

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER  
FOR WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY  
CITY OF BURKBURNETT, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burkburnett in the County of Wichita, Texas, due to severe winter weather conditions, including snowstorms, is experiencing the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and/or loss of life and property resulting from one or more of the delineated events identified in Texas Government Code Section 418.004(1); and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code Section 418.004(1) 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, extreme heat, cybersecurity event, other public calamity requiring emergency action, or energy emergency”; and

**WHEREAS**, severe weather conditions, including snowstorms, have existed since Friday, February 12, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, Wichita County declared a Local State of Disaster on February 16, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, in Ordinance No. 502, the City of Burkburnett established a Emergency Management Plan in Code of Ordinances Chapter 93 which includes the mitigation, preparedness response, and recovery phases of emergency management;

**WHEREAS**, In Wichita County Court Order 10-08-489, Wichita County renewed its comprehensive emergency management similar to those adopted by the City of Burkburnett in Ordinance No. 502,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of Burkburnett has determined from statements and information provided by City personnel, including the Chief of Police, Fire Department Chief and Public Works Director, and other emergency services agencies serving Wichita 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 Mayor of the City of Burkburnett, Wichita County, Texas must protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens;

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

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Burkburnett 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, the Mayor of the City of Burkburnett, Wichita County may take all legal actions necessary to protect the health of persons in Burkburnett, Wichita County, Texas;

3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration and Order activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the City of Burkburnett, Emergency Management Plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this Declaration and Order. The preparedness and response aspects of the City of Burkburnett Emergency Management Plan are hereby activated and shall take effect immediately based upon this Declaration and Order;
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of local disaster shall continue until Monday, February 22, 2012 unless continued or renewed by the Board of Commissioners of Burkburnett, 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 Burkburnett City Clerk;
6. In the event that conditions improve between the date of adoption and the end of the effective date of this Declaration and Order, the Mayor of the City of Burkburnett, Wichita County, shall reevaluate this Declaration and Order at that time.

**THIS DECLARATION AND ORDER IS ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021, AT 11:00 A.M., EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

*Carl Law*

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Carl Law, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Margie Poole*

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Margie Poole, City Clerk