

**ORDER REGARDING SEVERE WEATHER DISASTER BY  
THE TRAVIS COUNTY JUDGE**

**Travis County Judge Severe Weather Order No. 2022-01**

WHEREAS, beginning in the early morning hours of February 3, 2022, Travis County began experiencing severe winter weather, including dangerous ice conditions and extremely cold temperatures from Winter Storm Landon; and

WHEREAS, persons within Travis County may be severely impacted by the severe winter weather with an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, severe weather conditions will make roads unsafe and may impede the ability to provide necessary and timely emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Chapter 418 of the Government Code) authorizes the declaration of a state of disaster if a threat of disaster is imminent; and

WHEREAS, §418.109 and §418.020 of the Government Code authorizes a local government to provide mutual aid assistance in accordance with its policies and procedures and may make arrangements necessary to acquire, prepare, or equip sites for temporary housing; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2022, Governor Greg Abbott a issued disaster proclamation certifying that inclement winter weather, including freezing rain and ice poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury and loss of life in specified Texas counties, including Bosque, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Lamar, Navarro, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, and Williamson counties; and

WHEREAS, based on statements and information from Emergency Management personnel and others it is necessary to issue this disaster declaration in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and strongly encourage people to stay off icy streets and shelter in place or seek shelter in facilities provided by the local governmental entities and non-profits, and take all cautionary measures to ensure the safety of all persons and animals in their care; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the County Judge of a county to declare a local state of disaster, and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

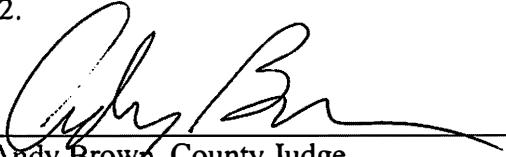
WHEREAS, by this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources to assist in the County's response to this situation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS:**

1. That a local state of disaster is declared for Travis County pursuant to chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, section 418.108.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of assistance activates the County's emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, the County may take actions necessary to protect the health and safety of persons in the County.
6. Pursuant to this authority, residents are advised to remain indoors, to bring animals indoors, and to conserve energy usage. Residents are further advised not travel unless necessary because of unsafe road and travel conditions and to continue monitoring the weather.
7. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
Andy Brown, County Judge  
County of Travis, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County:  
Dana DeBeauvoir

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