

RESOLUTION No. 24-2053

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO APRIL 8, 2024, SOLAR ECLIPSE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code) authorizes the declaration of a state of disaster if a threat of disaster is imminent; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2024, Lago Vista, Texas will be in the path of totality of a total solar eclipse that will cross North America, passing over Mexico, United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, this solar eclipse event is expected to significantly increase, and potentially double the population of Lago Vista, Texas, in size throughout the days leading up to and including the day of the event, leading to extreme traffic congestion, enormous strain on first responder organizations, hospital systems, food, grocery and fuel shortages, along with city infrastructure, threatening the safety of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lago Vista Mayor has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health, safety and welfare of Lago Vista residents and visitors that may be impacted as a result of the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse; and

WHEREAS, the Lago Vista Mayor, in consultation with area emergency management coordinators, law enforcement officials, and fire and rescue officials, has determined that the potential exists for roads and streets to be stressed to and above capacity during certain times of the event; and

WHEREAS, the potential stress and over-capacity of city, county, state, and federal streets, roads, and highways may create a public safety event whereby law enforcement and fire and rescue officers will be impeded from responding to calls for service; and

WHEREAS, the Lago Vista Mayor, urges all residents of Lago Vista to stay at home if possible, get gas and groceries and run errands in advance, make non-urgent appointments for a different day, watch the solar eclipse from home or a location near home, do not block roadways to watch the eclipse, and if traveling to watch the eclipse, download what3words.com on your mobile device, which could help first responders find you in an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That, pursuant to Section 418.108, Texas Government Code, a local state of emergency and disaster to be caused by the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse event is hereby declared for Lago Vista, Texas.

SECTION 2. That Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that such declaration of disaster may not be continued for a period of more than seven (7) days from the date of issuance except with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision.

SECTION 3. That this declaration authorizes the City of Lago Vista to take any actions necessary to promote life safety and critical infrastructure protection.

SECTION 4. That this declaration shall take effect from March 21, 2024, and after its issuance, and upon approval for the Lago Vista City Council, shall continue in effect until terminated by the Lago Vista Mayor. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the Lago Vista Mayor at any time deemed necessary.

SECTION 5. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference and expressly made a part thereof, as if copied verbatim.

SECTION 6. This Resolution Declaring the Local State of Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

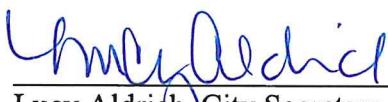
PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of March 2024.

CITY OF LAGO VISTA:



Kevin Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST



Lucy Aldrich, City Secretary
City of Lago Vista



On a motion by Councilor Marion, seconded by Councilor Prince, the above and foregoing Resolution was passed and approved.

ORDER TERMINATING DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO APRIL 8, 2024, SOLAR ECLIPSE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code) authorizes the declaration of a state of disaster if a threat of disaster is imminent; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2024, Lago Vista, Texas was in the path of totality of a total solar eclipse that crossed North America, passing over Mexico, the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, this solar eclipse event was expected to significantly increase, and potentially double the population of Lago Vista, Texas, in size throughout the days leading up to and including the day of the event, leading to extreme traffic congestion, enormous strain on first responder organizations, hospital systems, food, grocery and fuel shortages, along with city infrastructure, threatening the safety of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lago Vista Mayor determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health, safety and welfare of Lago Vista residents and visitors that may be impacted as a result of the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse; and

WHEREAS, the Lago Vista Mayor, in consultation with area emergency management coordinators, law enforcement officials, and fire and rescue officials, determined that the potential existed for roads and streets to be stressed to and above capacity during certain times of the event; and

WHEREAS, the potential stress and over-capacity of city, county, state, and federal streets, roads, and highways might have created a public safety event whereby law enforcement and fire and rescue officers will be impeded from responding to calls for service; and

WHEREAS, the Lago Vista Mayor, urged all residents of Lago Vista to stay at home if possible, to get gas and groceries and run errands in advance, make non-urgent appointments for a different day, watch the solar eclipse from home or a location near home, do not block roadways to watch the eclipse, and if traveling to watch the eclipse, download what3words.com on your mobile device, which could help first responders find you in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2024 the Lago Vista City Council passed Resolution No. 24-2053 pursuant to Section 418.108, Texas Government Code, finding that a local state of emergency and disaster existed due to the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse event; and

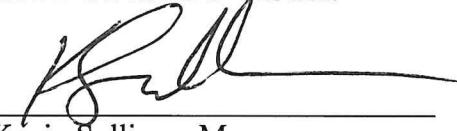
WHEREAS, Resolution 24-2053 took effect on March 21, 2024 and by its terms was to remain in effect until terminated by the Lago Vista Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lago Vista did not incur any additional operating expenses or other financial burdens for which reimbursement could be sought from State or Federal emergency offices which would justify keeping the state of disaster in place for purposes of applying for reimbursement.

NOW THEREFORE in my capacity as Mayor of the City of Lago Vista, I hereby terminate the Declaration of Local State of Disaster established in Resolution 24-2053 and declare the state of emergency to be ended on this 17th day of April 2024.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, this Order Terminating the Declaration of Local State of Disaster shall be promptly filed in the office of the City Secretary, who shall give it prompt and general publicity by posting it on the City's website, and shall also file this Order in the official records of the City.

CITY OF LAGO VISTA:



Kevin Sullivan, Mayor