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County Judge  
Lee County



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## ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR LEE COUNTY, TEXAS

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lee, Texas, due to severe winter weather conditions, is experiencing the occurrence and imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and/or loss of life and property resulting there from:

**WHEREAS**, Section 418.004(1) of the Texas Government Code defines disaster to be the "occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, oil spill or other water contamination, volcanic activity, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, hostile military or paramilitary action, other public calamity requiring emergency action, or energy emergency;" and

**WHEREAS**, the County Judge of Lee County has determined, from statements and information provided by Lee County Emergency Management personnel and other emergency service agencies serving Lee County, Texas that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate and prevent the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the disaster conditions as cited herein the County Judge of Lee County must protect the health, safety and welfare of the County's citizens; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED and ORDERED** pursuant to the authority granted in the Texas Disaster Act of Chapter 418 Texas Government Code, as follows:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Lee County pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code;
2. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, Lee County may take all legal actions necessary to protect the health of persons in Lee County, Texas;
3. Pursuant to Section 418.1087(d) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration and Order activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the Lee County Emergency Management Plan and authorized the furnishing of aid and assistance under this Declaration and Order. The preparedness and response aspects of the Lee County Emergency Management Plan are hereby activated and shall take effect immediately upon this Declaration and Order;
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas 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 and Order unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Lee County, Texas;
5. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration and Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Lee County Clerk.

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6. In the event the conditions improve between date of adoption and the end of the effective date of this Declaration and Order, the County Judge shall reevaluate this Declaration and Order at that time.

This Declaration and Order is adopted this 17 day of February, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., effective immediately.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. E. Fischer", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul E Fischer  
Lee County Judge