

**CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE DECLARATION OF DISASTER IN RESPONSE TO  
SEVERE WEATHER**

WHEREAS on February 14, 2021, President Joe Biden approved an emergency declaration for the state of Texas and ordered federal assistance to supplement state and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from a severe winter storm.

WHEREAS, as of February 12, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation certifying 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 statewide and declaring a state of disaster in all 254 Texas counties pursuant to §418.017 of the Texas Government Code;

WHEREAS, as set forth in the February 12, 2021, proclamation pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of the of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, Travis County declared a disaster declaration in response to severe weather as persons within Travis County may be severely impacted by the severe winter weather with an imminent threat of injury, loss of life, and widespread and severe property damage;

WHEREAS, severe weather conditions have made roads unsafe and may impeded the ability to provide necessary and timely emergency response; and,

WHEREAS, the state electric power grid has experienced tremendous strain which has resulted in no power and rolling blackouts throughout the state leaving many Pflugerville residents without power.

WHEREAS, unprecedented snowfall combined with loss of power to city critical infrastructure has left many residents without power and running water.

WHEREAS the magnitude of the need and the urgency of the need for assistance constitute an imminent threat of expanding the disaster; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 ( Chapter 418 of the Government Code) authorizes the declaration of a state of disaster if a threat of disaster is imminent;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor 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; and

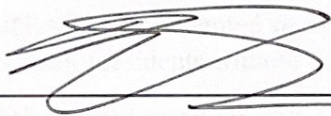
WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability for the City to request disaster recovery assistance from the State and Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, I, Victor Gonzales, the Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly for those effected by the winter storm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE:**

1. That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council.
3. Pursuant to §418.108( c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency 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 and public health emergency activates the City of Pflugerville emergency management plan.
5. The City Secretary is directed to give prompt and general publicity of the issuance of this DECLARATION.
6. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
7. As Mayor, I further reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.

ORDERED this 16th day of February, 2021.



MAYOR VICTOR GONZALES

City of Pflugerville, Texas