

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY CITY OF SMILEY, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a Proclamation declaring an Emergency due to the imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2021, the President of the United States issued a Declaration of Emergency for all 254 Texas Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, extremely cold temperatures and record snow and ice accumulation on the streets in the City of Smiley have created dangerous conditions making travel difficult, closing most businesses and creating hazardous conditions for the City's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the extreme cold temperatures are forecasted to continue through Saturday, February 20, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the extremely cold temperatures exist statewide and have stressed the ability of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to provide sufficient power to the State's electricity grid causing requests urging citizens to conserve power in order to limit rolling blackouts; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic on March 16, 2020, the Governor, at the request of the Texas Attorney General, suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings laws to allow governmental entities to meet virtually in order to conduct business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has periodically extended the open meeting exemptions, along with other COVID-19 emergency directives, with the last extension occurring on February 4, 2021 continuing through March 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL K. MILLS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMILEY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY SECTION §418.108(a) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND ITS AMENDMENTS, HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE:**

**SECTION 1.** That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Declaration are found to be true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** That a state of disaster exists for the City of Smiley.


**SECTION 3.** That this declaration of local disaster take effect immediately and remain in effect for the next seven (7) days, unless terminated earlier.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to §418.015 of the Texas Government Code and its amendments, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City Emergency Management Plan; and

**SECTION 5.** That virtual and/or public meetings of the Smiley City Council, as may be planned for the next seven (7) days, shall be postponed to a future date after the expiration of this Emergency Declaration.

**SECTION 6.** That this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

**SO DECLARED AND ORDERED** this the 19 day of February 2021.

  
**MICHAEL K. MILLS, MAYOR**  
**CITY OF SMILEY, TEXAS**