax Certificate” means the agreement or certificate relating to the use of the proceeds of the Bonds, and compliance with certain requirements of the Code, to be dated the date of delivery of the Bonds

“Final Official Statement” means the County’s information disclosure statement issued pursuant to Securities and Exchange Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”), in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds and deemed final within the meaning of the Rule.

“Financial Advisor” means Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC, Lexington, Kentucky.

“Investments” means those investments permitted under Section 66.480 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

“Issuer” or “County” means the County of Franklin, Kentucky.

“Paying Agent” means the Bond Registrar assuming the obligations of a paying agent as set forth in this Ordinance.

“Pledged Receipts” means the Revenues from the County, and/or the Tax, to the extent required, adequate each year to pay the principal and interest requirements of the Bonds.

“Project” means the financing of (i) the cost of the acquisition, development, and construction of a road maintenance building, owned and operated by the County and to be used for a public purpose, other capital improvement projects, including acquisition of a firetruck and/or other County equipment, and public park projects, as approved by the Fiscal Court, each having an estimated life or period of usefulness of one (1) year or more, to be owned and operated by the County, and used for a public purpose; (ii) the payment of capitalized and/or accrued interest, if any; and (iii) the payment of the Cost of Issuance.

“Registered Owners” or “Bondowner” or “Owner” means, when used with reference to the Bonds, the registered owner of any Bonds.

“Revenues” means any proceeds from the County’s general fund or any other proceeds received by the County which may be used to pay principal and interest on the Bonds.

“State” means the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

“State Local Debt Officer” shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 66.011(24) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

“Tax” means the direct, annual ad valorem tax on all property within the County of Franklin, Kentucky, which is subject to taxation for County purposes, occupational license fees, and any and all other receipts of taxes, excises, utilities and service revenues, permits, licenses, fines, or other sources of revenue of, or of revenue distributions to, the County.

**Section 2. Findings.**

The Fiscal Court for the County hereby makes the following findings:

(a) All capital improvements, including the road maintenance building, as may be approved by the Fiscal Court and financed with proceeds from the Bonds, constitute public buildings, or capital improvements, to be owned and operated by the County and having an estimated life or usefulness of one (1) year or more, including the firetruck, or other county equipment as may be approved by the Fiscal Court and acquired with proceeds from the Bonds.

(b) The County's road maintenance building, together with other capital improvements, the firetruck, or other county equipment, subsequently approved by the Fiscal Court and financed with proceeds from the Bonds, serves, or will serve, a public purpose.

(c) The Bonds are issued and the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for a "public purpose".

**Section 3. Necessity for and Authorization of Bonds.**

That for the purposes set forth in the Preamble to this Ordinance, there is hereby declared a necessity for, and there is hereby authorized to be issued, pursuant to the Act, a principal amount not to exceed a total amount of \$10,000,000, as authorized by this Ordinance, of the **Franklin County, Kentucky General Obligation Bonds**, in one or more series, denominations, other identifying name, and dated as determined by the County Judge/Executive with the advice from the Financial Advisor, without further action of the Fiscal Court.

The Bonds shall be dated as determined in the winning bid set forth in the Official Bid Form and selected by the County Judge/Executive, without further action of the Fiscal Court and with the advice of the Financial Advisor pursuant to section 7 of this Ordinance, awarding Bonds to the purchaser thereof and establishing the interest rate or rates on the Bonds. Principal on the Bonds shall be payable at maturity. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable semiannually, at the stated interest rate or rates on the principal amount thereof. The Bonds shall be serial and/or term bonds maturing in the years and in the amounts to be established in the Official Bid Form accepted by the County Judge/Executive as the successful bid for the purchase of the Bonds, after advertised competitive sale of the Bonds, based on the interest rates bid in the successful bid and the provisions of this Ordinance and specifically this Section 3, provided that the final maturity date of the Bonds shall be set forth in the Official Bid Form accepted by the County Judge/Executive as the successful bid for the purchase of the Bonds and such final maturity may not exceed the maximum maturity as established in Section 66.091 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes; and, further provided that the aggregate net interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed nine percent (9%) per annum.

