



**TRAVIS COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO  
WILDFIRE DANGER DUE TO SEVERE DOUGHT AND WEATHER CONDITIONS**

**Recitals**

WHEREAS, Travis County is experiencing severe drought and weather conditions creating widespread and significant wildfire danger, which poses an imminent threat to persons and property within Travis County; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2025, pursuant to §418.014 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Greg Abbott issued an amended and renewed disaster proclamation for a number of Texas Counties (including Travis County and surrounding counties), based on the existence of exceptional drought conditions that pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life and further certifying that such conditions continue to exist in accordance with §418.017 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Travis County has determined from information provided by emergency management personnel, that the above conditions pose an imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property due to the threat of wildfire danger in Travis County; 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, pursuant to sections 418.108(f) and 418.185 of the Government Code, the County Judge is authorized to order the evacuation of all or 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, upon the issuance of a Local State of Disaster by the County Judge pursuant to Chapter 418, Government Code, the County Judge may prohibit outdoor burning in the county upon a finding that circumstances present in the county would be exacerbated by outdoor burning, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor through his Disaster Proclamation has authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

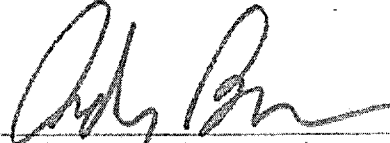
WHEREAS, the County Judge finds that circumstances present in Travis County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by certain outdoor burning.

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

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Travis County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code due to wildfire danger caused by extreme drought and weather conditions, which pose an imminent and substantial danger to the residents and property within Travis County.
2. The following actions are prohibited:
  - a. Except as described hereinafter, a person violates this order if he or she ignites, or causes ignition of any combustible or vegetative material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning or ignition by others.
3. The purpose of this outdoor burning prohibition is to mitigate the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the dry weather period and weather conditions by restricting the practice of outdoor burning.
4. This order shall not apply to the outdoor burning of vegetative material caused by welding or by other causes relating to the act of welding, if such burning is not malicious or intentional.
5. This order shall not prohibit other lawful burning as may be permissible by rules established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or pursuant to Natural Resources Code §153.004.
6. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of 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.
7. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the appropriate recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the Travis County emergency management plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this Declaration and Order.
8. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas and the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Chapter 418 of the Government Code), the County may take actions necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons in the County in response to this local state of disaster, including providing disaster relief and facilitating access to food, water, shelter and to protect and rehabilitate property due to this disaster.
9. Pursuant to Section 418.173, Texas Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates any directive legally authorized and issued by this Declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

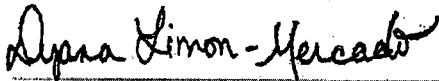
10. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
11. That this Declaration and proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED AND ORDERED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025.



Andy Brown, County Judge  
County of Travis, Texas

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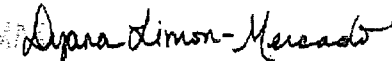
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