

DECLARATION OF DISASTER
DUE TO TROPICAL STORM HANNA
ISSUED July 24, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Kingsville, Texas on the 24th day of July, 2020, is facing significant threats to life, health, and property due to Tropical Storm Hanna, which is arriving today and making landfall tomorrow bringing high winds and heavy rains with the potential for tornadoes;

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Hanna is expected to strengthen to a Category 1 Hurricane prior to making landfall just south of Kingsville and due to being on the north side of the storm should bring the strongest wind and rain bands to our city;

WHEREAS, the current prediction is rainfall amounts of 5 to 10 inches with isolated amounts of up to 15 inches and possible wind gusts in excess of 80 miles per hour;

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code, Chapter 418 gives the mayor the power to declare a local disaster within the city "if the threat of disaster is imminent";

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage to the city from Tropical Storm Hanna combined with the potential escalation in strength make it an imminent threat of disaster;

WHEREAS, Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code also provides the mayor with other authority to implement emergency measures as needed to protect lives and property from potential harm due to the threat of Tropical Storm Hanna;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Kingsville, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Kingsville, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the 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 Commission of Kingsville, Texas.

3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) 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.

4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan.

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

ORDERED this the 24 day of July, 2020.



Sam R. Fugate, Mayor