



DALLAS COUNTY

ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS

DATE ORDER ISSUED: February 15, 2021

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, Dallas County, Texas experienced severe snow and ice storm coupled with extremely cold temperatures;

WHEREAS, due to record low temperatures, the Texas power system is currently facing an unprecedented peak in demand for electricity and, at times this record demand has exceeded the electric generation available to serve the grid;

WHEREAS, in response, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has requested utilities across the state to implement controlled power outages to reduce high demand and protect the integrity of the electric grid, and the length of these controlled outages has been significantly extended beyond normal due to the current emergency grid conditions and severe cold weather;

WHEREAS, these outages have been taking place across the service territory, and ERCOT has said they could be required through Tuesday; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and businesses of Dallas County can do their part to help alleviate the strain of electricity demand on the grid. Any reduction of electricity consumption, particularly during peak morning hours tomorrow, will help stabilize the grid and reduce the likelihood that more controlled outages will be necessary.

WHEREAS, due to the current weather event, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins has issue a *Local Declaration of Disaster* on February 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this current *Local Declaration of Disaster*, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issues the following executive orders:

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS ORDERS:

Effective as of 8:00 p.m. on February 15, 2021, and continuing until rescinded or expires by operation of law:

1. All non-essential businesses are advised to delay their opening or start time until 10:00 a.m.
2. All manufacturing and industrial businesses that use electricity in their operations/processes are advised to close on February 16, 2021, or at minimum to the greatest extent possible shut down any non-essential processes or operations for that day.
3. All residents and businesses in Dallas County are advised to set their thermostats to no more than 68 degrees.
4. This Order does not apply to businesses that provide essential services or any manufacturing or industrial processes or operations that must remain engaged to prevent



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damage to facilities or equipment or to otherwise maintain the integrity of those processes or operations.

5. Under this Order, no person shall sell any of the following goods or services for more than the regular retail price the person charged for the goods or services on February 11, 2021, except where an increased retail price is the result of increased supplier or other costs (including the loss of supplier supporting funds):
 - a. groceries, beverages, toilet articles, and ice;
 - b. restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals;
 - c. medicine, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, and supplies; and
 - d. hotel rooms, motel rooms, or any other temporary lodging available to the public.
6. The County of Dallas must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the Dallas County website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED

**CLAY JENKINS
DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE**