



**IN THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS,
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

**ORDER REGARDING COURT PROCEEDINGS PENDING
COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The World Health Organization has declared that the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has now become a global pandemic, having spread across more than 120 countries with more than 3000 confirmed cases in the United States. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas have issued an order that all courts in Texas, subject only to constitutional limitations, must avoid risk to court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors, and the public. Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff has declared a public health emergency and has directed Bexar County rental property owners to temporarily suspend evictions for at least the next 30 days. Local Administrative Judge Ron Rangel has postponed all Bexar County jury trials through April 16, 2020. The Texas Office of Court Administration and the Texas Justice Court Training Center have recommended that courts postpone all "non-essential" cases.

THEREFORE, given the severity of the risk of the spread of COVID-19, and taking into consideration matters of public health, while reducing the size of public gatherings, the Justice of the Peace Courts hereby ORDER:

1. All civil and criminal bench and jury trials scheduled to begin on any date from now through April 16, 2020, are continued, to a date to be reset by each Court. Each Court will contact litigants regarding a reset date as soon as practicable for the Court;
2. Court Dockets scheduled to begin on any date from now through April 16, 2020, are continued, to a date to be reset by each Court. Each Court will contact litigants regarding a reset date as soon as practicable for the Court;
3. Court Dockets on any date from now through April 16, 2020 will be limited to only "essential court proceedings." Essential court proceedings shall be limited to writs of re-entry, writs of retrieval, writs of restoration, magistration of defendants in custody and of fugitives from justice (in or out of custody), and repair and remedy cases that materially affect the physical health or safety of a tenant;
4. Nothing in this Order affects the ability of each Justice of the Peace Court's inherent discretion to further adjust and/or modify each Court's own dockets; and

5. Each Court will remain open during regular business hours (subject to further review), continue to accept filings, service constituents, and review all matters filed by submission.

Because the current situation remains fluid and evolving, the Courts may modify and/or extend the terms of this Order. Otherwise, this Order will remain in effect through April 16, 2020, and will then expire.

Furthermore, if a party or an attorney is exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, coughing or sneezing, or if one believes he or she may have been exposed to COVID-19, The Courts encourage those involved to make arrangements with each Court telephonically or electronically.

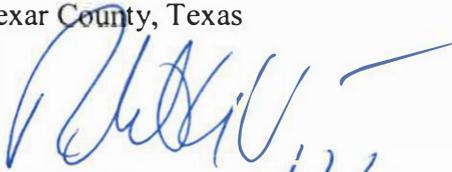
SIGNED, ENTERED AND ORDERED this 16th day of March, 2020.



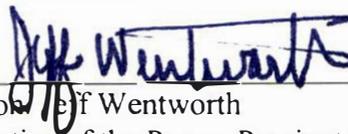
Hon. Robert Tejeda
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1
Bexar County, Texas



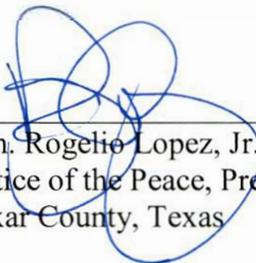
Hon. Ciró Rodriguez
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2
Bexar County, Texas



Hon. Roberto A. Vazquez
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1
Bexar County, Texas



Hon. Jeff Wentworth
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1
Bexar County, Texas



Hon. Rogelio Lopez, Jr.
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Place 1
Bexar County, Texas