



CITY OF LAREDO'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo issued a boil water notice on Friday February 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, repair efforts are ongoing to correct the issues and return the public water system to full operational capacity; and

WHEREAS, continued high water usage make normalizing the system very difficult, and creates the potential for new emergencies; and

WHEREAS, even where repairs have been made, water inventory has been significantly depleted which creates the threat that water necessary for fire suppression will not be available in sufficient amounts and prolongs water shortages and low-pressure issues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers granted by Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the City, through its Mayor, has authority to issue orders to alleviate the effects of a disaster and to prevent further harm.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS:

Section 1: That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Laredo, Texas pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Section 2: City of Laredo residents are urged to refrain from using water for nonessential purposes, including but not limited to the following:

- Watering lawns
- Irrigation or irrigation equipment
- Washing vehicles, including at commercial car wash facilities
- Washing pavement or other outdoor surfaces
- Adding water to swimming pools or spas
- Conducting foundation watering
- Operating ornamental fountains or ponds, other than those necessary for aeration to support aquatic life.

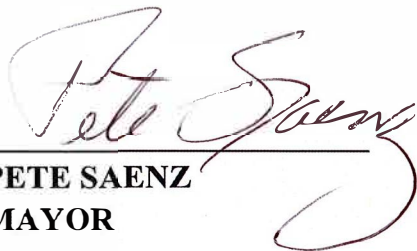
Section 3: Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Government code, the local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of Laredo, Texas.

Section 4: Pursuant to Section 418.018(c) of the 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.

Section 5: Pursuant to Section 418.018(d) of the Government Code this declaration of local state of disaster activates the emergency management plan and all procedures and authority vested in the Emergency Management Officer are invoked.

Section 6: That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 23rd day of February 2022.



PETE SAENZ
MAYOR

ATTESTED:



JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



SYLVIA BORUNDA FIRTH
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY