

Judge Yolanda Guerrero	Judge Daniel Garza	Judge Karen Diaz	Judge Nere Villarreal	Judge Susan Price	Judge Elvia L. Hernandez
Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 8
300 N. Rachal	P.O. Box 73	900 Austin St.	P.O. Box 640	225 W. Wheeler, Suite A	P.O. Box 6/215 McIntyre
Sinton, TX 78387	Odem, TX 78370	Portland, TX 78374	Mathis, TX 78368	Aransas Pass, TX 78336	Taft, TX 78390
(361) 364-9620	(361) 587-3600	(361) 587-3620	(361) 587-3640	(361) 587-3660	(361) 587-3680
	Fax: (361) 368-2122	Fax: (361) 643-6800			Fax: (361) 587-3780
		Email:			Email:
		sanpatjp4@yahoo.com			jp8clerk@gmail.com

STANDING ORDER REGARDING CONORNAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
MITIGATION TO ALL SAN PATRICIO COUNTY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
(JUSTICECOURT) UPDATED APRIL 1, 2020 (Order No. 02)

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 six Justices of the Peace in San Patricio County (referred to as the Justices of the Peace) issue the following order based on our previous order (Order No. 1) to 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 after 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 and the Justice Court will notify defendants of a rescheduled appearance date by mailing notice to the last address on record with the Court.

6. No warrants based on failing to appear or for violating a promise to appear to a Justice Court for a traffic/Class C citation, cite-and-release charge, or a summons will be issued until after June 15, 2020.

Therefore, all warrants for misdemeanor Class C offenses from the Justices of the Peace are temporarily suspended until May 8, 2020. For the duration of this suspension, the Travis County Sheriffs Office is ordered to not accept a defendant who solely has a Class C misdemeanor warrant from the San Patricio County Justices of the Peace.

7. The Constables of San Patricio 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 The Constables of San Patricio County must continue to serve Justice Court papers with regard to "essential court proceedings" in all instances.

8. Each Justice Court is authorized to limit building access to comply with any recommendations/orders from county public health officials regarding public contact, that does not fall under essential court business. Notice of such limitations shall be posted on the Justice Court's official website and at its main entrance.

12. All deadlines or statutes of limitation calculations are tolled effective March 19, 2020 to May 8, 2020.

This order shall be posted outside of each Justice Court and on each Justice Court's official website.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen J. Diaz" with a circled "3" next to the name.

Judge Karen Diaz

On behalf of the Justices of the Peace in San Patricio County, TX