Proclamation of Disaster

Whereas, the City of Victoria on the Thursday, 24th day of August, 2017 has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from Tropical Storm Harvey; and

Whereas, the Mayor of the City of Victoria has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of the people and to protect or rehabilitate property;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Victoria:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for City of Victoria pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Texas 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 Council of the City of Victoria.

3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Texas 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 Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County/City emergency management plan.

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

ORDERED this the Thursday, 24th day of August, 2017.

Paul Polasek, Mayor of the City of Victoria, Texas

Attest:

Thomas A Gwosdz, City Attorney
ORDER OF MANDATORY EVACUATION
August 24, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

BY

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

Whereas due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Harvey, which presents an imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and loss of life and property, and severe economic and social disruption due to high winds and tidal surges, and other public calamity, and requires emergency action;

Whereas the imminent threat of this storm requires the City to take immediate action to save lives, prevent injuries, protect property, public health, the environment, and public safety to lessen or avert the threat of disaster;

Whereas the Mayor of the City of Victoria has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property;

Whereas the City of Victoria’s Emergency Management Plan has been activated;

Whereas Gov. Code sec. 418.108(f) authorizes the mayor of a municipality to order the evacuation of all or part of the population from a threatened area under the mayor’s jurisdiction when the mayor considers it necessary for the preservation of life or disaster mitigation; and

Whereas the public was previously asked to evacuate the City of Victoria, Texas.

Now therefore, I, the Mayor of the City of Victoria, Texas, hereby find and order:

1. That there is an imminent danger caused by the approaching storm.

2. That it is necessary to evacuate the population of the City of Victoria in order to preserve life, mitigate the damage that will be caused thereby, and to protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare.

3. That all persons in the City of Victoria, with the exception of essential emergency personnel, are ORDERED to IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE the City of Victoria;

4. That failure to obey this ORDER may result in criminal penalties as provided by law;

5. That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity;

6. That this declaration shall take effect immediately at 5:00 P.M.

Ordered this ____ day of ______________, 20_____

Paul Polasek, Mayor of the City of Victoria, Texas

Attest: ________________________

Approved as to Form:

Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney
ORDER LIFTING CITY-WIDE MANDATORY EVACUATION
AND CONTINUING MANDATORY EVACUATION IN DESIGNATED AREAS

BY

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

Whereas due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Harvey, the Mayor of the City of Victoria previously ordered a mandatory evacuation; and

Whereas the imminent threat of this storm has subsided across the general area;

Whereas an imminent threat remains of localized severe damage, injury, and loss of life and property, and severe economic and social disruption due to floodwaters and other public calamity, and requires continued emergency action;

Now therefore, I, Paul Polasek, the Mayor of the City of Victoria, Texas, hereby find and order:

1. That the immediate need to evacuate the city-wide population of the City of Victoria has passed;

2. That the city-wide Mandatory Evacuation Order is hereby lifted;

3. That it is necessary to evacuate the population of certain designated areas of the City of Victoria to preserve life, mitigate the damage that will be caused thereby, and to protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare;

4. That all persons in the designated areas of the City of Victoria, with the exception of essential emergency personnel, are ORDERED to IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE the designated areas of City of Victoria;

5. The following areas of the City of Victoria are hereby designated for continuing mandatory evacuation.

   i. The Greens Addition

   ii. The Old Town Area

   iii. Second Street Area, which is a fifteen-block area bordered by Water St., De Leon St., South Street, and Glass St.

   iv. Constitution Street, west of Victoria Street.
6. That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity;

7. That this declaration shall take effect immediately.

Ordered this 27th day of August 2017.

