

RESOLUTION _____

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL
DISASTER IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS IN RESPONSE TO SEVERE
WINTER WEATHER**

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed a disaster declaration for all 254 Texas counties on February 12, 2021, upon a finding 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

WHEREAS, President Joseph R. Biden approved an Emergency Declaration for the State of Texas due to the severe winter weather on February 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth has experienced record cold temperatures well below freezing and heavy snow and ice accumulation for multiple days; and

WHEREAS, power infrastructure throughout the state has been overburdened and is unable to provide power to millions of Texans, including many in Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, water service provided by the City of Fort Worth has been impacted and sheltering and warming operations are necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108, Mayor Betsy Price issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on February 17, 2021, in response to severe winter weather impacting the City of Fort Worth (“Executive Order”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the City Council must renew or continue the Executive Order for the Executive Order to remain in effect beyond seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to extend the Executive Order for the protection of the health and safety of the residents of the City of Fort Worth.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:**

I.

1. That the Executive Order, a copy of which is attached, is hereby continued through 11:59 pm on March 23, 2021, unless extended, modified or terminated early by the Mayor or the City Council.
2. That all of the regulations provided in the Executive Order and this resolution are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

II.

That this resolution for the continuation of the Local Disaster Declaration in response to severe winter weather shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of February, 2021.

Betsy Price
Mayor

Sarah J. Fullenwider
City Attorney

Mary Kayser
City Secretary