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**TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) MITIGATION  
AND ALL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN MCLENNAN COUNTY (Order No. 1)**

Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), six Justices of the Peace in McLennan County issue the following order based on the Office of Court Administration's "Updated Guidance #1 on Court Procedures for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)." 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 the six Justices of the Peace in McLennan County will be issued comporting to the declaration and rules. If the Office of Court Administration issues updated guidance, the six Justices of the Peace in McLennan 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 19, 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, magistrations of defendants in custody and of fugitives from justice (in or out of custody), issuing burial transit permits, issuing of birth certificates, 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 19, 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 and the court will notify the defendants of a new rescheduled appearance date. This applies to cite-and-release charges and summonses for charges other than Class C misdemeanors 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 for 60 days from the order.

Date: March 20, 2020