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Department Issues Proclamation to Texas State-Chartered Banks for Hurricane Harvey

Charles G. Cooper, Texas Banking Commissioner, today issued a proclamation allowing Texas state-chartered banks with offices in areas that may be affected by Hurricane Harvey to temporarily close under Section 37.003 of the Texas Finance Code.

In issuing the proclamation, Banking Commissioner Charles G. Cooper said he expects that only those bank offices directly affected by severe weather will close. Financial institutions needing additional information may contact the Department of Banking by [email](#) or toll-free at 877-893-6246.



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Proclamation By the Texas Banking Commissioner

In response to the declaration by Governor Greg Abbott of August 23, 2017, that Hurricane Harvey poses a threat of imminent disaster along the Texas Coast and in the counties of Aransas, Austin, Bee, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton, and Wilson, and pursuant to Section 37.003 of the Texas Finance Code, I find that an emergency is impending in the above areas of the state.

Accordingly, I, Charles G. Cooper, Banking Commissioner of Texas, do hereby authorize banks organized under the laws of the State of Texas, at their discretion, to close offices in the areas indicated above and other areas that may be impacted by Hurricane Harvey and related weather conditions until appropriate human resources, utilities and security can be restored to safely serve the financial service needs of the affected communities.

Dated this 24th day of August 2017

/s/
Charles G. Cooper
Banking Commissioner