CITY OF LA VERNIA DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER: RELATING TO DROUGHT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the mayor of a municipality may declare a local state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, La Vernia, Texas has not had an extensive amount of rainfall for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property attributed to ongoing serious drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2024, the Governor of the state of Texas Greg Abbott approved a drought disaster; and

WHEREAS, The state of Texas has indicated that when a Declaration of Disaster regarding drought danger is in effect, water restrictions will be in place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Vernia feels that it is in the best interest of the city and its residents to declare this local Declaration of Disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, A LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION IS HEREBY DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA: pursuant to the authority granted in the Texas Disaster Act of Chapter 418 Texas Government Code, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this Order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated or extended:

1. Water restrictions will be in place, landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week from 5-10 a.m. and 9 p.m.-midnight on your designated watering day, as determined by your address. Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed at any time on any day. Watering with drip irrigation is permitted Monday/Friday, but only 5-10 a.m. and 9 p.m.-midnight. Washing impervious cover such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Residential car washing allowed during drought once per week on Saturday or Sunday as long as there is no water waste.

- 2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster Declaration 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.
- 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- 4. The City Secretary is directed to give prompt and general publicity of the issuance of this DECLARATION and place same before the City Council for consideration for continuation at its next regular meeting.
- 5. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
- 6. As Mayor, I further reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.

ORDERED this 1st day of November 2024.

MAYOR MARTIN POORE

City of La Vernia, Texas