



City Council Emergency-Called Meeting Agenda
July 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM
City Hall, 701 Main Street, Kerrville, Texas



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Open Meetings Act, Section 551.045 (G) Emergency Meetings: Urgent public necessity regarding July 16, 2026 Flood Event Disaster Declaration.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Joe Herring, Jr.

1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1.A Resolution No. 31-2026. A Resolution authorized by Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code consenting to continuing and renewing the Mayor's Disaster Declaration regarding the July 16, 2026 Flood Event issued on July 16, 2026. (*W Tatsch, City Attorney*)

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *City Council may, as permitted by law, adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any matter listed above if items meet the qualifications in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.*

3. **ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY.**

ADJOURN.

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Shelley McElhannon, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Kerrville, Texas



**TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS**

CAPTION: Resolution No. 31-2026. A Resolution authorized by Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code consenting to continuing and renewing the Mayor's Disaster Declaration regarding the July 16, 2026 Flood Event issued on July 16, 2026. (W Tatsch, City Attorney)

AGENDA DATE: July 22, 2026

DATE SUBMITTED: 07/20/2026

SUBMITTED BY:

William Tatsch, Assistant City Attorney

EXHIBITS:

1. 20260722 Reso 31-2026 Extending Disaster Declaration

Expenditure:

Account Number:

**Payment to/Vendor
name:**

Amount Budgeted:

Account Balance:

Kerrville 2050 Item?

No

Key Priority Area:

SUMMARY:

The City of Kerrville was inundated with floodwaters from the Guadalupe River and its tributaries on July 16, 2026, which caused widespread damage throughout the city. The Mayor issued a Disaster Declaration on July 16, 2026. However, that Disaster Declaration is only effective for seven days after execution. Therefore, the attached resolution extends the July 16, 2026 Disaster Declaration until the Mayor decides it is no longer necessary. The relevant sections of the resolution provide as follows:

SECTION TWO - the July 16, 2026 Disaster Declaration is extended;

SECTION THREE - The statutorily required notice and filing requirements will be met;

SECTION FOUR - The Disaster Declaration will remain in effect until the Mayor terminates it pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code;

SECTION FIVE - The City's Emergency Management Plan is continued;

SECTION SIX - The City Manager is authorized to take certain actions with appropriate notice to City Council, including (1) making applications to governmental entities for assistance; (2) accepting services, grants, and materials from private, nonprofit, or governmental sources; (3) accepting assistance from other local governments as long

as the Mayor opines that an emergency exists, believes the existing emergency requires the assistance, and requests the assistance; (4) entering into any interlocal agreements in compliance with the terms of the resolution; and (5) suspending disconnections, fees, and penalties related to any City services; and

SECTION SEVEN - The Disaster Declaration will be effective upon the consent of the Council and will supersede and extend the previous declaration if in conflict.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution No. 31-2026.

**CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 31-2026**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZED BY SECTION
418.108(b) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
CONSENTING TO CONTINUING AND RENEWING
THE MAYOR'S DISASTER DECLARATION
REGARDING THE JULY 16, 2026 FLOOD EVENT
ISSUED ON JULY 16, 2026**

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2026, the Mayor, by proclamation, issued a Declaration of Disaster regarding the January 16, 2026 flooding event (Disaster Declaration); and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2026, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a Proclamation declaring a state of disaster in Kerr County and 58 other counties, including those surrounding Kerr County, due to the heavy rainfall and flash flooding, which caused widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2026, Texas Governor Greg Abbott amended and renewed the Proclamation declaring a state of disaster relating to the July 4, 2025 flooding event; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that continuing and renewing the Mayor's Disaster Declaration is necessary to protect the residents of the City and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that it is in the public interest for it to consent to the Mayor's continuation and renewal of the July 16, 2026 Disaster Declaration, pursuant to authority granted by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Chapter 418, Texas Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERRVILLE:

SECTION ONE. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and made findings of fact.

SECTION TWO. Extending Disaster Declaration. City Council consents to the extension and renewal of the local state of disaster for the City pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code. The Mayor issued a Declaration of Disaster on July 16, 2026. The *Declaration of Disaster* is attached as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION THREE. Publicity and Filing. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this extension and renewal of the Mayor's Disaster Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION FOUR. Duration of Disaster Declaration. The Disaster Declaration is effective until such time as it is terminated by the Mayor pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, with notice of such action to be sent to City Council.

SECTION FIVE. Continuing the Activation of the City Emergency Management Plan. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the declaration of a local state of disaster continues activation of the emergency management plan for the City. The furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration is hereby authorized. The appropriate preparedness and response aspects of the plan are continued.

SECTION SIX. City Manager Authority. Pursuant to this Disaster Declaration, the City Manager, or designee(s), is authorized to take the following actions, but shall provide immediate notice of such to City Council following such action(s):

- a. Make application for local, state, and federal assistance as necessary and/or applicable;
- b. Accept on behalf of the City services, gifts, grants, equipment, supplies, and/or materials from private, nonprofit, or government sources;
- c. Pursuant to Section 791.027, Texas Government Code, accept emergency assistance from another local government, whether or not the City has previously agreed to contract to provide that kind of assistance, based upon (i) the opinion of the Mayor that a state of civil emergency exists that requires such assistance and; (ii) the Mayor requests the assistance;
- d. Enter into any interlocal contract for the City pursuant to Chapter 791, Texas Government Code, relevant to the City's provision of emergency services and response to the weather event, whereby the authority for entering into such contract(s) is provided through the adoption of this Resolution; and
- e. Suspend disconnections, fees, and penalties related to the City's provision of services.

Any action taken above may be subject to conditions and other parameters developed by the City Manager, which shall then be contained within a policy document or similar that is disseminated and made accessible for public review.

SECTION SEVEN. Effective Date. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and the consent of City Council. This disaster declaration supersedes and extends the previous declaration on this matter, as issued on July 16, 2026.

SECTION EIGHT. The terms and provisions of this Resolution and the Disaster Declaration shall be deemed to be severable and that if any section, subsection, sentence clause, phrase, or word shall be declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word, and the remainder of this Resolution and Disaster Declaration shall continue in full force and effect the same as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision had never been a part hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this the ____ day of July, A.D., 2026.

Joe Herring, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:



William L. Tatsch, City Attorney

Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF KERRVILLE

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Kerrville, in the County of Kerr County, Texas, on this the 16th day of July, 2026, has suffered, and is continuing to suffer, widespread or severe damage, injury, and/or loss of life or property resulting from

SEVERE FLOODING

from a weather event that brought rain that began overnight and continues

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF KERRVILLE:

1. A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER IS HEREBY DECLARED FOR THE CITY OF KERRVILLE PURSUANT TO §418.108(A) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the 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 Kerrville.

3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the 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 §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City Emergency Management Plan.

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

ORDERED this on the 16th day of July, 2026.


Joe Herring, Jr., Mayor