



**DAVID RUTLEDGE
MAYOR
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
250 RACHAL STREET
BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS 77611**

**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of **February, 2021**, City of Bridge City was in imminent threat of the occurrence of widespread and/or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from severe weather conditions created by a severe winter weather system which is predicted by the National Weather Service and the Texas State Operations Center to produce large amounts of freezing rain, resulting in 0.25" – 0.50" of ice accumulation on trees, power lines, roadways and structure. The approaching winter storm is expected to create excessive sustained periods of below freezing temperatures, freezing rain, sleet, snowfall and high-speed winds in residential, agriculture and commercial areas throughout Southeast Texas. Populated areas of Bridge City will potentially be affected by major infrastructure damages preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for long-term power and utility outages, thus creating a public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, The City of Bridge City Mayor has determined, based upon forecasts issued by the National Weather Service and local media outlets, extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as protect or rehabilitate property, and are hereby ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Bridge City, Texas pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, This State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this Declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Bridge City.

3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration of a Local Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City of Bridge City City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration of a Local State of Disaster activates the Orange County Emergency Management Plan.
5. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED THIS THE 14TH day of February, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Rutledge", is written over a horizontal line.

David Rutledge, Mayor

City of Bridge City, Texas