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**TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE  
(COVID-19) MITIGATION AND ALL JUSTICE COURTS IN ARANSAS  
COUNTY (Order No. 01 – March 20, 2020)**

Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), both Justice Courts in Aransas County issued the following order based on the Office of Court Administration's "Updated Guidance #1 on Court Procedures for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)." All phone calls will be answered during each court's normal business hours. All filings will continue to be accepted via e-mail and fax until normal court operations resume. 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 amends the current disaster declaration and the Texas Supreme Court (or its delegate) authorizes new rules during the disaster, in which case a new order for Aransas County will be issued comporting to the declaration and rules. If the Office of Court Administration issues updated guidance, the two Justice Courts in Aransas County will amend this order accordingly.


All scheduled court proceedings except for "essential court proceedings" will be reset. 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
- Magistration of defendants in custody and of fugitives of justice (in or out of custody)
- Repair and Remedy cases that materially affect the physical health or safety of a tenant
- Inquest

For Traffic/Class C citations, the appearance date will be extended and the court will notify 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 until further notice.

Date: March 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM

  
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Judge Diana Rinche-McGinnis

  
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