

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER IN THE  
CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS IN RESPONSE TO  
SEVERE WINTER WEATHER**

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed a disaster declaration for all 254 Texas counties on February 12, 2021, upon a finding that severe winter weather poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing rain statewide; and

WHEREAS, President Joseph R. Biden approved an Emergency Declaration for the State of Texas due to the severe winter weather on February 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth has experienced record cold temperatures well below freezing and heavy snow and ice accumulation for multiple days; and

WHEREAS, power infrastructure throughout the state has been overburdened and is unable to provide power to millions of Texas, including many in Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, water service provided by the City of Fort Worth has been impacted and sheltering and warming operations are necessary; and

WHEREAS, in response to the state of emergency resulting from the severe winter weather, the City of Fort Worth must take necessary action to ensure the safety of its citizens during this unprecedented circumstance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Fort Worth has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect public health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

I.

That a state of disaster is declared for the City of Fort Worth for severe winter weather response.

II.

That the City's Emergency Operational Plan has been implemented.

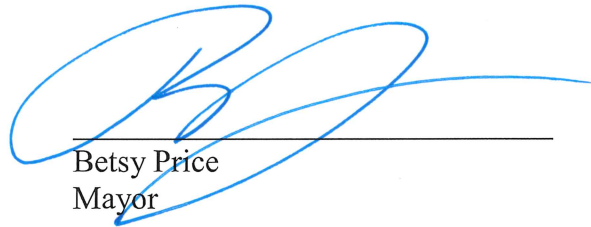
III.

That the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the City Council of the City of Fort Worth, Texas.

IV.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



Betsy Price  
Mayor

Attest:

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Mary J. Kayser  
City Secretary