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CITY OF STARBASE, TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MAYOR'S ORDER NO. 2026-25 TEMPORARILY CLOSING BOCA CHICA BEACH, TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY 4 AND ATTENDANT FAA HAZARD AREAS UNDER THE FINAL TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE SPACEX STARSHIP/SUPER HEAVY INCREASED CADENCE AT THE SPACEX BOCA CHICA LAUNCH SITE IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING A CLEAR ZONE; ACTING UNDER CITY OF STARBASE (THE "CITY") ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTERS 418, 424 AND 482, AND THE CITY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Texas Space Commission is authorized—notwithstanding any other law—to issue an order to a municipality, to temporarily close (i) a highway (Texas Transp. Code § 221.001), (ii) a venue (Texas Loc. Gov't Code § 334.001), or (iii) an area specified by Texas Natural Resources Code § 33.203(11), to promote space-related industries and further Commission activities; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2025 the Texas Space Commission issued Texas Space Commission Order No. 2025-02 (the "Commission Order") granting standing authorization to the Mayor, subject to approval by the City's governing body, to temporarily close: (i) a highway (Texas Transp. Code § 221.001), (ii) a venue (Texas Loc. Gov't Code § 334.001), or (iii) an area specified by Texas Natural Resources Code § 33.203(11) to promote space-related industries and further Commission activities; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-2, approving the Commission Order and delegating authority to the Mayor to implement the specified temporary closures and setting forth all laws and ordinances providing for such authority; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025 the Federal Aviation Administration issued the Final Tiered Environmental Assessment For The SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Increased Cadence At The SpaceX Boca Chica Launch Site In Cameron County, Texas detailing adherence to access restrictions as described in the 2022 Programmatic Environmental Assessment (the "Tiered EA") and as depicted in Figure 6 of the Tiered EA, attached here for reference as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the City has implemented an Emergency Management Plan, together with the Launch Protocol Annex and Private Sector Coordination Annex, (collectively the "Emergency Management Plan" enforceable by Ordinance No. 2025-05-30-D06-OR) under the Texas Disaster Act, under which the Mayor serves as the City's Emergency Management Director with powers to direct protective actions and, where applicable under a local disaster declaration, to control ingress and egress within the City; and

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WHEREAS, under the City's Emergency Management Plan, the Mayor is authorized to declare a disaster under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, and establish a clear zone required to be evacuated for the protection of persons and property during the conduct of space flight activities (hereinafter the "Clear Zone"); and

WHEREAS, to the extent the Space Commission's order requires the City to establish a "safety zone perimeter," that requirement is met through the establishment of the Clear Zone; and

WHEREAS, for enforcement and public-safety purposes, Texas Government Code § 424.001(4) defines "critical infrastructure facilities," which include any property, including a temporary hazard area related to the operation of a launch complex authorized by the FAA, or facility used for the launch, landing, recovery, or testing of spacecraft; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron County Commissioners Court has delegated to the City of Starbase under Texas Natural Resources Code § 63.011(b), the administration and enforcement of dune protection and beach management functions within the City's corporate limits and ETJ; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2025 the City adopted the City of Starbase Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan and the Texas General Land Office (**GLO**) reviewed and certified the Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan for consistency with state law and regulations which became effective on December 25, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in the Mayor by Ordinance No. 2026-2, the Space Commission's Order, the City's Emergency Management Plan, and duty to enforce applicable state law including those under Texas Government Code Chapters 418, 424 and 482, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Closure and Establishment of Clear Zone.

Boca Chica Beach (as depicted in Exhibit B), Texas State Highway 4 and the property under the temporary hazard areas detailed in the Tiered EA enforced in this instance only at the "All Hard Checkpoint" on Texas State Highway 4 (the "Clear Zone") are closed to public ingress, egress, and occupancy for the purpose of advancing space-related activities and protecting public health and safety during SpaceX conducted spaceflight activities on Friday, **November 13, 2026**, during the hours **11:00 a.m. C.T. to 11:30 p.m. C.T.**, and on Saturday, **November 14, 2026**, during the hours **11:00 a.m. C.T. to 11:30 p.m. C.T.** (each a "Primary Closure Period" and together the "Primary Closure Periods").

By virtue of this Order, notice is hereby provided via email to the Executive Director of the Space Commission, the Chief Clerk of the Texas General Land Office, the Pharr District Engineer of the Texas Department of Transportation, and the County Judge of Cameron County advising of the above primary launch or test dates.

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Section 2. Disaster Declaration and Evacuation Order.

