02/22/2017

GARLAND CITY LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Utah Code 53-2a-208 authorizes local municipalities to declare a local State of Emergency by proclamation to legally request outside assistance for response and mitigation.

WHEREAS, Garland City has suffered from a Flooding incident that occurred on 02/22/2017 at 9:17 p.m.

WHEREAS, extensive damage was caused to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the residents of Garland City within the disaster area.

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources available to mitigate and alleviate the effects of this disaster have been insufficient to meet the needs of the situation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor of Garland City, Todd J. Miller, has declared a local State of Emergency per Utah Code 53-2a-208 and will execute for and on behalf of Garland City the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the requesting assistance from Box Elder County. This proclamation is valid for a period up to 30 days.

GARLAND CITY
A Utah Municipal Corporation

ATTEST:

City Recorder/Deputy Recorder

Todd J. Miller, Garland City Mayor
Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Todd Miller, Mayor of Garland City, has declared a state of emergency due to flooding as ground water continues to rise in Garland. Mayor Miller and the city council activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Wednesday evening where a special meeting was held to gather data on problem areas around the city. It was reported that hundreds of homes are pumping ground water from basements. Several families have also experienced sewage backup.

The Public Works crews have been working around the clock to dewater the city and adjacent upstream sites to minimize damage. Red Cross assistance is available to assist with displaced families and emergency needs. The EOC is working closely with Box Elder County Emergency Manager Mark Millett.

The mayor and city council understand the stress the citizens of the community are experiencing and appreciate the contributions individuals are making to help each other.

Portable restrooms are being made available to affected citizens; also dumpsters will be placed around town to allow citizens to dispose of debris. Homes with septic tanks should minimize water usage as the high ground water levels may be compromising drainage fields. The mayor and city council strongly reminds citizens to pump ground water into the storm drains and not the city sewer system.

The city recognizes the contributions of the countless volunteers who are working to help their neighbors. Further emergency messages will be sent via the Box Elder County CodeRED notification system.