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TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING
CONORNAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) MITIGATION AND JUSTICE COURT FOR
FRANKLIN COUNTY (Order # 1 -March 19, 2020)

Due to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19), the Justice Court in Franklin County issued the following order based on the Office of Court Administration's "Updated Guidance #1 on Court Procedures for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)." The Justice Court will be closed to the public. All phone calls will be answered during normal business hours. 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 amends the current disaster declaration and the Texas Supreme Court (or its delegate) authorizes new rules during the disaster, in which case a new order for the Justice Court in Franklin County will be complying to the declaration and rules. If the Office of Court Administration issues an updated guidance, the Justice Court will amend this order accordingly.

All scheduled court proceedings except for "Essential Court Proceedings" will be reset. This 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 of fugitives of justice (in or out of custody)
- *Repair and Remedy Cases that materially affect the physical health or safety of a tenant
- *Inquest

For traffic/Class C citations the appearance date will be extended and the court will notify defendants of a new rescheduled appearance date. This applies to cite-and-release charges and summonses for charges other than Class C Misd., as well. No warrants due to Failing to Appear for a traffic / Class C citation, cite -and-release charge, or a summons will be issued until further notice.

Date: March 19, 2020 @ 2:00PM


Judge Robert W. Zinn, Justice Court, Franklin County