



**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
AND ORDER**
DATE ISSUED: FEBRUARY 1, 2022

WHEREAS, weather forecasts project a severe winter storm, including freezing temperatures, freezing rain, sleet and snow, beginning February 2, 2022 to last several days across the state of Texas, including in the City of Denton, Texas; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, freezing rain, and heavy snow; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather is expected to move into the City of Denton and could lead to prolonged loss of electrical power, dangerous road surfaces, and unsafe infrastructure within the City, threatening the safety and lives of all residents; and

WHEREAS, I, as Mayor of Denton, have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to minimize the potential negative effects of the weather event and to protect the health and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor I urge all residents to stay at home if they can, to seek shelter in facilities provided by local entities, and non-profits, avoid driving if possible, and to take all cautionary measures to ensure the safety of all persons and animals in their care; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code and Chapter 9 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances, the mayor is designated as the director of emergency and disaster services of the City of Denton and may act in accordance with the City's Emergency Management Plan to address the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DENTON:

1. That a local state of disaster caused by the winter weather emergency is declared for the City of Denton, pursuant to Chapter 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), this Declaration of Local Disaster prompted by the winter weather emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from 6:00 p.m., February 2, 2022 unless continued or renewed by the Denton City Council.
3. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(c) and Section 9-25 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances, this Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to winter weather emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

4. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(d), this declaration of a local state of disaster because of a winter weather emergency activates the City of Denton Emergency Management Plan.

5. As Mayor, I hereby order that an emergency shelter for persons experiencing difficulties due to the winter weather be opened at the MLK Recreation Center during the next seven days if:

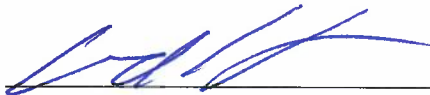
- a. The outdoor temperatures are well below the freezing point for more than two hours;
- b. Wintry precipitation, specifically freezing rain, that may affect roads and infrastructure is forecast; and
- c. It is possible that existing overnight shelters will reach capacity.

An emergency shelter opened under this section shall be closed when the above criteria are no longer met.

5. As Mayor, I further reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.

6. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 1st day of February, 2022.



Honorable Gerard Hudspeth
City of Denton Mayor