



**ORDER OF VOLUNTARY EVACUATION FROM ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS, IN THE
LOW-LYING AREAS, FLOOD-PRONE AREAS, SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS**

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, Aransas County is facing significant threats to life and property due to the predicted landfall of Hurricane Beryl, which could include thunderstorms, tornadoes, heavy rainfall, and flooding;

WHEREAS, Aransas County is under a Hurricane Watch until Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Noon;

WHEREAS, Aransas County is forecasted to receive thunderstorms, tornadoes, heavy rainfall, and flooding that could cause flooding in low-lying areas and on the roadways throughout the County;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service forecasts rainfall to begin on Sunday, July 7, 2024, which may cause damage to public infrastructure and prevent access and safe passage on roadways, thus creating a public safety hazard;

WHEREAS, there is a concern that first responders may not be able to provide services or assistance to residents should conditions worsen; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Aransas County, Texas, has determined that, based on forecasts issued by the National Weather Service, extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the County Judge of Aransas County, Texas,

1. The County Judge **FINDS** that a **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** of persons in Aransas County from low-lying areas and flood-prone areas and persons with special needs requirements is necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;
2. A **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** of persons in Aransas County from low-lying areas and flood-prone areas and persons with special needs requirements is hereby **ORDERED**;
3. The **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** also includes owners of high-profile vehicles such as RVs, boats, and large vehicles, which are particularly vulnerable to high winds. These vehicles must be moved out of the affected areas by 8 P.M. on Saturday, July 6. It is crucial to keep the roadways clear for public evacuation as wind speeds increase along the coast;

4. Residents are urged to take the necessary precautions and stay informed about further updates from local authorities.
5. Unless any other order is issued to the contrary, this **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION ORDER SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024, AT 12:00 P.M., AND SHALL REMAIN UNTIL IT IS RESCINDED;**
6. The issuance of this **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** shall **NOT** preclude the County Judge from taking further actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;
7. Residents who evacuate are encouraged to first seek shelter with relatives, friends, or hotel/motel;
8. All other residents are advised that there are **NO** emergency protection facilities in Aransas County. Sheltering in place is not advised at this time for residents in low-lying or flood-prone areas;
9. All visitors and residents are hereby advised that medical and emergency services will likely be affected by the effects of the predicted landfall of Hurricane Beryl, which include strong winds and possible power outages;
10. This **ORDER** shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Aransas County, Texas.

ORDERED this 6th day of July 2024.



Ray A. Garza
Aransas County Judge