

ORDER OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT CONTINUING DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO SEVERE DOUGHT AND FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, initially on August 12, 2025 and amended and renewed on October 10, 2025, pursuant to §418.014 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation for a number of Texas Counties (including Travis County and surrounding counties), based on the existence of increased fire weather 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 according to the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has confirmed the increased fire weather conditions that persist in the counties listed in the Proclamation, including Travis County; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2025, Travis County Judge Andy Brown, acting in accordance with authority granted by §418.108 of the Texas Government Code, declared a local state of disaster for Travis County due to the wildfire danger and causing an imminent threat of injury, loss of life, and property damage, and which conditions continue to exist; 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, as set forth in his Disaster Proclamation, Governor Abbott 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, 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, the conditions necessitating declaration of a local disaster continue to exist, and Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period of excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED THAT:

1. The recitals set forth in this Order are true and correct.

- 2. That the state of disaster proclaimed for Travis County, Texas by the County Judge on October 16, 2025 shall continue until terminated by Order of the Travis County Commissioners Court.
- 3. This Order is passed as an emergency measure and pursuant to section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code and shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
- 4. All Travis County officials and employees are authorized to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this Order.
- 5. Pursuant to §262.024 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court hereby orders that contracts for goods and services needed to provide resources to respond to the effects of the wildfire disaster covered by the Disaster Order, including requests for mutual aid assistance with sheltering and housing evacuees and the provision of disaster relief and facilitating access to food, water, shelter and the protection and rehabilitation of property due to this disaster, are exempt from the requirements established by Section 262.023 of the Texas Local Government Code because they are contracts for the purchases in the case of a public calamity that must be made promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens of the State of Texas and are necessary to preserve the health and safety of residents.
- 6. The Travis County Commissioners Court consents and approves, pursuant to §418.109 of the Government Code, mutual aid and assistance to any continued or renewed national, state and local declarations until consent is withdrawn.
- 7. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this Order continues activation of the County's emergency management plan.
- 8. Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that such a declaration of local disaster may not be continued for a period of more than seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision.
- 9. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Order continuing the local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this 21st day of October, 2025.

Andy Brown, County Judge, Travis County

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