

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

I need to move my follow – up on the JJAEP to next week’s column because I have some timely and exciting news to share. I submitted a request last week to take Atascosa County in COVID status from 25% occupancy to 50%. This can be done according to the Governor’s rules if the county’s positive case list is low enough and ours was. The rules are changing daily, so with the new Governor’s rules it means that on June 12th when many are going to 50% occupancy (restaurants, movie theaters, bars – etc.) Atascosa County will go to 75%. I am so pleased that our numbers allow us to opt into that. Of course, everyone should do the voluntary things such as hand sanitizer, face coverings and social distancing as is possible.

Another exciting event is the county’s COVID rent/mortgage assistance program. As of June 1, the Governor’s protection against eviction or foreclosure during the state COVID restrictions expired and many will face losing their living quarters. There are many out there who lost their jobs and their income and are hurting. We have seen that by the response to the county sponsored food distributions with San Antonio Food Bank. The application will be on our website, our Facebook page, and we are sending the information to be posting and the newspapers and radio station. We are asking all cities to put it on their Facebook page and website. We have a \$100,000 allocated to this project and it will be available to county and city residents who reside in Atascosa County and can provide documentation for their claims.

Quote of the week, ““Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.” — Anonymous.

Thanks for listening.

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