**Section 4. Form and Execution of Bonds; Authentication; Optional and Mandatory Redemption.**

(A) The Bonds shall be issued in book-entry only form, unless the successful bidder elects to issue standard bond certificates. The form of the certificates evidencing the Bonds, or any series thereof, shall be in a form approved by the County Judge/Executive, with advice from Bond Counsel, without further action of the Fiscal Court, provided such certificate is in compliance with the Act and this Ordinance.

The Bonds shall be executed with the facsimile or electronic signature of the County Judge/Executive, attested by the facsimile or electronic signature of the Fiscal Court Clerk.

The Bonds shall be payable at the principal office of the Depository, being such bank as may be appointed by the County Judge/Executive, without further action of the Fiscal Court, who may also act as Bond Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds and depository for the various funds established by this Ordinance.

No Bond shall be valid or binding upon the County unless and until it is authenticated by the manual, facsimile, or electronic signature of a duly authorized representative of the Registrar and Paying Agent.

(B) Optional Redemption. Any Optional Redemption provisions shall be set forth in the final Bond certificate and/or the Final Official Statement or similar disclosure document or memorandum, which provisions are incorporated herein, without further action of the Fiscal Court.

(C) Mandatory Redemption/Term Bonds. In the event the purchaser of the Bonds so elects, the Bonds may be issued as term bonds in which event the Paying Agent shall select a principal maturity originally scheduled to mature on the principal due date as reflected by the successful bid and shall notify the Registered Owners of Bonds so selected for mandatory redemption not less than thirty (30) days prior to the principal due date by regular United States Mail. Any Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption provisions shall be set forth in the final Bond certificate and/or the Final Official Statement or similar disclosure document or memorandum, which provisions are incorporated herein, without further action of the Fiscal Court.

(D) Notice of Redemption. If less than all Bonds which are payable by their terms on the same date are to be called, the particular Bonds, or portions of Bonds payable on such same date and to be redeemed from such series, shall be selected by lot by the Registrar and Paying Agent, in such manner as the Registrar and Paying Agent in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any Bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or some multiple thereof, and that, in selecting Bonds for redemption, the Registrar and Paying Agent shall treat each Bond as representing that number of Bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by \$5,000.

At least thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any Bonds, the Registrar and Paying Agent shall cause a notice of such redemption to be mailed, postage prepaid, to all Registered

Owners of the Bonds to be redeemed at their addresses as they appear on the registration books kept by the Registrar and Paying Agent, but failure to mail any such notice shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for such redemption. Each such notice shall set forth the date fixed for redemption, the redemption price to be paid and, if less than all of the Bonds being payable by their terms on a single date then outstanding shall be called for redemption, the distinctive numbers or letters, if any, of such Bonds to be redeemed and, in the case of Bonds to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. In case any Bond is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption which relates to such Bond shall state also that on or after the redemption date upon surrender of such Bonds, a new Bond in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of such Bonds will be issued.

On the date so designated for redemption, notice having been sent in the manner and under the conditions hereinabove provided and moneys for payment of the redemption price being held in separate accounts by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent for the Bondowners or portions thereof to be redeemed, the Bonds or portions of Bonds so called for redemption shall become and be due and payable at the redemption price provided for redemption of such Bonds or portions of Bonds on such date, interest on the Bonds or portions of the Bonds so called for redemption shall cease to accrue, and the Bondowners or Registered Owners of such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall have no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment of the redemption price thereof and to receive Bonds for any unredeemed portions of Bonds.

