

DECLARATION OF DISASTER
CITY OF LAKEWAY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeway on the 3rd day of February 2023, has determined that severe winter weather caused widespread and severe property damage due to prolonged freezing temperatures and freezing rain in Lakeway and across Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, extreme cold conditions occurred with temperatures remaining at or below freezing and frequent rounds of freezing rain in central Texas beginning in the morning of January 30, 2023 and continuing until mid-day February 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City incurred significant loss of electrical power in areas served by Austin Energy, including power loss to critical infrastructure, commercial and residential properties, and utility systems that are integral to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Declaration, the City continues to be impacted by the extensive aftermath of the storm, including downed trees, damaged brush, closed and damaged buildings and facilities, ongoing repairs to City facilities as well as private property, and areas of the City that have suffered widespread or severe damage or loss of property; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code provides that the Mayor of the City may declare a local state of disaster to reduce the vulnerability of people and communities in the City resulting from natural disasters, including a winter weather emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Lakeway, acting as the City's Emergency Management Director pursuant to Texas Local Government Code chapter 418, and Lakeway Code of Ordinances Article 1.05 is concerned with the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of City of Lakeway has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate any suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF the City of Lakeway:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Lakeway, pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to § 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of Lakeway.

3. Pursuant to § 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 § 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan.

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

ORDERED this the 3rd day of February, 2023.


Thomas Kilgore
Mayor

