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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2 COVID-19 OPERATING PLAN

Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 recognizes the need to protect the public and ensure the health and safety of litigants, attorney's, visitors, court staff and the Judge. In an effort to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the court has taken guidance from the Hardin County COVID-19 Operating Plan, implemented by the Local Administrative Judge, and developed a plan specific for Justice Court Precinct 2. The below operating plan will remain in effect until updated guidance is issued from OCA indicating they are no longer required or upon the expiration of the provisions in the Twelfth Emergency Order, as amended or extended, adherence to OCA Guidelines.

NOTE: Our office is open, but please take the following steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19

• IF YOU HAVE COVID-19 OR FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS OR HAVE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19, YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER THE JUSTICE COURT BUILDING AND SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE.

Symptoms include, but are not limited to;

- Chills
- o Fever
- o Cough
- Sneezing
- Sore Throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Call before entering the lobby 409.385.7195;
- Only one person will be allowed in the lobby at any given time;
- If you are only turning in a payment, written request, or proof of completion for DSC, Deferral or Community Service, please use the mail drop in the door and notify the court clerk at 409.385.7195
- Social distancing is required; face coverings are not required but are appreciated, as is patience as we are all working to implement these guidelines in the most efficient and effective manner.

Hearings and Bench Trials (Trial by Judge) will be heard via ZOOM Video Conference

Effective immediately, and until further notice, ALL CIVIL HEARINGS AND CRIMINAL BENCH TRIALS in Justice Court 2 will be heard via ZOOM Video Conference. You may be notified of a hearing and given instructions on how to appear via ZOOM Video Conference. If you wish to appear before the Judge you may contact the court clerk and a Video Conference will be scheduled. Instruction will be provided for each ZOOM meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the court clerk.