



Ordinance 2024-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT OF FLOODING CAUSED BY RAIN AND RISING WATER; CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING ANY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE MAYOR IN RESPONSE TO THE DAMAGE, INJURY, OR LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY RESULTING FROM SAID FLOOD; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the ravages of the April/May 2024 flood caused by rain and rising water, arising from its impact upon the property and inhabitants of the City of Liberty created widespread and severe damage, injury, and loss of life and property that now requires extraordinary measures to alleviate the suffering of the people and to protect and rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty's emergency management plan has previously been activated by Declaration of Local Disaster by Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Liberty, Dated April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has designated Liberty County a disaster area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct, and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the City Council finds and continues a declaration of a state of disaster and emergency in the City of Liberty as a result of the impact of April/May 2024 flood.

SECTION 3. Any emergency proclamations, orders, regulations, curfews, issued by the Mayor or the Emergency Management Coordinator, if so designated by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed and ratified.

SECTION 4. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to provide, or cause to be provided, all arrangements, provisions, and means necessary and proper to affect the coordination of relief and aid programs, and property restoration and rehabilitation programs, for the protection, preservation, and improvement of life and property within the City during the State of Emergency.

SECTION 5. This Declaration continuing a local state of disaster shall be effective for forty-five (45) days on and from its date of issuance, provided however that this declaration may be terminated before the expiration of forty-five days by subsequent order of the Mayor, and may be continued or renewed beyond forty-five days from its date of issuance only with the consent of the City Council.

SECTION 6. 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.

SECTION 7. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

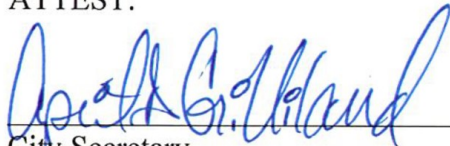
SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 6TH DAY OF MAY 2024.



Mayor
City of Liberty, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary
City of Liberty, Texas

