IN THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER REGARDING EVICTION COURT PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE 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. 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. Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins has declared a public health emergency. The Texas Office of Court Administration and the Texas Justice Court Training Center have recommended that courts postpone all "non-essential" cases. Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services, the Health Authority for Dallas County, recommends courts take action to prevent the spread of coronavirus in Dallas County by postponing all cases that pose a risk to the public health, such as cases displacing individuals from their homes.

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

- 1. Any eviction case for non-payment of rent filed after March 27, 2020, shall not be set for trial until June 15, 2020;
- 2. No Writ of Possession for any eviction case for non-payment of rent filed after March 27, 2020 shall be issued until June 15, 2020.

SIGNED, ENTERED, AND ORDERED this 19th day of May, 2020.

Hon. Thomas G. Jones

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1

Dallas County, Texas

Hon. Margaret O'Brien

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1

Dallas County, Texas

Hon. Valencia/Nash

Justice of the Peace, Precingt 1, Place 2

Dallas County, Texas

Hon. Katina Whitfield

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2

Dallas County, Texas

Hon. Al Cercone

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1 Dallas County, Texas

Hon. Michael Jones, Jr.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Place 1 Dallas County, Texas

Hon. Sara Martinez

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5, Place 1 Dallas County, Texas

Hon. Steven Seider

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 2 Dallas County, Texas

Hon. Sasha Morend

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Place 2 Dallas County, Texas

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Hon. Juan Jasso

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5, Place 2 Dallas County, Texas