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TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORORNAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) MITIGATION AND ALL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN LIBERTY COUNTY (Order No. 01)

Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), six Justices of the Peace in Liberty County issue the following order based on the Office of Court Administration's "Updated 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 in effect unless a new declaration is issued and new order for the six Justices of the Peace in Liberty County will be issued comporting to the declaration and rules. If the Office of Court Administration issues updated-guidance, the six Justices of the Peace in Liberty County will amend this order accordingly.

All Scheduled court proceedings prior to April 1, 2020 except for "essential court proceeding" will be reset to another date after April 1, 2020. Each court will contact the litigants to notify them of the new reset date as soon as practicable for the court. Essential court proceedings are: writs of re-entry, writs of retrieval, writs of restoration, magistration of defendants in custody and of fugitives from justice (in our out of custody), issuing burial transit permits, issuing of death certificates, and repair and remedy cases that materially affect the physical health or safety of a tenant.

No eviction setting will be held until after April 1, 2020. No writs of possession will be issued by a Justice Court for 30 days after the date of this order.

For traffic/Class C citations with an appearance date prior to April 1, 2020, the appearance date will be extended and the court will notify defendants of a new rescheduled appearance date (defendants should check the court's website weekly for an update on appearance dates). This applies to cite-and-release charges and summonses for charges other than Class C misdemeanors as well. No warrants due to failing to appear for a traffic/Class C citation, or a summons will be issued for 30 days from the order.

Date: March 17, 2020

Judge Raiph Fuller

On behalf of the Justices of the Peace in Liberty County, TX