

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, The City of Plantersville, Texas and local areas are currently threatened by high or extreme wildland fire hazard caused by abundant fuel and extreme dry conditions across the county, and;

WHEREAS, the average Keetch-Byram Drought Index for Grimes County is greater than 700 and is currently 716, and;

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life and/or property;

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLANTERVILLE BY SECTION 418.108 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH DISASTER AND DIRECT THAT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS BE IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THAT DISASTER:

- 1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Plantersville, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code due to increased fire risk and worsening drought conditions.
- 2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Board of Aldermen and then for so long as such conditions exist.
- 3. Pursuant to §418.018© 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 of Plantersville.
- 4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Grimes County Emergency Management Plan.
- 5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 16 day of October, 2024.

Karen Hale Mayor, City of Plantersville