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STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) MITIGATION TO ALL MCLENNAN COUNTY JUSTICE COURTS UPDATED APRIL 6, 2020 (Order No. 3)

Due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and by the authority granted by law and by the "FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER" ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas and Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, the six Justices of the Peace in McLennan County (referred to as the Justices of the Peace) issue the following order based on our previous order (Order No. 2) to protect the community and limit exposure to COVID-19.

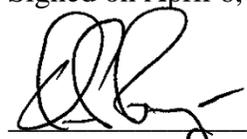
1. All scheduled court proceedings except for essential court proceedings will be reset to a date after May 8, 2020.
2. "Essential court proceedings" are defined as: writs of re-entry; writs of retrieval; writs of restoration; magistration of defendants in custody and of fugitives from justice (in or out of custody); issuing birth certificates, death certificates, or burial transmit permits; repair and remedy cases that materially affect the physical health or safety of a tenant; and any proceedings necessary to enforce a governmental entity's response to a COVID-19 declaration of state of disaster.
3. No eviction setting (both residential and commercial) will be held until after May 8, 2020. No writs of possession will be issued by a Justice Court until May 13, 2020.

4. This order does not diminish the Justices of the Peace's ability to continue to issue judgments, orders, and rulings by submission if already authorized by law to do so for non-eviction cases.
5. For traffic/Class C misdemeanors with an appearance date prior to May 8, 2020, the appearance date will be extended (defendants should check the court's website weekly for updates). This applies to cite-and-release charges and summonses for charges other than Class C misdemeanors as well.
6. No warrants based on failure to appear or violation of promise to appear for a traffic/Class C citation, cite-and-release charge, or summons will be issued until 60 days after May 8, 2020.
7. Each Justice Court is authorized to limit building access to comply with any recommendations/orders from county public health officials regarding limiting the number of people in a public space or room, including but not limited to screening whether a person's business with the Justice Court falls into essential court business and limiting the hours a Justice Court is open to the public. If a Justice Court limits the hours it is open to the public, notice of such limitations shall be posted on the Justice Court's official website and at its main entrance.
8. All deadlines of statutes of limitations calculations are tolled effective March 19, 2020 to June 1, 2020.

This order shall be posted outside each Justice Court and on each Justice Court's official website.

The time periods in this order may be extended in a subsequent order if required.

Signed on April 6, 2020 at 4:28 P.M.



Judge David W. Pareya

On behalf of the Justices of the Peace, McLennan County, Texas