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TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER FOR ECTOR COUNTY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR PRECINCT
2, 3, & 4 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) MITIGATION

Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Justices of the Peace for Precincts 2, 3 & 4 of Ector County, Texas issue the following order based on the Office of Court Administration's guidance. This order is issued to protect the community, limit exposure and provide for an efficient judicial system:


This order will stay in effect unless the Governor of Texas issues a disaster declaration and the Texas Supreme Court (or its delegate) authorizes new rules during the disaster, in which case a new order for these three Justices of the Peace in Ector County will be issued comporting to the declaration and rules. If the Office of Court Administration issues updated guidance, these three Justices of the Peace in Ector County will amend this order accordingly.

All scheduled court proceedings prior to April 1, 2020 except for "essential court proceedings" will be reset to another date after April 1, 2020. Each court will contact the litigants to notify them of the new reset date as soon as practicable for the court. Essential court proceedings are: writs of re-entry, writs of retrieval, writs of restoration, magistration of defendants in custody and repair and remedy cases that materially affect the physical health or safety of a tenant.

No eviction setting will be held until after April 1, 2020. No writs of possession will be issued by a Justice Court for 60 days after the date of this order.

For traffic/Class C citations with an appearance date prior to April 1, 2020, the appearance date will be extended for a period of 30 days. This applies to pre-trial bonds for fine only and class C misdemeanors. No warrants due to failing to appear for an appearance date during this time for a traffic/Class C citation, cite-and release charge or summons will be issued for 60 days from this notice.

Date: March 17, 2020


Judge Missi Walden
On behalf of the Justices of the Peace,
Precinct 2, 3 & 4, Ector County, Texas