MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER
TROPICAL STORM LAURA AND
TROPICAL STORM MARCO

WHEREAS, the City of Port Arthur is faced with an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property due to the potential impacts of Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Storm Marco; and,

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

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2020, pursuant to §410.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code, the Mayor of the City of Port Arthur has declared a Local Disaster and State of Emergency as delineated in Exhibit “A”; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, the declaration of a local state of disaster was given prompt and general publicity and filed promptly with the City Secretary; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, the declaration of a local state of disaster activated the Port Arthur, Texas emergency management plan; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §418.108(f) of the Government Code the Mayor may order the evacuation of all or part of the population from a stricken or threatened area under the jurisdiction and authority of the mayor if the mayor considers the action necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and,

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2020, pursuant to Section 418.016 and 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor of Texas issued a Proclamation Declaring a Disaster as denoted in Exhibit “B” and the County Judge of Jefferson County has signed a Declaration of Disaster as denoted in Exhibit “C”; and,

WHEREAS, due to the potential damage from Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Storm Marco systems, the City of Port Arthur is in a state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to order a MANDATORY EVACUATION of the corporate boundaries of the City of Port Arthur.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

Section 2. That the Mayor hereby orders the closure of all buildings and businesses and the evacuation of all persons from the City of Port Arthur, Texas except those persons specifically authorized to remain by the Mayor or Jefferson County Judge.

Section 3. That pursuant to §418.108(f) of the Government Code, a MANDATORY EVACUATION is herein ordered for City of Port Arthur for the preservation of life and/or disaster mitigation, response, or recovery.

Section 4. This evacuation Order will remain in effect until terminated by Order of the Mayor or City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas.

Section 5. This Order shall take effect at 6:00 a.m. on August 25, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED AND DECLARED this 25TH day of August, 2020.

CITY OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

Thurman Bill Bartie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherri Bellard, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valecia R. Tizeno, City Attorney
EXHIBIT "A" TO VOLUNTARY EVACUATION ORDER
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

BY

PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the City of Port Arthur on the 24th day of August 2020 is facing the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property and other public calamity resulting from the potential threat of Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Storm Marco systems; and.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Port Arthur has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to prevent and to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and.

WHEREAS, the City of Port Arthur’s Emergency Management Plan should be activated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

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

SECTION 2. That 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 Port Arthur.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to §418.018(e) 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.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan.

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

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 24th day of August, 2020.

Thurman "Bill" Bartie, Mayor
City of Port Arthur

ATTEST:

Sherri Bellard,
City Secretary