

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS**  
**DUE TO A WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott certified that severe winter weather poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing rain statewide, and he has declared a state of disaster in all 254 Texas counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe weather has moved into the City of New Braunfels and it could lead to prolonged loss of electrical power, dangerous road surfaces, and unsafe infrastructure within the City, thereby threatening the lives of city residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Judge of Comal County issued a “Winter Weather Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster for Comal County, Texas” on Sunday, February 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of New Braunfels joins with the County Judge in urging residents to remain home if they can, to seek shelter, avoid driving if possible, and to take all cautionary measures to ensure the safety of all persons and animals in their care; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor is designated as the Emergency Management Director of the City of New Braunfels and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:**

Section 1.     **Declaration of Local State of Disaster.** A local state of disaster due to this winter weather emergency is hereby declared by the Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act.

Section 2.     **Duration of Local State of Disaster.** Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Disaster Act, the local state of disaster due to this winter weather emergency issued in this Proclamation shall continue until revoked, but in no event will it exceed a period longer than seven (7) days of the date hereof, unless continued or renewed by the consent of the City Council of the City of New Braunfels.

Section 3.     **Publicity and Filing.** Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to this winter weather emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

Section 4. **Activation of the City Emergency Management Plan.** Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to this winter weather emergency activates the City of New Braunfels Emergency Management Plan.

Section 5. **Emergency Powers.** By this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident, and authorize the City Manager to exercise all emergency powers as are available to address this emergency.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Declaration shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the Mayor of the City of New Braunfels.

ORDERED this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, in the City of New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, in witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name.

  
Rusty Brockman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Caitlin Krobot, City Secretary