

**BASTROP COUNTY DECLARATION OF DISASTER
DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER, TORNADIC ACTIVITY, DAMAGING WINDS, AND HEAVY
RAINFALL**

WHEREAS, the County of Bastrop beginning on the 21st day of March, 2022, has suffered widespread or severe damage to property and threat of injury resulting from severe weather, tornadic activity, damaging winds, and heavy rainfall; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.004(1) of the *Texas Government Code* defines disaster to be “the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause ...”; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined from information provided by Bastrop County Emergency Management personnel and other emergency services agencies serving Bastrop County, Texas, that extraordinary measures may need to be taken to alleviate and prevent the suffering of people and to protect and rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, due to the disaster conditions cited herein the County Judge of Bastrop County is authorized to act to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County’s citizens.

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

By virtue of the authority vested in me as the presiding officer of the governing body of Bastrop County, Texas, and pursuant to Section 418.108 of the *Texas Government Code*, I DECLARE a local state of disaster within Bastrop County based upon the threats posed by the severe weather, tornadic activity, damaging winds, and heavy rainfall.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that pursuant to the authority granted to me under the laws of the State of Texas, Officials of Bastrop County, Texas shall take all legal actions necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of persons in Bastrop County, Texas.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the *Texas Government Code*, this Declaration and Order activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the Bastrop County Emergency Management Plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance. The preparedness and response aspects of the Bastrop County Emergency Management Plan are hereby activated and shall take effect immediately.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the *Texas 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 and Order unless authorized by the Commissioners Court of Bastrop County, Texas.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the *Texas Government Code*, this Declaration and Order shall be filed with the Bastrop County Clerk and given prompt and general publicity.

FILED
MAR 22 2022
Krista Bartsch
Bastrop County Clerk
8:26am

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that in the event dangerous conditions significantly improve following the adoption of this Declaration and Order, the County Judge may amend or rescind it.

This Declaration and Order is adopted this 22nd day of March, 2022 at 8:30 A.M., and is effective immediately.



Paul Pape
Bastrop County Judge

ATTEST:



Krista Bartsch
Bastrop County Clerk