

**ORDER CONTINUING
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Bridge City, Texas declared a local disaster on August 24, 2020 due to the imminent danger of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from Tropical Systems Marco and Laura, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the declaration of local disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven (7) days except with the consent of the City Council of Bridge City, Texas;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura made landfall as a category 4 on August 27, 2020, causing significant property damage throughout the City and leaving all residents and businesses still without electric power, creating a public safety hazard, and

WHEREAS, a declaration of disaster has activated the City of Bridge City and Orange County's Joint Emergency Management Plan;

WHEREAS, the continuation of a declaration of local disaster is necessary;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Bridge City, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

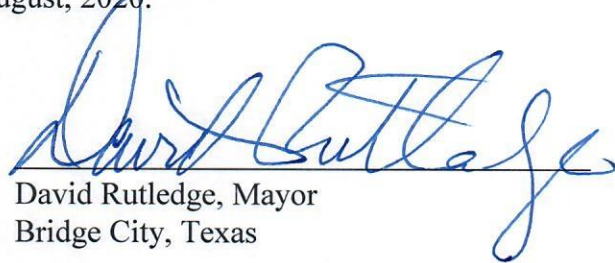
WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Bridge City, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), has consented to continue the declaration of local disaster for Bridge City, Texas.

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

- 1.) The declaration of local disaster for Bridge City, Texas resulting from Hurricane Laura is hereby continued;
- 2.) This Declaration continues to activate the Bridge City and Orange County's Joint Emergency Management Plan;
- 3.) This Declaration continues to activate the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the Declaration, and the preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans, and authorizes any other applicable action as allowed by law;

- 4.) This Declaration continuing a local disaster shall be effective for thirty (30) days on and from its date of issuance, provided however that this declaration may be terminated before the expiration of thirty days by subsequent order of the Mayor of Bridge City, Texas, and may be continued or renewed beyond thirty days from its date of issuance only with the consent of the City Council for the City of Bridge City, Texas;
- 5.) The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Declaration are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Declaration should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Declaration that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Order are severable.
- 6.) This Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Bridge City Secretary; and
- 7.) This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

It is hereby **ORDERED**, this 31st day of August, 2020.



David Rutledge, Mayor
Bridge City, Texas

ATTEST:



Brooke Leger