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**TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)  
MITIGATION AND ALL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN ROCKWALL COUNTY (ORDER NO. 01)**

Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) four Justices of the Peace in Rockwall 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 four Justices of the Peace in Rockwall County will be issued comporting to the declaration and rules. If the Office of Court Administration issues updated guidance, the four Justices of the Peace in Rockwall County will amend this order accordingly.

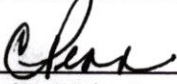
All scheduled court proceedings prior to May 1, 2020 except for "essential court proceedings" will be reset to another date after May 1, 2020. Each court will contact the litigants to notify them of the new reset date as soon as practicable for the court. Essential court proceedings are: writs of re-entry, writs of restoration, emergency detention warrants, criminal magistrations, and repair and remedy cases that affect the health of the public or the occupants.

All currently scheduled eviction hearings will be held by telephone conference or video conference or postponed at the discretion of the Justice of the Peace. No other eviction cases will be held until after May 1, 2020.

Except as provided above, no civil process shall issue, including writs and citation, for 60 days from the date of this order.

For traffic/Class C citations with an appearance date prior to May 1, 2020, the appearance date will be extended and the court will notify defendants of the new rescheduled appearance date (defendants should check the court's website weekly for an update on appearance dates). 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 this order.

Dated: March 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

  
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Judge Cathy Penn

On behalf of the Justices of the Peace in Rockwall County, Texas