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**LOCAL DISASTER DECLARED FOR THE CITY OF BIG  
SPRING**

**LARGE ITEM PICKUP OF STORM DEBRIS WILL BE AVAILABLE, SOME FACILITIES  
CLOSED**

(BIG SPRING, TEXAS)- After a severe weather event the evening of June 8 that caused damage across the community, a Declaration of Local Disaster by Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Big Spring, Robert H. Moore, III, has been issued. The Texas Division of Emergency Management, TDEM, has been in contact with city and county officials as well.

“The City of Big Spring has worked tirelessly through the night to come to the aid of our community,” said Shane Bowles, Director of Public Works for the City of Big Spring. “Our crews are working around-the-clock to address what needs to be repaired and removing debris to ensure the safety of our citizens.”

Next week a city-wide residential large item pickup will take place for storm-related debris. Vegetation, fencing, roofing, siding and building materials damaged by the storm will be accepted.

City buildings including the historic auditorium and airpark were among those structures affected by the severe hail and windstorm. Local landmarks including the Settles Hotel and the Hangar 25 also sustained damage.

“We are disheartened by what happened, but proud to see our citizens coming together to help one another,” said Susan Himes, Director of Community Services. “We have our parks and facilities crews out working to handle downed trees and debris in our parks, but we ask the public to use caution in the parks as well as throughout the city.”

The Bert Andries Park Splashpad sustained severe damage and will remain closed until repairs can be completed, Himes said. The Aquatic Center at Comanche Trail Park may also be closed tomorrow- citizens should check the city’s Facebook page for updates on the closures of facilities this week as damage is assessed and repaired, as well as other important information related to storm cleanup.

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
BY  
PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING  
  
AMENDED

WHEREAS, extensive property damage caused by storms presents an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life and property resulting from hail and wind from storms and subsequent power outages that occurred June 8, 2025 and other public calamity resulting there from, which requires emergency action; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Big Spring has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to prevent and to alleviate the suffering of our citizens and to protect or rehabilitate property; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Big Spring's Emergency Management Plan should be activated;

NOW THEREFORE, I, PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION 1. That a state of disaster is declared for the City of Big Spring.

SECTION 2. That this declaration of local disaster shall be in effect for seven days from this date unless earlier terminated.

SECTION 3. That this declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans, and activates the preparedness and response aspects of such plans as provided therein.

SECTION 4. **IF NEEDED**, on rules and regulations to be determined by the City Manager, the City Manager is authorized to waive fees at the landfill located at 4100 East FM 700, Big Spring for storm debris, and to assign temporary transfer stations as needed.

SECTION 5. That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

SECTION 6. That this proclamation supersedes the prior proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 9 day of June 2025

  
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Mayor, City of Big Spring

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary