

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

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bastrop, Texas, is experiencing the occurrence and imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and the potential loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing rain; 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, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause...”; 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 or rehabilitate property; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the disaster conditions as 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 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 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  
February 15, 2021 4:30 P.M.  
Rose Pletsch  
Bastrop County Clerk

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 at 4:30 P.M., and is effective immediately.**



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Paul Pape  
Bastrop County Judge

ATTEST:

Rose Pietsch  
Bastrop County Clerk

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