



STATE OF TEXAS

§

CITY OF YOAKUM

§

ORDER NO. 2021-01

COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND LAVACA §

DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Yoakum has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Yoakum, and to ensure assistance for continued vital services for our community; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary winter storm that has affected the entire State of Texas has created extreme hardships for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, as of February 17, 2021, Texas communities have been faced with rolling blackouts, water shortages, impassable roadways, property damage, and potentially deadly drops in temperatures; and

WHEREAS, schools, universities, and other governmental entities have altered their schedules, and some venues are temporarily closed, as precautionary responses to the unusually extreme cold temperatures in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred beginning Friday, February 12, 2021 to prepare for and respond to these weather conditions, power outages, and water issues are beginning to mount at the State and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yoakum has already taken numerous steps to recuperate from a small portion of the devastating effects of the storm, including the replacement of water well pumps, replacement of electric transformers damaged by the ice, snow and weighted limbs, as well, as increased the manpower for maintenance crews on duty 24/7 to ensure power and water are restored as timely as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the effects of these types of events to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Texas Governor has declared a State wide disaster in response to the severe winter weather; and

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of Texas, the Honorable Greg Abbott, preemptively declared a state of disaster in the State of Texas in response to the severe winter weather by and through a Proclamation attached hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANITA R. RODRIGUEZ, Mayor of the City of Yoakum, do hereby certify that the severe winter weather storm beginning Friday, February 12, 2021 poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster for the City of Yoakum, Texas.

1. That a state of disaster is declared for City of Yoakum, DeWitt and Lavaca County, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, if this state of disaster continues for a period of more than seven days of the date hereof, this Declaration shall be taken before the City of Yoakum City Council for consideration for renewal by consent of the City of Yoakum City Council.

3. Pursuant §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City of Yoakum City Clerk and the Texas Division fo Emergency Management.

4. Pursuant §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster continues the City of Yoakum Emergency Management Plan.

5. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and after its execution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Yoakum, Texas to be affixed hereto, this the 17th day of February, 2021.

SO ORDERED, PROCLAIMED AND PUBLISHED on this 17th day of February, 2021.



_____/s/_____
Anita R. Rodriguez
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify 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 rain statewide.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in all 254 counties based on the existence of such threat.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 12th day of February, 2021.



GREG ABBOTT
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
3:30 p.m. O'CLOCK
FEB 12 2021

ATTESTED BY:



RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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