

The Office of the County Judge

**First Amendment of Disaster Declaration Related
to Severe Storms and Tornadoes**

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2021, I, Lee Ann Jones, as County Judge of Panola County, Texas, issued a Disaster Declaration for the County of Panola resulting from the severe storms and tornadoes that happened on March 27, 2021 which caused major devastation and damage to property, trees, cars, land and even life; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the aforesaid Declaration continue to exist; and,

WHEREAS, because of the damage to property, trees, cars, land and life, the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, while performing cleanup operations to the maximum extent possible, this First Amended Renewal and Continuation of Disaster Declaration Related to Severe Storms and Tornadoes (herein sometimes called this "Order") is required; and,

WHEREAS, this Order is issued based on evidence of the need to clean up downed trees and debris in Precinct #1 and Precinct #4 of Panola County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to clean up as much as possible; and,


WHEREAS, this Order helps preserve county roads and right-of-ways that were damaged during the tornadoes on March 27, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY LEE ANN JONES, COUNTY JUDGE OF PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. The Disaster of Declaration issued for the County on March 27, 2021, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code is hereby amended.
2. This Disaster Declaration shall continue in effect until the County terminates its consent to the continuation of this Declaration or until this Declaration is terminated by order of the County Judge, whichever occurs first.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this amendment to the Disaster Declaration issued for the County on March 29, 2021, shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Panola County Clerk.

4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this amendment to the aforesaid Disaster Declaration continues to activate the Emergency Management Plan.
5. Pursuant to Disaster Declaration on March 29, 2021, the County Judge is authorized, without further action of the Commissioners Court, to exercise any powers, take any actions and issue any orders authorized by law, including but not limited to, any measures authorized by Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, including without limitation §418.108 and §418.1015 of said chapter.
6. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate its intent.
7. The County of Panola shall promptly provide copies of this Order by posting it on the County website; and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.
8. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021.



Lee Ann Jones
Panola County Judge