

## DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS

WHEREAS, due to the extensive damage to public and private property, and disruption of public services caused by unusually heavy rainfall and resultant flooding during April 28-29 and May 1-2, 2024, which caused a significant and continuing imminent threat of disaster, including widespread property and infrastructure damage, the potential for personal injuries and loss of life, high winds, severe thunderstorms, torrential rainfall, flooding, possible tornadic activity, electrical power and utility outages resulting from the effects of such weather events and other public calamities resulting therefrom, all of which require emergency action; and,

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2024, Sydney Murphy as County Judge of the County of Polk, issued a Declaration of Disaster in Polk County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Livingston, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect citizens and to protect or rehabilitate property:

NOW THEREFORE, I, JUDY B. COCHRAN, AS MAYOR AND PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS, HEREBY PROCLAIMS, ORDERS AND DECLARES:

- **SECTION 1.** That a state of local disaster is declared for the City of Livingston, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- **SECTION 2.** That pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration of Local Disaster shall be in effect for seven days from this date unless earlier terminated or subsequently continued or renewed by consent of the City Council of the City of Livingston, Texas.
- **SECTION 3.** That the City of Livingston's Emergency Management Plan should be activated, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.
- SECTION 4. That this Declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans, and activates the preparedness and response aspects of such plans as provided therein, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 5. That this Declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 6.** I authorize the use of all available City resources that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

SECTION 7. That this Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED, ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED this the And day of May, 2024.

JUDY B. COCHRAN, Mayor
City of Livingston, Texas

ATTEST:

ELLIE MONTEAUX, City Secretary

Filed in the Office of the City Secretary of the City of Livingston, Texas on the 2nd day of May, 2024 at 4:35 o'clock P.M.

Ellie Monteaux, City Secretary