

**CITY OF COLEMAN
WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

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 declared a state of disaster for the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather has moved into the City of Coleman, and has led to prolonged loss of electrical power, dangerous road surfaces, and unsafe infrastructure within the City, including, loss of the ability to treat water, loss of the ability to treat sewage, line breaks, and threatening the safety and lives of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coleman has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to minimize the negative effects of the weather event and to protect the health and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coleman urges all residents to stay home if they can, to seek shelter in facilities provided by the City, avoid driving if possible, and to take all cautionary measures to ensure the safety of all persons and animals in their care; and

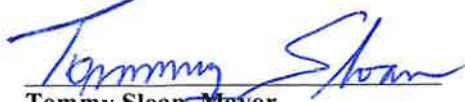
WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Coleman, Texas, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COLEMAN, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster caused by the winter weather emergency is declared for the City of Coleman, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the local state of disaster prompted by the winter weather emergency 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.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to the winter weather emergency shall be timely communicated to the public and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster because of a winter weather emergency activates the City of Coleman emergency management plan.
5. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
6. As Mayor, I further reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.

ORDERED this 16th day of February 2021.


Tommy Sloan, Mayor
City of Coleman, Texas







February 16, 2021

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
c/o State Coordinator
Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
1033 La Posada Drive, Ste 370
Austin, Texas 78752-3832

Dear Governor Abbott:

Thank you for issuing the declaration of disaster on February 12, 2021. Your actions will enable the City of Coleman to respond to this significant and unprecedented weather event.

The recovery expenses caused by this weather disaster are beyond the capacity of the City of Coleman. Recovery will require supplementary State and Federal assistance. Therefore, we certify that the City of Coleman does not have sufficient resources to provide long-term recovery for our residents.

We appreciate that you are making available resources to protect and assist Texans affected by this severe winter weather.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tommy Sloan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tommy Sloan
Mayor, City of Coleman

Enclosure: Local Disaster Declaration for the City of Coleman, February 16, 2021

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