



# JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

County of Chambers ~ State of Texas

## STANDING ORDER REGARDING COVID-19

### Order No. 1

Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), in order to limit exposure and to protect the community and court staff, the Chambers County Justice Courts issue the following order:

1. The courts will have extremely limited operations until further notice. Court staff may be available Monday-Friday 8 am – 5 pm; however, it is recommended to telephone the court during normal business hours or email the court.
2. All non-essential court proceedings, including motion hearings and trials, are suspended until May 4, 2020.
3. Essential court proceedings are defined as: eviction cases involving imminent physical harm; writs of re-entry; writs of retrieval; writs of restoration; inquest, criminal magistration; and any proceeding necessary to enforce a governmental entity's response to a Covid-19 declaration of state of disaster.
4. The court will continue to issue judgments, orders and rulings by submission if already authorized by law to do so for non-eviction cases.
5. All Class C misdemeanor appearances dates and current payment dates, which includes traffic citations, have been extended to May 31, 2020. This extension shall apply to cite-and-release charges and summons for charges other than Class C misdemeanors.

The court is accepting payments, if you want make a payment, we encourage the following payment options:

- (a) payment with credit card – online on the county website;
- (b) payment with credit card – call the court; or
- (c) cashier's check or money order, mailed to the court or in court's drop box (if any)

The County website is: [www.co.chambers.tx.us](http://www.co.chambers.tx.us) > Departments > Justices of the Peace.

6. Each Justice Court is authorized to limit building access to comply with any recommendations/orders from the county judge or county public health officials regarding the number of people in a public space or room.
7. All deadlines or statutes of limitation calculations are tolled effective March 19, 2020 to May 4, 2020.
8. This Order will remain in effect until further notice and may be amended as new declarations or directives are issued.

Date: March 26, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial 'L' followed by a series of connected loops and a final flourish.

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Judge Larry Cryer, Pct. 6 – on behalf of the  
Justices of the Peace in Chambers County, Texas