

CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
NUMBER ONE DUE TO DROUGHT

WHEREAS, the National Drought Mitigation Center, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have formed the United States Drought Monitor (USDM): and

WHEREAS, the USDM monitors drought conditions across the United States and has classified 100% of Brazos County in the Extreme Drought Category, with almost 96% of Brazos County additionally classified in the Severe Drought Category, and 20% classified in the Exceptional Drought Category; and

WHEREAS, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), maintained by Texas A&M Agrilife Research and Texas A&M Forest Service, is an index used to determine fire potential, and the current KBDI indicates a KBDI minimum value of 751 for Brazos County as of August 5, 2022, with a maximum KBDI value of 788; and

WHEREAS, the KBDI value for Brazos County is now within the highest range of the index, indicating a severe drought and increased wildfire occurrence; and

WHEREAS, Brazos County is currently under a burn ban order for the entire county; and

WHEREAS, the above conditions pose a substantial, significant, and imminent threat to persons and property in the City of Bryan and Brazos County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Section 418.108, Texas Government Code), a state of disaster is being declared due to the extreme drought conditions that exist in Brazos County and present an imminent and substantial danger to the residents of the City of Bryan; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Texas Government Code Chapter 418) relating to emergency management and public protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority granted to me as Mayor of the City of Bryan, Texas, by the Texas Disaster Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 18, Section 418.108) and the Inter-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Plan for Brazos County, Texas A&M University, and the Cities of Bryan, College Station, Kurten, and Wixon Valley, and as the Presiding Officer for the City of Bryan, I do hereby declare a local state of disaster in the City of Bryan due to extreme drought conditions.

It is hereby ordered that this disaster declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed with the City Secretary.

This order shall be effective immediately from and after its execution and issuance.

DECLARED and **ORDERED** this the 11th day of August, 2022.

Andrew Nelson

Andrew Nelson, Mayor
City of Bryan, Texas

Attest:

Mary L. Stratta

Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary
City of Bryan, Texas

CITY SEAL