Paul Polasek, Mayor of the City of Victoria, Texas

Attested and Approved as to Form:

Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney
Order of Curfew

Whereas the City of Victoria, Texas, has suffered or is expected to suffer severe damage as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and many businesses and residences may be exposed to looting, vandalism and the natural elements, thus necessitating immediate protection against further loss; and,

Whereas, a curfew, preventing persons without proper authority from being upon the public streets or rights-of-way within the City of Victoria will greatly assist law enforcement in protection against further loss;

Now therefore, I, Mayor of the City of Victoria, hereby find and order:

1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, without proper authority, to be upon the public streets or rights-of-way within the City of Victoria effective immediately until 6:00am Sunday August 27, 2017, and from 10:00pm through 6:00am beginning Sunday evening and continuing thereafter, and any person or entity who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined a sum not to exceed $1,000.00.

3. This curfew and the hours of this curfew may be altered, changed, or lifted, by order of the Mayor or his designee, at any time, but said curfew shall remain in effect until such order is made.

4. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately at [Time].

So found, declared, and ordered this the 26th day of August, 2017.

Approved as to form

Thomas A. Gwosdz
City Attorney

Paul Polasek, Mayor
City of Victoria
Order of Curfew

Whereas the City of Victoria, Texas, has suffered or is expected to suffer severe damage as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and many businesses and residences may exposed to looting, vandalism and the natural elements, thus necessitating immediate protection against further loss; and,

Whereas, a curfew between the hours of 12:00 A.M. (Midnight) and 6:00 A.M. Friday August 25, 2017 and between 10:00 P.M. Friday August 25, 2017 and 6:00 A.M. Saturday August 26, 2017, preventing persons without proper authority from being upon the public streets or rights-of-way within the City of Victoria will greatly assist law enforcement in protection against further loss;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, without proper authority, to be upon the public streets or rights-of-way within the City of Victoria between the hours of 12:00 A.M. (Midnight) and 6:00 A.M. Friday August 25, 2017 and between 10:00 P.M. Friday August 25, 2017 and 6:00 A.M. Saturday August 26, 2017.

3. That it shall be unlawful for any person, without proper authority, to be in an affected area that has been designated with limited or denied access, ingress, or egress and any person or entity who shall violate any provision of this ORDER shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not to exceed $1,000.00. Each unauthorized entry into a designated, restricted area shall constitute a separate violation.

4. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately at [Time].

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 24th day of August 2017.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Thomas A. Gwosdz  
City Attorney

Paul Polasek, Mayor  
City of Victoria
ORDER OF CURFEW

Whereas the City of Victoria, Texas, has suffered or is expected to suffer severe damage as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and many businesses and residences may be exposed to looting, vandalism and the natural elements, thus necessitating immediate protection against further loss; and,

Whereas, a curfew, preventing persons without proper authority from being upon the public streets or rights-of-way within the City of Victoria will greatly assist law enforcement in protection against further loss;

Now therefore, I, Paul Polasek, Mayor of the City of Victoria, hereby find and order:

1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2. That each and every prior curfew order issued by the Mayor of the City of Victoria related to Hurricane Harvey is hereby amended to conform to this order.

3. That it shall be unlawful for any person, without proper authority, to be upon the public streets or rights-of-way within the City of Victoria effective immediately from midnight through 6:00am each day beginning Saturday morning, September 2, 2017, and continuing thereafter, and any person or entity who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined a sum not to exceed $1,000.00.

4. This curfew and the hours of this curfew may be altered, changed, or lifted, by order of the Mayor or his designee, at any time, but said curfew shall remain in effect until such order is made.

5. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately at [Time].

So found, declared, and ordered this the 1st day of September, 2017.

Approved as to form

Thomas A. Gwosdz
City Attorney

Paul Polasek, Mayor
City of Victoria
ORDER LIFTING CURFEW

Whereas the Mayor of the City of Victoria, Texas, as a result of severe damage related to Hurricane Harvey, previously ordered a curfew preventing persons without proper authority from being upon the public streets or rights-of-way within the City of Victoria; and,

Whereas the immediate need for protection has passed;

Now therefore, I, Paul Polasek, Mayor of the City of Victoria, hereby find and order:

1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2. That each and every prior curfew order issued by the Mayor of the City of Victoria related to Hurricane Harvey is hereby lifted.

5. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately at [Time].

