

SAMPLE DISASTER DECLARATION

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the [County of _____/City of _____] on the ____ day of _____, 20__ , has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from

[Briefly describe the disaster situation.] , and

WHEREAS, the [County Judge/Mayor] of _____ has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE [COUNTY JUDGE/MAYOR] OF _____:

- 1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for _____ pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2. Pursuant to §418.018(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 Council/Commissioners Court] of _____.
- 3. Pursuant to §418.018(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 Secretary/County Clerk].
- 4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City emergency management plan.
- 5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the ____ day of _____, 20__ .

signature
[County Judge/Mayor]