



DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo on the 16th day of February, 2021 has suffered widespread damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is a continued imminent threat of same), resulting from severe and persistent winter storm and prolonged freezing temperatures; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, Governor Gregg Abbott declared a state of disaster in all Texas counties due to the severe winter weather, posing an imminent threat of property damage, injury and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and general wellbeing of County citizens, in order to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code provides that the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision may declare a state of local disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO:

1. that a state of disaster is declared for the County of Hidalgo, Texas;
2. that the County's Emergency Management Plan has been activated;
3. that this State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Hidalgo, Texas; and
4. that this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
5. that effective as of 12:00 P.M. on February 16, 2021 Price Controls Shall be in effect as follows:

A person and/or business shall not sell any goods or service, including but not limited to the following, for more than the price the person charged for the goods or services on February 12, 2021:

- a) groceries, beverages, toilet articles, ice
- b) construction and building materials and supplies, and earthmoving equipment and machinery
- c) electrical and gas generating and transmission equipment, party and accessories
- d) charcoal briquettes, matches, candles, lamp illumination and heat unit carbides, dry batteries, light bulbs, flashlights, and hand lanterns
- e) hand tools (manual and power), hardware and household supplies, and equipment rental
- f) automotive parts, supplies, and accessories
- g) plumbing and electrical tools and supplies
- h) apartment, duplex, multi-family dwelling, rooming house, hotel and motel rental
- i) gasoline, diesel oil, motor oil, kerosene, grease, and automotive lubricants
- j) restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals
- k) services of roofing and building contractors, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, tree surgeons, and automobile wrecker companies
- l) medicine, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment and supplies
- m) blankets, quilts, bedspreads, bed linens, mattresses, bedsprings, bedsteads, towels, and toilet paper
- n) furniture and clothing

ORDERED this the 16th day of February, 2021.



Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge