



Municipal Court - City of Corsicana

March 16, 2020

Re: Court procedures during COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") State of Disaster

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster in Texas due to the spread of the COVID-19 or "Coronavirus" illness.

Later that same day, the Texas Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals issued a joint order governing the conduct of Texas' courts during this crisis. *See* Texas Supreme Court Misc. Docket No. 20-9042, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Misc. Docket No. 20-007.

Pursuant to the joint order, I am hereby issuing the following general orders for the City of Corsicana Municipal Court:

1. All court dockets, hearings, trials, and other in-person activities are suspended until further notice. Should an emergency or special hearing need to be set, the judge shall issue notice of those emergency or special hearings on a case-by-case basis.
2. All individuals other than the judge, court staff, and necessary health, sanitation, and law enforcement personnel are barred from entering the court's offices or judge's chambers until further notice. The court's waiting room and service window areas are closed to the public.
3. The judge of this court will continue to act as a magistrate and perform magisterial duties as described in Texas law, including but not limited to those activities described in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 2.10 and 15.17.
4. Any individual seeking to make contact with the court must call the court at 903-654-4856 or 903-654-4837.



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5. No warrants shall issue for a failure to appear in court if the time at which the individual was due to appear was on or after March 13, 2020 and until such time as this order is rescinded. This order does not affect the issuance of warrants or capiases for failure to appear before March 13, 2020, nor does this order affect the issuance of new search and/or arrest warrants not related to an individual's failure to appear in court.
6. Until further notice, time payment fees will not be assessed if the time payment fee would normally have been levied on or after March 13, 2020.
7. Until such time as the Centers for Disease Control or Texas Department of State Health Services issues clear guidance on whether transmission of the Coronavirus through the mail is possible, court staff and the judge shall not open mail or other physical packages.
8. These orders shall be posted on the door of the court and on the court's website until rescinded.

SO ORDERED this 16th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cody Beauchamp".

Cody Beauchamp
Presiding Judge
Municipal Court
City of Corsicana, Texas