In case part but not all of an outstanding Bond shall be selected for redemption, the Registered Owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative shall present and surrender such Bond to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent for payment of the principal amount hereof so called for redemption, and the County shall execute and the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the order of such Registered Owner or his legal representative, without charge therefor, for the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the Bond so surrendered a Bond of the same series and maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

With respect to any notice of any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless at the time such notice is given the Bonds to be redeemed shall be deemed to have been paid, such notice shall state that such redemption is conditional upon receipt by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent, on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, of moneys that, together with other available moneys held by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent, are sufficient to pay the redemption price of, and accrued interest on, the Bonds to be redeemed, and that if such moneys shall not have been so received said notice shall be of no force and effect and the County shall not be required to redeem such Bonds. In the event a notice of redemption of the Bonds contains such a conditions and such moneys are not so received, the redemption of the Bonds as described in the conditional notice of redemption shall not be made and the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall, within a reasonable time after the date on which such redemption was to occur, give notice to the respective Owners of the Bonds designated for redemption in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such moneys were not so received and that there shall be no redemption of the Bonds pursuant to such notice of redemption.

**Section 5. Compliance with Constitution; Designation and Certification of Public Project; Authorization of Tax; Pledge of Tax and Pledged Receipts to Payment of Bonds; Designation as General Obligation Bonds.**

(A) That the debt represented by the Bonds is hereby determined to be within the maximum indebtedness of the County permitted under Section 158 of the Constitution of Kentucky.

(B) That the County is authorized to contract the indebtedness represented by the Bonds pursuant to Section 159 of the Constitution of Kentucky and provide for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on said Bonds and establish the hereinafter identified Sinking Fund to provide for the payment of the principal thereof.

(C) That pursuant to Section 157 of the Constitution of Kentucky and Section 66.111 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, there is hereby authorized to be levied, and the County hereby covenants to so levy and collect, each year that the Bonds remain outstanding, a Tax in an amount sufficient to provide for the full payment of the principal and interest requirements on said Bonds.

(D) That by the adoption of this Ordinance, the County covenants with Owners of the Bonds that it shall levy each year a Tax in a sufficient amount and appropriate in its annual budget, together with other moneys available to it, to the extent Revenues are not sufficient, an amount of funds sufficient to pay the “debt charges” on the Bonds as defined in Section 66.011(4) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

(E) That the Tax shall include the ad valorem property taxes permitted under Section 157 of the Constitution of Kentucky, occupational license fees, excises and any other receipts from taxes, excises, utilities and service revenues, permits, licenses, fines, or other sources of revenue of, or of revenue distributions to, the County.

(F) That there is hereby pledged to the payment of the Bonds, Revenues, and/or the Tax, to the extent required each year, which together shall constitute the “Pledged Receipts” securing said Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.

(G) That the County hereby declares, determines, and certifies that the Project constitutes a “public project” within the meaning of Section 66.011(17) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

(H) That the County covenants to levy, collect and segregate the Tax to meet the current annual debt service requirements of the Bonds and hereby designates the Bonds as full general obligations of the County to the payment of which the full faith, credit, revenue and taxing authority of the County are hereby pledged for the prompt payment thereof.

(I) That Revenues and/or Tax, to the extent required, shall, as received, be deposited in the appropriate Sinking Fund for the Bonds and applied solely to the payment of the principal and interest requirements of and administrative expenses for the Bonds.

**Section 6. Execution of Documents Authorized; Approval of State Local Debt Officer.**

That affect the financing plan evidenced by the Bonds, the County Judge/Executive, Fiscal Court Clerk, County Treasurer, and/or such other County official as may be designated by the County, are hereby authorized to execute those documents necessary to provide for the issuance of said Bonds and the payment thereof, including but not limited to the following:

- (i) the Bonds and such Bond closing documents and/or certificates as Bond Counsel may require, and
- (ii) such other documents as are required to implement the financing of the Project and the issuance of the Bonds generally, including a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, Bond Registrar/Paying Agent Agreement, if any, any documents required to be submitted to the State Local Debt Officer, IRS Form 8038G, Federal Tax Certificate, and any other certificates or documents required by Bond Counsel to sell and issue the Bonds.

