

CITY OF COMMERCE

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ORDINANCE 2021 – 04

**CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE
TO SEVERE WINTER WEATHER**

WHEREAS, severe winter weather was predicted to occur between February 13, 2021 and February 19, 2021, by the National Weather Service as a Winter Storm Warning for Hunt County, to include Commerce, and

WHEREAS, temperatures are now well below freezing, with several inches of snow and ice accumulation, making road conditions extremely hazardous for the public, endangering the health, safety, and welfare of Commerce residents; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the winter weather storm require assistance for stranded motorists, isolated citizens, medical emergencies, downed trees, road debris, and power outages, that may surpass the capabilities of the City of Commerce to respond to and recover from its effects, thus requiring state assistance, and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, Texas Governor, Greg Abbott, declared a State of Disaster in all 254 counties, to include Hunt County and the City of Commerce, Texas;

W, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF COMMERCE:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the City Charter, as the presiding officer of the governing body and under Texas Government Code, Section 418.08, I hereby declare a local state of disaster within the City of Commerce.

Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas 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 Commerce City Council.

Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas 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.

Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates all other Charter, statutory, and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of Commerce to act in this local state of disaster. This declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or inter-jurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 122.006, the City may adopt rules, including quarantine rules, to protect the health of persons in the City, and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.

DECLARED this 16th day of February 2021.



Mayor, City of Commerce

