

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT CATASTROPHE NOTICE

Governmental Bodies: Please review instructions on the back of this page 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 § 552.233

Pursuant to section 552.233(b), a governmental body may suspend the applicability of the requirements of the Public Information Act (the “Act”) if the governmental body is currently impacted by a catastrophe and provides proper notice in accordance with this section.

(Name of Governmental Body Impacted by Catastrophe) PLEASE PRINT

SECTION 2 – IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE CATASTROPHE

Section 552.233(a)(1) defines catastrophe as a “condition or occurrence that interferes with the ability of a governmental body to comply with the requirements of this chapter[.]” Identify and describe the catastrophe impacting the governmental body:

SECTION 3 – SUSPENSION PERIOD

The initial suspension period may not exceed seven consecutive days and must occur during the period that (1) begins not earlier than the second day before the date the governmental body submits notice of the Office of the Attorney General (the “OAG”); and (2) ends not later than the seventh date after the governmental body submits that notice. See Gov’t Code § 552.233(d).

Beginning Date of Initial Suspension: _____

End Date of Initial Suspension: _____

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) 478-6736 or toll free 1-877-673-6839.

SECTION 4 – GOVERNMENTAL BODY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Title: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT CATASTROPHE NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS

These are the instructions for completing the Office of the Attorney General's ("OAG") Public Information Act Catastrophe Notice form pursuant to section 552.233 of the Government Code. If you have any questions concerning the form, please contact the **Open Government Hotline** at (512) 478-6736 or toll free 1-877-673-6839.

SUBMITTING NOTICE TO THE OAG: Notice may be provided to the OAG by any of the following methods:

- Online submission form: <http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/catastrophe-notice/submit-catastrophe-notice>
- Mailing the notice to the following address:
Attn: Public Information Act Catastrophe Notice
Office of the Attorney General - Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

If you are unable submit the notice by any of the listed methods, please contact the **Open Government Hotline** at (512) 478-6736 or toll free 1-877-673-6839 for assistance.

SECTION 1: Provide the name of the governmental body impacted by the catastrophe. Section 552.233(a)(1) of the Government Code defines catastrophe as "a condition or occurrence that interferes with the ability of a governmental body to comply with the requirements of this chapter[.]"

SECTION 2: Identify and provide a detailed description of the catastrophe, including how the catastrophe interferes with the ability of the governmental body to comply with the requirements of the Act. The catastrophe description should enable any person who views this notice to readily identify the catastrophe and its impact on the governmental body.

SECTION 3: Provide the dates of the initial suspension period of the governmental body. The suspension may be instated for a period of up to seven consecutive days. The initial suspension period may begin up to two days before the governmental body provides proper notice to the OAG, but it may not be for longer than seven consecutive days.

SECTION 4: Provide the contact information of the governmental body's Public Information Officer or an authorized agent. The person listed should be able to answer any questions the OAG may have regarding the governmental body's catastrophe notice.