

**SECOND JOINT CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY
WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott certified that severe winter weather posed 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 declared a state of disaster for the entire state; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the County Judge of Bexar County, and the Mayor of San Antonio determined that extraordinary measures had to be taken to minimize the potential negative effects of the weather event and to protect the health and safety of the community and issued a Joint Winter Weather Emergency Declaration on February 13, 2021 and amended it on February 17, 2021 to address price gouging issues; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the storm was devastating on critical infrastructure and the provision of power and water throughout the entire state; and

WHEREAS, while the weather event may have dissipated in severity, the imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury and loss of life has not and the County Judge and Mayor continue to urge all residents to stay at home if they can, to seek shelter in facilities provided by local entities and non-profits if necessary, avoid driving if possible, and to take all cautionary measures to ensure the safety of all persons and animals in their care and enter this superseding Second Joint Winter Weather Emergency Declaration in order to declare a local state of disaster arising from the winter weather emergency and its continuing impact throughout Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, the City Public Service Energy and San Antonio Water System, City-owned utilities and subrecipients of the City, have worked tirelessly to return the provision of power and water to their customers; and

WHEREAS, while power has generally been restored, the lingering effects of low water pressure from loss of power to pump stations and innumerable leaks and ruptured pipes throughout the area have left some in the community with no water and made it necessary to issue a Boil Water Notice in the area; and

WHEREAS, the provision of life-saving water resources to the community is a critical need during this emergency and SAWS has established sites that serve the most residents and provide the safest areas for facilitating the distribution of water to those who currently have no water service throughout Bexar County; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF BEXAR AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1. A local state of disaster caused by the winter weather emergency and loss of provision of power and water is declared for the County of Bexar and the City of San Antonio, pursuant to Chapter 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the local state of disaster prompted by the winter weather emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Bexar and City Council of San Antonio.

Section 3. Pursuant to Chapter 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to the winter weather emergency shall be timely communicated to the public and shall be filed promptly by the Bexar County Clerk and the San Antonio City Clerk.

Section 4. Pursuant to Chapter 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster because of a winter weather emergency activates the Bexar County and City of San Antonio Emergency Management Plans.

Section 5. Under this Joint Declaration, no person shall sell any of the following goods or services for more than the

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regular retail price the person charged for the goods and services on February 11, 2021, except where an increased retail price is the result of increased supplier or other costs (including the loss of supplier supporting funds):

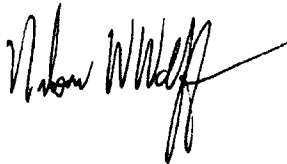
- A. Groceries, beverages, toilet articles, and ice;
- B. Restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals;
- C. Medicine, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, and supplies;
- D. Hotel rooms, motel rooms, or any other temporary lodging available to the public;
- E. Gas and other fuels including propane and diesel; and
- F. Plumbing and repair services.

Section 6. Residents who believe they have encountered price gouging should call the Office of the Attorney General's toll-free complaint line at (800) 621-0508 or visit <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/disaster-and-emergency-scams/how-spot-and-report-price-gouging>

Section 7. The City Manager and County Manager are respectively authorized to work with local, state and federal agencies and disaster relief organizations to facilitate recovery efforts and to mitigate property and infrastructure damage to the extent allowable by local, state and federal laws, policies and programs.

Section 8. This Second Joint Declaration of Winter Weather Emergency is effective immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 20th day of February 2021.



Nelson W. Wolff
County Judge
Bexar County, Texas



Ron Nirenberg
Mayor
City of San Antonio, Texas

ATTEST:



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