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ORDER REGARDING SEVERE WEATHER AND FLASH FLOODING DISASTER

BY

THE TRAVIS COUNTY JUDGE

County Judge Order 2026-01; Related to Declaration of Disaster regarding Heavy Rainfall and Flash Flooding and Waterway Limited Use on Lake Travis

Recitals

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2026, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation declaring a state of disaster in several Texas counties including Travis County based on the heavy rainfall and flash flooding posing an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life, and further authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, Travis County Judge Andy Brown issued a Declaration of Disaster on July 14, 2026 pursuant to his authority under Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 (or otherwise referred to as "July 2026 Severe Weather and Flash Flooding Disaster"); and,

WHEREAS, the Travis County Judge has determined from information provided by emergency management personnel that the above conditions set forth in his Declaration of Disaster continue to exist and pose a threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property, and persons within Travis County have been and continue to be severely impacted by the severe weather and flooding; and

WHEREAS, continued support and ongoing recovery efforts are needed to preserve public health, welfare and the safety of the Travis County community in response to the July 2026 Severe Weather and Flash Flooding Disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 418.108(f) and 418.185 of the Government Code, the County Judge is authorized to order the evacuation of all of part of an area stricken or threatened by a disaster within the County if necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery and may compel persons who remain in the evacuated area to leave and authorize the use of reasonable force to remove persons from the area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 418.108(g), a County Judge is authorized to control ingress and egress from a local disaster area, and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that disaster area; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge finds that circumstances present in Lake Travis, create a public safety hazard and therefore issues the following order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.
2. This Order shall continue all provisions of the Declaration of Disaster issued by the County Judge on July 14, 2026.
3. Due to the continued public health and safety hazards present in the waterways of Lake Travis caused from flooding, the Travis County Judge deems it in the public interest to **BAN and PROHIBIT all recreational use, including boating, swimming and other recreational activities, of the waterways on the Pedernales River and in Lake Travis at and between Mile Marker 27 to 37 on the lake.** This ban does not apply to commercial operators, individuals designated as emergency response by a state or local official or agency, or a representative of a state or local agency that accesses Lake Travis.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.173, Texas Government Code, a violation of this order is a misdemeanor and may be punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
5. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Order by the County Judge shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
6. That this Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED AND ORDERED this 18th day of July, 2026.

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Andy Brown
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Andy Brown, County Judge
County of Travis, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County:

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