So found, declared, and ordered this the 5th day of September, 2017.

Paul Polasek, Mayor of the City of Victoria, Texas

Attested and Approved as to Form:

Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney
ORDER LIFTING MANDATORY EVACUATION

Whereas the Mayor of the City of Victoria, Texas, as a result of severe damage related to Hurricane Harvey, previously ordered a mandatory evacuation; and

Whereas the imminent threat of this storm has subsided, and the immediate need to evacuate the population of the City of Victoria has passed;

Now therefore, I, Paul Polasek, Mayor of the City of Victoria, hereby find and order:

1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2. That each and every prior Mandatory Evacuation Order issued by the Mayor of the City of Victoria related to Hurricane Harvey is hereby lifted;

3. That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity;

4. That this declaration shall take effect immediately.

So found, declared, and ordered this the 5th day of September, 2017.

Paul Polasek, Mayor of the
City of Victoria, Texas

Attested and Approved as to Form:

Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney
Due to Hurricane Harvey, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has required the City of Victoria public water system to notify all customers to boil their water prior to consumption (e.g., washing hands/face, brushing teeth, drinking, etc). Children, seniors, and persons with weakened immune systems are particularly vulnerable to harmful bacteria, and all customers should follow these directions).

To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and ice making should be boiled and cooled prior to use for drinking water or human consumption purposes. The water should be brought to a vigorous rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes.

In lieu of boiling, individuals may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other suitable source for drinking water or human consumption purposes.

When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, the public water system officials will notify customers that the water is safe for drinking water or human consumption purposes.

Once the boil water notice is no longer in effect, the public water system will issue a notice to customers that rescinds the boil water notice in a manner similar to this notice.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions concerning this matter, you may contact the Victoria City/County Emergency Operations Center Hotline at 361-580-5796.

At this time, the City’s water supply is extremely limited. Please take all measures possible to conserve water. This includes limiting or eliminating all non-essential water uses. Turn off all irrigation systems and swimming pools, limit or eliminate showers and baths, reduce flushing of toilets, and postpone washing laundry and other non-essentials.
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY OF PUBLIC NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS: Boil Water Notice

Public Water System (PWS) name: City of Victoria

PWS ID: __________________________ Date Boil Water Notice Issued: 8/26/2017

Reason(s) issued: (indicate “X” all applicable circumstances; 30 TAC 290.46 (q))

☐ Low distribution pressures (<20psi)
☒ Water outage
☐ E. coli or fecal positive microbiological sample(s)
☐ Failure to maintain adequate chlorine residuals
☐ Elevated finished water turbidities (Surface Water Treatment Rule)
☐ Line Break
☒ Other: Loss of power to water plant due to Hurricane Harvey

30 TAC 290.46(q)(1) requires that your PWS make an adequate, good-faith effort to reach all consumers served by the system by appropriate methods (check all below that apply):

COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM (perform one or more of the following):

☒ Furnish a copy of the Notice to radio and television stations serving the PWS service area
☐ Publish Notice in a local newspaper serving the PWS service area
☐ Direct delivery of Notice to customers
☐ Continuously post Notice in conspicuous places within affected PWS service area
☐ Electronic delivery or alert systems (e.g., reverse 911)

NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM (perform one or more of the following):

☐ Direct delivery of Notice to customers
☐ Continuously post Notice in conspicuous places within affected PWS service area
☐ Electronic delivery or alert systems (e.g., reverse 911)

“I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.”

NOTE: 30 TAC 290.46(q)(6)(F) requires the PWS to provide documentation to the Executive Director within 10 days.

Date of Delivery to Customers: 8/26/2017 Phone: (361) 485-3351
Certified by: (print name): Donald C. Reese Title: Dir. of Public Works
Signature: __________________________ Date: 8/26/2017

E-mail (PDWS@tceq.texas.gov) or mail a copy of this completed form, AND copies of the Boil Water Notice given to your customers to: TCEQ – Water Supply Division MC – 155, Attn: Public Notice. P. O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

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