



**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
CAUSED BY SEVERE WEATHER**

Recitals

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

WHEREAS, Sections 418.109 and 418.020 of the Government Code authorizes a local government to provide mutual aid assistance in accordance with its policies and procedures and may make arrangements necessary to acquire, prepare, or equip sites for temporary housing; and,

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2024 the City of Ennis experienced torrential rains which may result in the imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life to citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City has activated the Emergency Operations Center and finds that it is necessary to issue this disaster declaration in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents and strongly encourage people to stay home and take all precautionary measures to ensure the safety of all persons and animals in their care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ENNIS:

1. That by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City Charter, as the presiding officer of the governing body in the absence of the Mayor, and under Texas Government Code, Section 418.108, I, Jake Holland, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Ennis, do hereby declare a Local State of Disaster in the City of Ennis.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the 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 unless continued by the City Commission.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(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.

4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of assistance activates the City's Emergency Management Plan. All other Charter, statutory, and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of Ennis to act in this local state of disaster are activated. 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.


6. Pursuant to Article VII, of the City of Ennis Code of Ordinances, including without limitation Section 2-322, the City Manager is hereby authorized to direct the actions of the Office of Emergency Management and its personnel as necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons within the City.

7. Pursuant to the general police power authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, the City may take actions necessary to protect the health of persons in the City.

8. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

9. The City Secretary is directed to give prompt and general publicity of the issuance of this DECLARATION.

DECLARED this the 29th day of April, 2024, in the City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, in witness whereof I subscribe my name.



JAKE HOLLAND, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Ennis, Texas

ATTESTED:



ANGIE WADE, City Secretary