The Bonds shall only be issued to the extent approved by a decision of the State Local Debt Officer, as may be required, and the Judge/Executive is hereby authorized to proceed with a required hearing before the State Local Debt Officer, and to execute and cause to be filed with the State Local Debt Officer, such letters, documents, and/or other written filings required for the hearing.

**Section 7. Employment of Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel; Advertised Sale of Bonds; Acceptance of Bid.**

The employment of Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC, Lexington, Kentucky, as Financial Advisor is hereby authorized, approved and directed; and, the employment of Gillard B. Johnson, III, GBJ & Associates PLLC, Nicholasville, Kentucky, as Bond Counsel is hereby authorized, approved and directed.

The Bonds, or any series thereof, shall be sold at public sale after advertising according to law, and the County Judge/Executive is hereby authorized and directed to make such advertising. The specific terms, bidding conditions and restrictions governing the sale of said Bonds, or any series thereof, shall be as set forth in the forms of "Notice of Bond Sale", "Request for Proposals to acquire the Bonds", "Official Statement", "Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale", and/or "Official Bid Form" which shall be prepared by the Financial Advisor and/or Bond Counsel.

Upon the receipt of the competitive bids after the required advertisement, the County Judge/Executive, in conjunction with and with the advice of the Financial Advisor, shall calculate the best purchase offer and the exact principal amount of Bonds to be awarded, and accept the best offer to purchase said Bonds, or reject all offers, on behalf of the County.



**Section 8. Establishment of Funds.**

That there are hereby authorized to be established the following funds or accounts which shall be maintained with the Depository:

(A) The Sinking Fund (or Bond Fund), which shall receive the receipts of the Tax and Revenues herein authorized, to the extent required for the Bonds and Pledged Receipts. Said Sinking Fund moneys shall be used only for the payment of the principal and interest requirements of the Bonds. Upon the delivery of the Bonds, the accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited into said fund.

(B) Cost of Issuance Fund, which shall receive from the proceeds of the Bonds, the amounts necessary to pay the Costs of Issuance of the Bonds upon the delivery of said Bonds. The Depository shall remit the required payments in the amounts and to the parties specified in writing by the County Judge/Executive or County Treasurer, or such other County official as may be designated by the County, upon the delivery of the Bonds. Any amounts remaining in the Costs of Issuance Fund following the payment of all such Costs of Issuance shall be transferred to the Sinking Fund.

(C) Project Fund or Construction Fund, which shall receive a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds, which shall be used to pay the costs and expenses associated with the acquisition, development, and construction of the road maintenance building and such other capital improvement projects approved by the Fiscal Court, specified in writing signed by the County Judge/Executive, or such other County official as may be designated by the Fiscal Court.

(D) Any other fund authorized by this Ordinance, required by law, or deemed necessary and appropriate by the Financial Advisor.

(E) Moneys on deposit in the funds enumerated in subsections (A) through (D) of this Section shall be invested in the Investments permitted and any earnings carried to the credit of the fund from which the investment was made.

**Section 9. Registration of Bonds; Duties of Bond Registrar, Paying Agent, and Depository.**

Such bank, as may be appointed by the County Judge/Executive pursuant to a written designation of Bond Registrar/Paying Agent or evidenced with the execution of a Bond Registrar/Paying Agent Agreement, or similar agreement, between the County and the Bond Registrar, Paying Agent, and Depository, is hereby designated as the Bond Registrar, Paying Agent and Depository for the Bonds. The Bond Registrar, Paying Agent and Depository shall receive compensation for its services in accordance with its agreement with the County.

