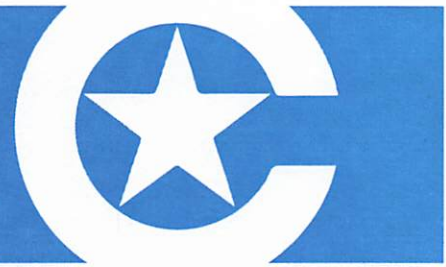


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ORDINANCE 2023 – 06 -03

**CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE
TO CRITICAL WATER LOSS IN THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM
DURING EXTREME HEAT ADVISORY CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, an extreme heat advisory is predicted to occur between June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2023 across portions of Northeast Texas by the National Weather Service and including Hunt County, to include Commerce, TX and

WHEREAS, temperatures are expected to be in the high 90s for the next several days, making conditions without potable water extremely hazardous for the public, endangering the health, safety, and welfare of Commerce residents; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the extreme heat coupled with no water across the City requires assistance for those stranded in their homes without water and without the ability to travel to a destination with water, isolated citizens, medical emergencies, that may surpass the capabilities of the City of Commerce and our staff to respond to and recover from its effects, thus requiring state assistance, and

NOW, 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 418.108(a), 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 cooling stations, water stations and emergency hospitals.

DECLARED this 28th day of June 2023.

Mayor Teddy Reel, City of Commerce