



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY CITY OF WAELDER, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a Proclamation declaring an Emergency due to the imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, the President of the United States issued a Declaration of Emergency for all 254 Texas Counties; and

WHEREAS, extremely cold temperatures and record snow and ice accumulation on the streets in the City of Waelder have created dangerous conditions making travel difficult, closing most businesses and creating hazardous conditions for the City 's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the extreme cold temperatures are forecasted to continue through Thursday, February 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the extremely cold temperatures exist statewide and have stressed the ability of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to provide sufficient power to the State's electricity grid causing requests urging citizens to conserve power in order to limit rolling blackouts; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic on March 16, 2020, the Governor, at the request of the Texas Attorney General, suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings laws to allow governmental entities to meet virtually in order to conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has periodically extended the open meeting exemptions, along with other COVID-19 emergency directives, with the last extension occurring on February 4, 2021 continuing through March 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROY TOVAR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAELDER, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY SECTION §418.108(a) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND ITS AMENDMENTS, HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Declaration are found to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. That a state of disaster exists for the City of Waelder.

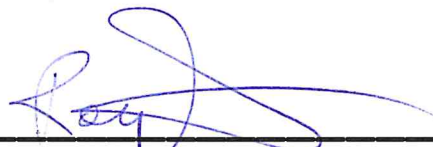
SECTION 3. That this declaration of local disaster take effect immediately and remain in effect for the next seven (7) days, unless terminated earlier.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to §418.015 of the Texas Government Code and its amendments, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City Emergency Management Plan; and

SECTION 5. That virtual and/or public meetings of the Waelder City Council, as may be planned for the next seven (7) days, shall be postponed to a future date after the expiration of this Emergency Declaration.

SECTION 6. That this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SO, DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 17TH day of February 2021.



**ROY TOVAR, MAYOR
CITY OF WAELDER, TEXAS**