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TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
MITIGATION AND ALL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN
REFUGIO COUNTY

(Order No. 01)

Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), two Justices of the Peace in Refugio County issues the following order based on the FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER in the Supreme Court of Judicial system. This order will stay in effect until the Supreme Court order expires on May 8, 2020 or the Supreme Court of Texas authorizes new rules during the disaster, in which a new order for the two Justice of the Peace in Refugio County will be issued comporting to the declaration and rules.

All scheduled court proceedings prior to May 8, 2020 except for "essential court proceedings" will be reset to another date after May 8, 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: Magistration of defendants in custody, issuing death certificates, inquests, writs of re-entry, writs of retrieval, writs of restoration, and repair and remedy cases that materially affect the physical health or safety of a tenant. No eviction setting will be held until after may 8, 2020. No writs of possession will be issued by a Justice Court until after May 8, 2020. Debt Claims, Small Claims and Evictions may still be filed by US mail however, no citation for service will be issued until after May 8, 2020.

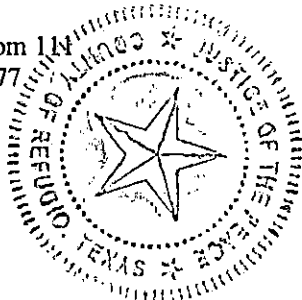
For traffic/Class C citations with an appearance date prior to May 8, 2020, the appearance date will be extended. Defendants should check the court's website weekly for an update on appearance dates. No warrants due to failing to appear for a traffic/Class C citation or a summons will be issued until after May 8, 2020. All Class C misdemeanors will be handled by telephone, email or regular mail until the lift of this order by The Supreme Court of Texas.

Any unforeseen issues not covered by this order will be handled on a case by case basis by telephone, email or regular mail until the lift of this order by The Supreme Court of Texas. All interaction with the court will be limited by court staff but court staff will be available by telephone, email or regular mail to assist all parties.

Date: March 18, 2020

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