

RESOLUTION NO. 20220524-000

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS ADOPTING A POLICY AND PRECEDURE FOR CONDUCTING WELLNESS CHECKS ON MEDICALLY FRAGILE RESIDENTS DURING DISASTERS

WHEREAS, the City of Angleton participates in the State initiative State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) which provides names and contact information of residents who are more vulnerable to disasters; and,

WHEREAS, a wide variety of disaster situations have the potential to have a negative impact on our Medically Fragile residents: and,

WHEREAS, City residents may voluntarily participate in the STEAR program by signing up via telephone or online; and

WHEREAS, Texas Senate Bill 968, signed on June 16, 2021 amends Section 5 to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, requiring jurisdictions to conduct wellness checks on Medically Fragile Individuals during certain emergencies,

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

SECTION 1. The Emergency Management Policy and procedure titled STEAR Wellness Checks for Medically Fragile Residents is hereby adopted as shown in Exhibit A by the City Council of the City of Angleton and resolves to execute the actions stated in the policy.

SECTION 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. The meeting at which this resolution was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF MAY 2022.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

Jason Perez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances Aguilar, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary

Exhibit A**POLICY AND PROCEDURES
STEAR WELLNESS CHECKS FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE RESIDENTS POLICY****POLICY:**

Medically fragile individual refers to any individual who, during a time of disaster or emergency would be particularly vulnerable because of a medical condition, including individuals with:

- Alzheimer's disease and other related disorders
- Receiving dialysis services
- Who are diagnosed with a debilitating chronic illness
- Who are dependent on oxygen treatment
- Who have medical conditions that require 24-hour supervision from a skilled nurse
- Have limited financial and transportation abilities

Wellness checks will be done in the event of:

- An extended power, water, or gas outage
- A state of disaster declared
- Any other event considered necessary by the City

If more than one disaster is declared for the same event, or the same event qualifies as an event requiring a wellness check for multiple reasons under events listed above, one wellness check is required to be conducted.

PROCEDURES:

- Wellness checks must be conducted as soon as practicable but not later than 24 hours after an event requiring a wellness check has occurred.
- Wellness checks must ensure that the individual has continuity of care and the ability to continue using electrically powered medical equipment if applicable.
- The Emergency Management Coordinator will conduct verification that wellness checks have been done to ensure that the individuals listed as medically fragile have been notified by the City.
- All registrants on the State's STEAR system will be automatically added to our CodeRED notification system.

Wellness checks must include:

- A personalized telephone call to the resident
- If the individual is unresponsive to a telephone call, an in-person wellness check and
- Be conducted in accordance with this policy, with empathy and discretion

REPORTING AND DOCUMENTATION:

Information collected as to the health, status and unmet needs of these residents will be captured on a shared file to allow other staff to plan and assist our impacted fragile residents. This file will have limited distribution to maintain confidentiality.

FILE RETENTION:

All files created in this process shall be retained electronically on a shared drive for three years following the end of the incident.