

City of Burnet City Council

Item Brief



Meeting Date

January 27, 2026

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Ordinance No. 2026-03: D. Vaughn

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, TERMINATING THE LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DECLARED DUE TO FLOODING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE

Information

On July 6, 2025, the Mayor Pro Tem issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster for the City of Burnet as a result of extreme flooding that impacted multiple areas of the City, including Hamilton Creek and other creeks and low-lying areas. On July 9, 2025, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2025-32, ratifying and extending the local state of disaster pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code.

The disaster declaration provided the City with additional emergency authorities necessary to respond to immediate threats to life, safety, and property, and to support emergency response and early recovery efforts following the July 2025 flood event. Conditions related to the July 2025 flooding have stabilized, and continuation of the local disaster declaration is no longer necessary for emergency response purposes. While FEMA and state recovery and reimbursement processes remain ongoing, those activities do not require the continuation of a local disaster declaration.

The purpose of this ordinance is to formally terminate the local state of disaster declaration under Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, effective January 27, 2026, while allowing the City to continue recovery, reimbursement, and administrative actions associated with the flood event as permitted under state and federal law.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2026-03 as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

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WHEREAS, on July 6, 2025, the Mayor Pro Tem issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster for the City of Burnet as a result of extreme flooding throughout the City, including areas along Hamilton Creek and other creeks and low-lying areas; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2025, the City Council of the City of Burnet subsequently adopted Ordinance No. 2025-32 ratifying and extending the local state of disaster pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the declaration of a local state of disaster have stabilized to the extent that continuation of the local disaster declaration is no longer required for the protection of life, safety, or property; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code authorizes the governing body of a political subdivision to terminate a local state of disaster by official action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Termination of Local State of Disaster. The local state of disaster declared for the City of Burnet as a result of flooding on July 5, 2025 under Ordinance No. 2025-32 is hereby terminated, effective January 27, 2026.

Section Two. Effect of Termination. As of the effective date of this ordinance, all emergency powers, special authorities, and emergency measures authorized solely by the local disaster declaration are terminated, except as may be necessary to complete recovery, reimbursement, or administrative actions permitted under state or federal law.

Section Three. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Section Four. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on January 27, 2026, after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 27th day of January 2026.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary