

State of Texas

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County of Galveston

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**ORDER OF MANDATORY EVACUATION FROM  
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF GALVESTON COUNTY,  
TEXAS ON BOLIVAR PENINSULA**

**Whereas**, on this, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, Hurricane Laura is expected to make landfall along the upper Texas coast, with elevated high tides, thereby endangering the health and safety of persons and property within Galveston County, Texas;

**Whereas**, unincorporated areas of Galveston County on Bolivar Peninsula are expected to be impassable due to elevated storm surge, or coastal flooding;

**Whereas**, ferry service to and from Bolivar Peninsula may become temporarily closed due to wind speed or storm surge and State Highway 87, the only evacuation route, is expected to become impassable due to flooding;

**Whereas**, a local state of disaster for Galveston County has been declared; and

**Whereas**, the County Judge is authorized under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas to take such actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, and recovery.

**Now Therefore**, it is hereby **ORDERED** by the County Judge of Galveston County, Texas, that:

- 1.) The County Judge **FINDS** that a **MANDATORY EVACUATION** of persons from the unincorporated areas of Galveston County, Texas, on **BOLIVAR PENINSULA** is necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;
- 2.) A **MANDATORY EVACUATION** of persons from the unincorporated areas of Galveston County, Texas, located on **BOLIVAR PENINSULA** is hereby **ORDERED** except for emergency personnel; these areas correspond to the unincorporated areas of Galveston County located in the following Zip Codes: 77623, 77617, and 77650;
- 3.) **Duration of Evacuation.** Unless any other order is issued to the contrary, the **MANDATORY EVACUATION** issued herein shall begin **IMMEDIATELY** and continue in effect until **Friday, August 27, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**;
- 4.) Anyone failing to obey this **ORDER** should not expect the availability of emergency services in the affected area and may be subject to criminal penalties including a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or confinement in jail for a term of 180 days;

- 5.) This **ORDER** shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas; and
- 6.) This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

It is hereby **ORDERED** on this, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

  
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Mark Henry,  
County Judge of Galveston County, Texas