



DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR THE CITY OF HARLINGEN:
SEVERE FREEZE WEATHER AND POWER OUTAGES
21-003 February Weather Winter Event

WHEREAS, the City of Harlingen, on this the 16TH day of February, 2021, is under imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from on-going freezing weather conditions and the associated rolling blackout dictated by ERCOT; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Harlingen, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, I, Chris Boswell, the Mayor of the City of Harlingen, have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to me under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF HARLINGEN:

1. That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Harlingen pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this Declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Commission.
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 Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Harlingen's emergency management plan.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

It is hereby **ORDERED** on this 16th day of February 2021.

CHRIS BOSWELL, MAYOR
CITY OF HARLINGEN, TEXAS