Under the Starbase Emergency Management Plan, a disaster is hereby declared due to spaceflight activities. Mandatory evacuation of the Clear Zone is hereby ordered during the dates and times of spaceflight activities listed in Section 1 above. The Clear Zone is hereby established and is coextensive with the hazard areas as depicted in **Exhibits A and B and as described above.** Failure to evacuate the Clear Zone shall constitute a criminal offense.

Section 3. Enforcement; Critical Infrastructure.

(a) Authorized law enforcement personnel may exclude or remove persons from the Clear Zone, and may close access points along Texas State Highway 4 to enforce this Order.

(b) Nothing in this Order limits enforcement under other applicable state laws, the City's ordinances, or the City's Emergency Management Plan.

Section 4. Emergency Management Plan; Incident Command.

Ingress and egress control and related protective measures will proceed under Texas Government Code § 418.108 consistent with the City's Emergency Management Plan and the Mayor's duties as Emergency Management Director under Texas Government Code § 418.1015.

Section 5. Term; Termination.

This Order is effective upon commencement of the first Primary Closure Period and during each Primary Closure Period. This Order terminates upon expiration of the second Primary Closure Period, revocation of the closure by SpaceX through notice to the Mayor, or upon written notice of termination by the Mayor, whichever occurs first.

DECLARED this 11th day of November, 2026 at 9:45 a.m.

Signed by:

CITY OF STARBASE, TEXAS

Signed by:

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Bobby Peden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Signed by:
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Keila Tuttle, City Clerk

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Exhibit A
Clear Zone

Final Tiered Environmental Assessment for SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Vehicle Increased Cadence at the SpaceX Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas

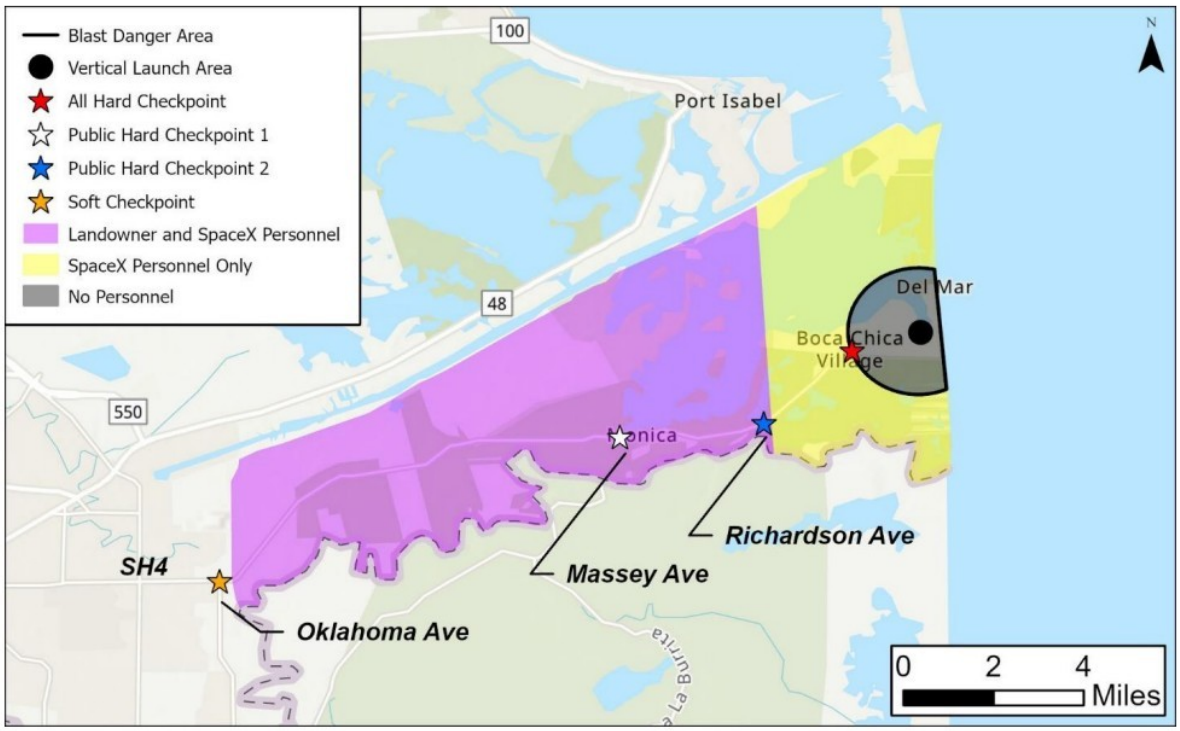


Figure 6 Access Restriction Area

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Exhibit B
Boca Chica Beach Closure

