



## **ORDER OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Timothy A. Davis declared a state of local disaster due to the severe storms that occurred on May 22, 2024, and that included two confirmed tornadoes, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, large hail, and hazardous wind gusts exceeding 80+ miles per hour, and which caused widespread and severe property damage, loss, and injury;

**WHEREAS**, the damage sustained throughout the city has been widespread and significant, with some areas experiencing total loss;

**WHEREAS**, the storm caused significant wind damage, many downed trees and downed power lines, and many residents and businesses were without power for multiple days and many homes and businesses experienced significant structural damage and loss;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Temple activated its emergency management plan and Emergency Operations Center with the issuance of the Mayor's declaration on May 22, 2024, however, the city's needs and recovery efforts are ongoing and it will take an unspecified amount of time to complete rehabilitation and rebuilding efforts;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Temple has coordinated with multiple area agencies, non-profits and volunteer organizations to assist its citizens and continues to assist in resource distribution, recovery efforts, debris and brush cleanup, emergency assistance, and shelter operation;

**WHEREAS**, Bell County has also issued a disaster declaration and the State of Texas has included our area in the existing state disaster declaration for earlier storms that occurred in Texas;

**WHEREAS**, the City anticipates receiving approval for "Individual Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which will provide support and grants for private residences affected by the storm; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the City of Temple's desire and intent to extend the state of local disaster for the period of time necessary to support recovery and rehabilitation efforts and that the extension and continuation of the same be issued immediately and applicable retroactively to provide continuity in coverage for the state of local disaster;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The local state of disaster declared for the City of Temple, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code by the Mayor on May 22, 2024, is extended, effective immediately and it is the City Council's intent that this extension of the disaster declaration be applicable retroactively in order to provide seamless continuity of coverage of said declaration.



**SECTION 2.** Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster issued by the Mayor on May 22, 2024, is hereby renewed and extended by the City Council of the City of Temple and such renewal and extension shall be retroactively applicable.

**SECTION 3.** Pursuant to §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 City Secretary.

**SECTION 4.** Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates and continues the City's emergency management plan.

**SECTION 5.** This declaration incorporates by reference the most current orders, declarations, and directives issued by the Bell County Judge and/or Bell County Commissioners Court, and any requirements or prohibitions included in those directives will be enforced by the City of Temple as if written in this declaration verbatim.

**SECTION 6.** That the City Manager, or her designee, is authorized, without further approval of the City Council to:

- a. Make application for local, state, and federal assistance as necessary and/or applicable;
- b. Accept, on behalf of the City, services, gifts, grants, equipment, supplies, and/or materials, whether from private, non-profit, or governmental sources;
- c. Increase the contracting and purchasing authority for each emergency expenditure from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

**SECTION 7.** That although not required by law, and out of an abundance of caution, the City Manager or her designee, is authorized to:

- a. Close any facilities, offices, or properties, including a closure to the public, and
- b. Provide City services by means other than in-person delivery, such as accepting permit applications online or by mail only, an/or to cease any City services that are not required by state or federal law.

**SECTION 8.** That directives may be issued by the Mayor at any time as deemed necessary and the Mayor may suspend or modify any other ordinance or regulation of the City of Temple, Texas or suspend or discontinue any fines or fees without further confirmation by the City Council and that any ordinances, rules, or regulations of the City of Temple, Texas that conflict with this declaration of local disaster are hereby suspended, and any such suspension shall remain in effect until the local state of disaster is terminated by the Mayor.

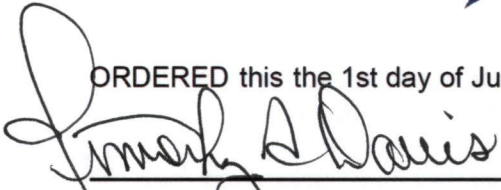
**SECTION 9.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately and retroactively from its issuance and shall continue in full effect until terminated by the Mayor.

**SECTION 10.** This Declaration shall be filed in the Office of the City Secretary and posted on the City of Temple website. In addition, every owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is impacted by this Declaration is encouraged to post a copy of this Declaration onsite.

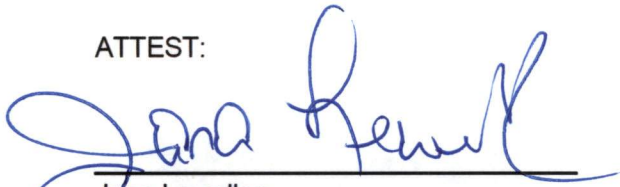




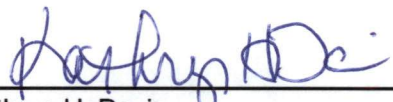
ORDERED this the 1st day of June 2024.

  
TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jana Lewellen  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Kathryn H. Davis  
City Attorney