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# PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT CATASTROPHE NOTICE

Please review the attached instructions prior to completing the form. Instructions may also be viewed at <http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/catastrophe-notice>.

## SECTION 1 – GOVERNMENTAL BODY IMPACTED BY THE CATASTROPHE

### GOVERNMENT CODE § 552.2325

Pursuant to section 552.2325(b), a governmental body may suspend the applicability of the requirements of the Public Information Act (the "Act") if the governmental body is currently significantly impacted by a catastrophe such that the catastrophe directly causes the inability of a governmental body to comply with the Act and provides proper notice in accordance with this section.

City of Hempstead, Texas

(Name of Governmental Body Impacted by the Catastrophe) PLEASE PRINT

## SECTION 2 – IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE CATASTROPHE

Section 552.2325(a)(1) defines catastrophe as a "condition or occurrence that directly interferes with the ability of a governmental body to comply with the requirements of this chapter[.]" However, section 552.2325(a)(2) further clarifies that catastrophe "does not mean a period when staff is required to work remotely and can access information responsive to an application for information electronically, but the physical office of the governmental body is closed." Identify and describe the catastrophe impacting the governmental body:

Hurricane Beryl

## SECTION 3 – SUSPENSION PERIOD

The governmental body may suspend the applicability of the requirements of the Act only once for each catastrophe. The initial suspension period may not exceed seven consecutive calendar days. A governmental body may not submit a catastrophe notice more than two calendar days prior to the beginning date of the suspension period. If the catastrophe impact is longer than seven calendar days, a governmental body may submit an extension notice at the end of the initial suspension period. A governmental body may only file one extension notice, and the extension notice may not exceed seven consecutive calendar days. However, the combined suspension period of both the initial and extension may not exceed a total of 14 consecutive calendar days with respect to any single catastrophe. See Gov't Code §552.2325(d), (e), and (g).

Beginning Date of Initial Suspension:

7/8/24

End Date of Initial Suspension:

7/8/24

**Please note:** Governmental bodies may not submit the initial suspension notice and the extension notice at the same time or on the same form. For purposes of section 552.2325, the first day (beginning date) and the end date of the suspension period is counted as part of the suspension period.

**TO THE PUBLIC:** For questions regarding this notice or if you believe a violation of the Act has occurred, please contact the OAG Open Government Hotline at (512) 463-2013 or toll free at 1-877-673-6839.

## SECTION 4 – GOVERNMENTAL BODY CONTACT INFORMATION

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