

**BASTROP COUNTY DECLARATION OF DISASTER
DUE TO SEVERE WINTER**

WHEREAS, Bastrop County has experienced Winter Storm Warnings, Winter Weather Advisories, and cold, wet, icy conditions over the last six days; and

WHEREAS, temperatures have dropped below freezing, causing the wet conditions to turn to ice on roadways and in other public areas, and fallen tree limbs due to ice accumulation have caused significant damage; 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, Bastrop County resources have been mobilized to deal with dangerous conditions created by this weather event; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Bastrop County 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 winter weather.

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.

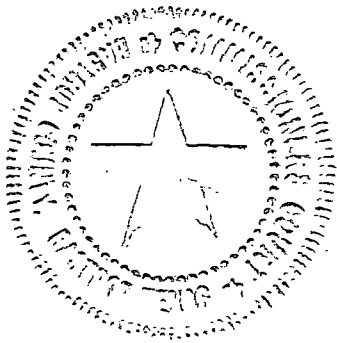
BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that in the event dangerous conditions significantly improve following the adoption of this Declaration and Order, the County Judge may amend or rescind it.

This Declaration and Order is adopted this 4th day of February, 2023 at 1:00 P.M., and is effective immediately.


Gregory Klaus
Bastrop County Judge

ATTEST:


Krista Bartsch
Bastrop County Clerk



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