(A) The duties of the Bond Registrar shall be as follows:

- (i) To register all Bond certificates in the name of the Registered Owner thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Code;
  - (ii) Upon being supplied with a properly authenticated assignment satisfactory to said Bond Registrar (in the sole discretion of said Bond Registrar), to transfer the ownership of Bond certificates from one Registered Owner to another within three (3) business days of the receipt of proper authentication by said Bond Registrar; and
  - (iii) To cancel and destroy (or remit to the County for destruction) all exchanged or matured Bond certificates, and to maintain adequate records relative thereto;
- (B) The duties of the Paying Agent and Depository shall be as follows:
- (i) To maintain the various funds established under this Ordinance and to invest the same in accordance with the provisions hereof;
  - (ii) To remit, but only to the extent that all required funds are made available to the Paying Agent by the County, semiannual interest payments direct to the Registered Owner of each Bond by regular United States Mail; said interest payments shall be deposited in the United States Mail no later than each interest due date. Matured or redeemed Bonds shall be payable upon presentation of Bond certificates to the Paying Agent. For interest payment purposes, the Paying Agent shall be entitled to rely on its records as Bond Registrar as to the ownership of each Bond as of the 15th day of the month preceding an interest due date and the Paying Agent's checks shall be drawn and mailed accordingly;
  - (iii) To notify each Registered Owner to be prepaid and to redeem Bonds prior to their stated maturity upon their presentation in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance upon being supplied with sufficient funds; and
  - (iv) To supply the County with a written accounting evidencing the payment of interest and principal within thirty days following each due date.

The Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall be entitled to the advice of its attorney and shall be protected for any acts taken by it in good faith and reliance upon such advice. The Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and believed by it to be within its discretion or the power conferred upon it by this Ordinance or any agreement with the County or be responsible for the consequences of any oversight or error of judgment.

The Bond Registrar/Paying Agent may at any time resign from its duties set forth in this Ordinance or in any agreement with the County by filing its resignation with the County

Judge/Executive and notifying the Registered Owners of the Bonds herein authorized. Thereupon, the County shall designate a successor Bond Registrar/Paying Agent which shall be an incorporated bank or trust company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of the resignation of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent, provisions shall be made for the orderly transition of the books, records and accounts relating to the Bonds to the successor Bond Registrar/Paying Agent in order that there will be no delinquencies in the payment of interest or principal due on the Bonds.

The Bond Registrar/Paying Agent may be removed by the County if at any time so requested by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing, filed with the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent and signed by the Registered Owners of a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding or their attorneys-in-fact duly authorized.

**Section 10. Tax Covenants.**

The County shall at all times do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary or desirable in order to assure that interest paid by the County on the Bonds shall be excludable from the gross income of the recipients thereof for Federal income tax purposes under any valid provision of the Code.

The County shall not permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds to be used directly or indirectly to acquire any securities or obligations the acquisition of which would cause such Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" as defined in Section 148 of the Code, as then in effect.

The County further covenants that prior to the issuance of said Bonds and as a condition precedent to such issuance, the County shall certify by issuance of a certificate of the County Judge/Executive, or County Treasurer, or such other County official as may be designated by the County, supplemental to this Ordinance, that on the basis of the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue of said Bonds, it is not expected that the proceeds of said Bonds will be used in a manner which would cause such obligations to be "arbitrage bonds" under the Code.

The County shall execute a Federal Tax Certificate or similar document relating to the use of the proceeds of the Bonds, and compliance with certain requirements of the Code, to be dated the date of delivery of the Bonds. The County further covenants to comply with all representations, covenants and assurances contained in the Federal Tax Certificate, which Federal Tax Certificate shall constitute a part of the contract between the County and the Registered Owners of the Bonds.

**Section 11. Contractual Nature of Ordinance.** This Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the County and all who may become the Registered Owners of the Bonds, and any Bonds subsequently issued ranking on a parity therewith, and after the issuance and delivery of such Bonds, no change, variation or alteration of any kind in the provisions of this Ordinance shall be made in any manner except for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective or inconsistent provisions contained herein.

