

## **ORDER REGARDING SEVERE WEATHER DISASTER**

**BY**

### **THE TRAVIS COUNTY JUDGE**

#### **Travis County Judge Severe Weather Order No. 2021-02**

WHEREAS, as of February 12, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott a issued disaster proclamation certifying that severe winter weather poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing statewide and declaring a state of disaster in all 254 Texas counties pursuant to §418.017 of the Texas Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, Travis County Judge Andy Brown issued a Declaration of Disaster on February 14, 2021 pursuant to his authority under Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 (or otherwise referred to as “2021 Severe Winter Weather Disaster”) and pursuant to the Emergency Management Plan adopted by the Travis County Commissioners Court; and,

WHEREAS, the Travis County Commissioners Court voted on February 19, 2021 to continue the Declaration of Disaster; and

WHEREAS, there will be a continued need to respond to the damage and impact of the severe weather in order to preserve and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the constant below freezing temperatures, utilities such as water, electricity, and other power systems have been damaged or significantly decreased. Reliable water services are not currently available throughout the County. The weather related impact has caused decreased pressure for water, and has caused water line breaks to occur throughout the County impacting thousands of individuals and resulting in people being without potable water for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, persons within Travis County have been and continue to be severely impacted by the severe winter weather and continued support and recovery efforts are needed to preserve public health, welfare and the safety of the Travis County community.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE FOR THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT:**

Effective immediately (“Effective Date”), and continuing through February 25, 2021, unless extended, modified, or terminated early by the Travis County Judge or as otherwise indicated below:

**SECTION 1.** That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.

**SECTION 2.** Businesses are prohibited from providing vehicle washing services until February 25, 2021 so as to allow for water supplies to replenish and water pressure to be restored throughout Travis County.


**SECTION 3.** That the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office, and other peace officers are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A violation of this order may be punishable through criminal or civil enforcement. A violation of this order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, but not by confinement. A violation of this order may be enforced by issuing a citation to the person violating, that contains written notice of the name and address of the person charged, and the offense charged.

**SECTION 4. SECTION 11.** This Order incorporates by reference the following:

Exhibit A: List of Cities and Municipalities within Travis County Jurisdiction Covered by this Order

**SECTION 5. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

ORDERED this 20 day of February, 2021.

  
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Andy Brown, County Judge  
County of Travis, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County:

Dana DeBeauvoir  
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Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk

Date: February 20, 2021

**Exhibit A: List of Cities and Municipalities within Travis County  
Jurisdiction covered by the Order**

- City of Austin
- City of Bee Cave
- City of Cedar Park
- City of Creedmoor
- City of Elgin
- City of Jonestown
- City of Lago Vista
- City of Lakeway
- City of Leander
- City of Manor
- City of Mustang Ridge
- City of Pflugerville
- City of Rollingwood
- City of Round Rock
- City of Sunset Valley
- City of West Lake Hills
- Village of Briarcliff
- Village of Point Venture
- Village of San Leanna
- Village of The Hills
- Village of Volente
- Village of Webberville