



**COUNTY JUDGE**  
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

The Honorable Daniel Wong  
County Judge

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**DECLARATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO  
EXTRAORDINARY MOSQUITO POPULATIONS**

WHEREAS,

Recent and persistent rainfall events throughout Fort Bend County, Texas, have created extensive standing water and ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes, resulting in a substantial increase in mosquito populations across the county; and

WHEREAS,

The mosquito populations currently being observed significantly exceed normal seasonal levels and have generated a substantial increase in citizen complaints and requests for mosquito control services; and

WHEREAS,

Mosquitoes are known vectors of numerous diseases affecting humans and animals, including but not limited to West Nile Virus, St. Louis Encephalitis, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and other mosquito-borne illnesses that pose a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS,

The excessive mosquito populations are creating conditions that adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of residents, visitors, businesses, and outdoor workers throughout the county; and

WHEREAS,

Ground-based mosquito control efforts alone are insufficient to rapidly reduce mosquito populations in the affected areas due to the magnitude and geographic extent of the infestation; and



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WHEREAS,

Timely aerial mosquito control operations represent the most effective means of reducing mosquito populations over large areas and mitigating the threat to public health; and

WHEREAS,

Certain areas requiring treatment are located within or adjacent to restricted, controlled, or otherwise regulated airspace, requiring coordination and authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and other applicable agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Daniel Wong, in my capacity as County Judge of Fort Bend County, Texas, hereby declare that extraordinary mosquito populations constitute a local public health emergency requiring immediate mosquito abatement measures.

This declaration is issued for the purpose of protecting public health and reducing the risk of mosquito-borne disease transmission and other adverse impacts associated with excessive mosquito populations.

I further find that aerial mosquito control operations are necessary and appropriate to address this emergency and that access to restricted and controlled airspace may be required to conduct these operations safely and effectively.



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Accordingly, Fort Bend County respectfully requests that the Federal Aviation Administration provide any necessary authorization, coordination, waivers, approvals, or accommodations required to facilitate emergency aerial mosquito control activities within affected areas, including those located within restricted or controlled airspace.

These operations shall be conducted by properly licensed and qualified aerial applicators in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, label requirements, and safety protocols.

This declaration shall take effect immediately upon execution and shall remain in effect until terminated by subsequent order or until the emergency conditions have been adequately mitigated.

Executed this 16 day of June, 2026.

  
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Daniel Wong  
Fort Bend County Judge