The County Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Continuing Disclosure Agreement in order to comply with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the Bonds.

**Section 12. Bank Qualified.** The County, by the adoption of this Ordinance, reasonably anticipates that the total principal amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which it will issue during the calendar year ending December 31, 2023 will not exceed \$10,000,000 and therefore designates the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

**Section 13. Severability.** If any section, paragraph or clause hereof shall be held invalid, the invalidity of said section, paragraph or clause shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 14. Disclosure Undertaking Procedures.** In order to ensure compliance with certain continuing disclosure undertakings (the “Disclosure Undertakings”) to be undertaken by the County in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and submission of certain financial and operating data under Rule 15c2-12, as amended, of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”), the County hereby adopts the following procedures:

A. On or before the 60<sup>th</sup> day following the conclusion of each fiscal year of the County, the County shall compile all financial data relating to the operations of the County that shall be required to enable the independent auditors of the County to prepare audited financial statements of the County for the fiscal year just ended and to enable the County to submit operating data required to be submitted to the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) system under the Disclosure Undertakings;

B. On or before the 75<sup>th</sup> day following the conclusion of each fiscal year of the County, the Treasurer of the County shall submit the required financial data set forth in subsection A. above for preparation of the County’s audited financial statements to the independent auditors of the County;

C. On or before the 150<sup>th</sup> day following the conclusion of each fiscal year of the County, the Treasurer of the County shall seek confirmation in writing from the County’s independent auditors that the audited financial statements of the County for such fiscal year shall be released and publicly available not less than 10 days prior to the date such audited financial statements are required to be submitted by the County under its Disclosure Undertakings;

D. On or before the 190<sup>th</sup> day following the conclusion of each fiscal year of the County, the Treasurer of the County shall determine whether the audited financial statements of the County for such fiscal year have been received from the County’s independent auditors, and, if so, shall cause such, together with the operating data referenced in subsection A above, to be transmitted in accordance with its Disclosure Undertakings;

E. In the event the County shall not have received on or before the 195<sup>th</sup> day following the conclusion of each fiscal year of the County, the audited financial statements of the County for

such fiscal year from the County's independent auditors, then the Treasurer of the County shall submit a notice to the Disclosure Agent, identified in a Continuing Disclosure Agreement for filing with EMMA or, if the County is the Disclosure Agent the Treasurer of the County, shall file a notice with EMMA and the Underwriter and/or Paying Agent, for the Bonds; and

F. The Treasurer of the County shall cause the audited financial statements, when prepared and released by the County's independent auditors, to be transmitted in accordance with its Disclosure Undertakings within ten days of acceptance by the County Fiscal Court of the independent audited financial statements prepared by the County's independent auditors.

G. The treasurer, or such other designated individual including any dissemination agent, shall, within ten (10) days of the occurrence of a "Material Event" as defined in the Rule and in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, report a "Material Event" to the MSRB in the prescribed form through EMMA, in compliance with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and the Rule.

**Section 15. Conflicts Repealed; Effective Date of Ordinance.** All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval, and the publication of a summary thereof.

*[Signatures and certification for Franklin County, Kentucky Ordinance on the following pages]*

Given first reading on April 27, 2023.

Given second reading and passed and adopted on May 10, 2023.

  
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Michael Mueller, County Judge/Executive

Attest:

  
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Kim Cox, Fiscal Court Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Fiscal Court Clerk of the Franklin County, Kentucky; that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a certain Ordinance duly adopted by the Fiscal Court of Franklin County, Kentucky, at a duly convened public meeting properly held on May 10, 2023; that said Ordinance appears as a matter of public record in the official records of the Fiscal Court; that said meeting was duly held in accordance with all applicable requirements of Kentucky law, including KRS 61.805 to 61.850; that a quorum was present at said meeting; that said Ordinance has not been amended, modified, revoked, or repealed; and that same is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature this May 10, 2023.

  
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Kim Cox, Fiscal Court Clerk