

CITY OF BERTRAM

DECLARATION No. 2024-01

**A DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM, TEXAS, DECLARING A DISASTER
FOR THE CITY OF BERTRAM FOR TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**

WHEREAS, the City of Bertram is in the path of totality for the April 8, 2024, total solar eclipse;

WHEREAS, the City expects to have the people in a number exceeding its population in and around Bertram and using the roads within the City on the days preceding and after April 8, 2024, as the travel to and through the Bertram area to see the total solar eclipse.;

WHEREAS, the additional persons and vehicles will cause significantly higher road use resulting in traffic congestion and a strain on first responders and grocery and fuel supplies;

WHEREAS, in consultation with emergency management and law enforcement officials, the Mayor of Bertram has determined that the increased traffic congestion and strain on the first responders and grocery and fuel supplies may cause as disaster as defined in Texas Government Code Section Sec. 418.004(1);

WHEREAS, according to Texas Government Code Sec. 418.108, the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision may declare a local state of disaster;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Bertram has determined from statements and information provided by City personnel, including the Chief of Police, the Bertram Volunteer Fire Department Chief and Public Works Director, that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate and prevent the suffering of people and to protect property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Bertram urges all residents of Bertram to stay home, to avoid driving, to ensure all vehicles are filled with fuel, and to ensure your household has sufficient food and supplies to last beyond April 8, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, BY THE MAYOR OF BERTRAM:

That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Bertram pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster 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 of the City of Bertram.

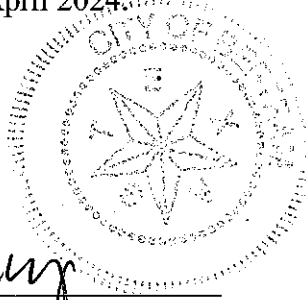
Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.


Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan and authorizes City staff to establish procedures to provide aid and assistance during this Declaration.

Pursuant to Section 418.108(g) of the Texas Government Code, the City is authorized to control ingress to and egress from the City of Bertram and control the movement of persons and the occupancy in the City of Bertram.

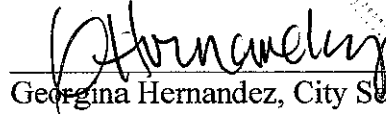
That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 4th of April 2024.




Michael Dickinson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Georgina Hernandez, City Secretary