

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AND STATE OF EMERGENCY
EFFECTIVE August 27, 2026

WHEREAS, in the morning of August 27, 2026, the City of Gatesville, Texas learned that its main freshwater intake on Lake Belton was without electric power due to a transmission line failure under operation and control of Oncor; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of electric power will take an unspecified length of time; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Gatesville, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to cope with this disaster and to prevent the effects from creating further imminent danger and peril to life, health and safety of the public as well as to prevent further destruction of property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §418.1015(a) the Mayor, serving as the presiding officer of the City of Gatesville, may declare a local state of disaster and emergency in the City, and may exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale.

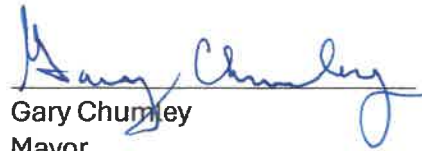
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS THAT:

1. A local state of disaster and emergency is hereby declared for the City of Gatesville, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster and emergency 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 Gatesville, Texas.
3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and emergency activates the City of Gatesville's Emergency Operations Plan and any other applicable emergency management plans.
5. The order is subject to the Proclamation of the Governor pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster. I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.
6. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby directed and authorized to undertake whatever reasonable action and to conduct whatever disaster mitigation measures are deemed necessary to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Gatesville under the Emergency Management Plan as necessary, including but not limited to: Implementation of Stage 4 Water Restrictions, as outlined in the City of Gatesville Drought Contingency Plan; and, coordination

with local retailers and state and federal agencies as necessary to ensure a ready supply of drinking water is available to the public via portable water containers/devices.

7. This proclamation shall take effect immediately after its issuance.

DECLARED this the 27th August, 2026.


Gary Chumley
Mayor

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