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City of Copperas Cove Winter Storm Uri Update

Copperas Cove, Texas – Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued a Statewide Disaster Declaration for all 254 Counties as a result of the extreme inclement weather brought on by Winter Storm Uri. Earlier today, City of Copperas Cove Mayor Bradi Diaz followed suit and issued a Declaration of Local Disaster. As such, the City's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented until further notice.

All City of Copperas Cove facilities will be closed on Tuesday, February 16th. Emergency services will continue to operate without interruption. Essential personnel will also continue to work as they are able to monitor and attempt to ensure essential services are provided.

The City Council Workshop and Regular Meetings scheduled for Tuesday evening will continue as scheduled, however only as a Teleconference/Zoom Meeting; there will be no in-person attendance authorized.

The established temporary Warming Center will remain open at the Public Library, located at 501 S. Main Street, until further notice.

The City has been in constant communications with Oncor reference the many power outages throughout the City, however an electricity restoration timeline has yet to be provided. More info on the power outages has been posted to the City of Copperas Cove's Official Facebook page.

Street conditions will continue to deteriorate overnight, however will be evaluated and addressed as crews are able. Weather conditions continue to be hazardous and freezing temperatures are forecasted for the next 3-4 days. Various streets throughout the City are still marked with barricades and deemed unsafe to traverse; please use caution when driving in these areas. TxDOT and the City encourage all citizens to stay off the streets unless absolutely necessary.

Solid Waste collections have been halted since late last week and the City's contracted landfill is currently non-operational. As the weather clears and streets become safer, operations will continue with an altered schedule. At this point we ask for all residential customers to remove any receptacles from curbside for the safety of all motorists. Once safe conditions allow, a notice will be posted with a collection schedule for all areas.

Water Department operations are still functional, in other words water is still being delivered to all customers however conservation is highly encouraged at this time. Any citizens

experiencing water interruptions are likely experiencing frozen pipes on their end and we would encourage they research the internet for specific assistance and guidance to assist with restoration.

Sewer Department operations are still functional, with some concerns arising due to power outages. Limiting wastewater outflow is highly encourage at this time.

The Municipal Court will be closed. All scheduled hearings and appearances have been postponed. Anyone having a summons to report should disregard and await further notice.

Utility Administration will be closed as well. Online and pay by phone options may still be available, as internet and phone lines remain active. There will be no late fees assessed and/or disconnections as a result of late payments.

Emergency notifications continue to be distributed to our residents via the CodeRED Emergency Notification System. Citizens not yet registered may enroll at this link: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF83F34F056B>

Questions or concerns may be directed to Public Relations Director Kevin Keller at kkeller@copperascovetx.gov or (254) 547-4221 ext. 6243.

(Declaration of Local Disaster Attached)

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