

BROOKSHIRE MUNICIPAL COURT

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TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) MITIGATION AND BROOKSHIRE MUNICIPAL COURT, WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDED (Order No. 2)

Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the Brookshire Municipal Court of Brookshire, Waller County Texas, issues the following order based on the Office of Court Administration's "Update 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 if 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 Brookshire Municipal Court will be issued comporting to the declaration and rules. If the Office of Court Administration issues updated guidance, the Brookshire Municipal Court will amend this order accordingly.

All scheduled court proceedings except for "essential court proceedings" will be reset to another date after the lifting of all Executive Orders by the Texas Governor and the Texas Supreme Court. Each court will contact the defendants, witnesses, attorneys and law enforcement officers to notify them of the new reset date as soon as practicable for the court. Essential court proceedings are: magistration of defendants in custody and fugitives from justice (in or out of custody).

For traffic and Class C misdemeanors the appearance date will be extended and the court will notify defendants of a new rescheduled appearance date through regular mail. This applies to pre-trial, jury trials, bench trials for traffic and class C misdemeanors as well. No warrants for failing to appear for traffic, class C misdemeanors or capias pro fines and summons will be issued for 30 days after the Governor's state of disaster has been lifted.

At this time the Municipal Court will be only open physically open from 9AM to 1PM to take pleas, requests for driving safety courses, create payment plans or take requests for community service. Only one person at a time will be allowed entrance to the court window. The City Council has limited entrance to the city hall to these hours. The court can only be accessed through the main entrance door.

In accordance with an order from the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals, you are required to notify this court, prior to your proceeding or hearing, if you have COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, a fever, coughing or sneezing. If this applies to you: DO NOT ENTER!

People are encouraged to contact the court by phone, 281-375-5048 or email; bmcourt@concolidated.net.

This Order expires May 8, 2020, unless extended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Signed this 2nd day of April, 2020 at 11:00 AM



Judge Ted Krenk,
Municipal Court Judge
Brookshire, Texas