



WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
710 MAIN STREET
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626

BILL GRAVELL, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

TERRY COOK
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

CYNTHIA LONG
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

VALERIE COVEY
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

RUSS BOLES
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, on **March 25, 2022**, the Williamson County Judge issued an Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for Williamson County, Texas (the "Declaration and Order") after making a determination based on statements and information provided to him by Williamson County Emergency Management personnel, state and local officials, and other emergency services agencies serving Williamson County, Texas that extraordinary measures must continue to be taken to alleviate and prevent the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property due to drought, dry vegetation, wind, and/or other weather-related conditions causing the occurrence and imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and/or loss of life and property resulting from:

Wildfires, and in particular, wildfires caused the burning of any type of incendiary device, combustible material and/or any pyrotechnical material, and outdoor burning including controlled or prescribed burns of grass, brush and/or debris for any purpose in Williamson County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating declaration of a local state of disaster continue to exist in Williamson County, Texas in relation to the aforementioned event experienced in Williamson County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, §418.108(b) of the *Texas Government Code* provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period in excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF CHAPTER 418 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS THAT THE DECLARATION AND ORDER IS HEREBY EXTENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, Williamson County may take all legal actions necessary to protect the health of persons in Williamson County, Texas;

2. This Commissioners Court Order is passed as an emergency measure and pursuant to the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan and shall become effective on the date of its adoption.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the *Texas Government Code*, the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan and authority to furnish aid and assistance under the Declaration and Order, as well as the preparedness and response aspects of the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan shall continue during the effective period of this extension;
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the *Texas Government Code*, the extension of the Declaration and Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Williamson County Clerk; and
5. This Declaration and Order shall not supersede or otherwise amend, supplant or affect the existing Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for Williamson County, Texas ordered by the Williamson County Judge on March 21, 2022, or any extension thereof by the Williamson County Commissioners Court in relation to the severe weather conditions consisting of multiple tornadoes, high winds and severe thunderstorms event experienced in Williamson County, Texas on said date; and
6. The Declaration and Order shall be extended and continue until it is either terminated by order of the Williamson County Commissioners Court or an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning is adopted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court pursuant to Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code, whichever event occurs first.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
ON THIS THE [REDACTED] DAY OF [REDACTED], 20[REDACTED].

As the Presiding Officer of the
Williamson County Commissioners Court