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NOTICE

TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING CONORNAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
MITIGATION TO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT THREE**

Due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and by the authority granted by law and by the "FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER" ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas and Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, the Justice of the Peace Precinct Three in Atascosa County (referred to as the Justices of the Peace Pct. 3) issue the following order protect the community and limit exposure to COVID-19:

1. All scheduled court proceedings except for essential court proceedings will be reset to a date after May 8, 2020.
2. "Essential court proceedings" are defined as: 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; issuing birth certificates, death certificates, or burial transit permits; repair and remedy cases that materially affect the physical health or safety of a tenant; and any proceedings necessary to enforce a governmental entity's response to a COVID-19 declaration of state of disaster.
3. No eviction settings (both residential and commercial) will be held until after May 8, 2020. No writs of possession will be issued by a Justice Court until May 13, 2020.
4. This order does not diminish the Justices of the Peace's ability to continue to issue judgments, orders, and rulings by submission if already authorized by law to do so for noneviction cases.
5. For traffic/Class C citations with an appearance date prior to May 8, 2020, the appearance date will be extended until then. No in person pleas will be accepted. If the defendant is not able to make a court appearance via email to jp3@atascosacounty.texas.gov or by mail to 1212 Simmons Ave. Jourdanton, Tx 78026, the Justice Court will notify

defendants of a rescheduled appearance date by mailing notice to the last address on record with the Court.

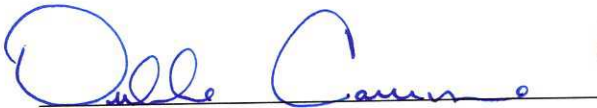
No in person payments will be accepted. The court is able to accept payments by mail at 1212 Simmons Ave., Jourdanton, Texas 78026, online at atascosatxjp3payments.com or via telephone at (830)580-2027. Defendants can contact the court at (830)769-2074 between regular business hours for any questions or concerns they may have.

6. The Constable and his deputies of Precinct 3 in Atascosa County are authorized that they may not serve Justice Court papers if it is in their best discretion based on the public's health and deputy constable's safety through May 8, 2020. Failure to serve papers based on this order shall not be considered by any court with regard to statute of limitations or diligent service analysis. The Constable and his deputies of Precinct 3 in Atascosa County must continue to serve Justice Court papers with regard to essential court proceedings in all instances.
7. All deadlines or statutes of limitation calculations are tolled effective March 19, 2020 to May 8, 2020.

This order shall be posted outside of the Justice of the Peace Precinct Three Court and on the Atascosa County official website.

The time periods in this order may be extended in a subsequent order if required.

Signed on March 19, 2020 at 10:10 Am



Judge Orlando Carrasco
Justice of the Peace Precinct Three, Atascosa County, TX

