



Waller County Justices of the Peace

Judge Charles Karisch
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1

Judge J.R. Woolley
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2

Judge Marian Elaine Jackson
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3

Judge Ted Krenek
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4

TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) MITIGATION AND ALL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN WALLER COUNTY (ORDER NO. 13)

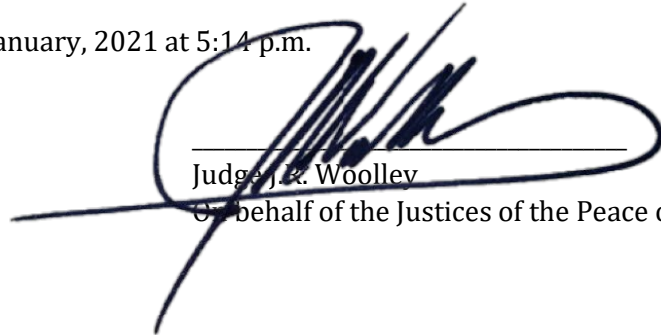
Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the four Justices of the Peace of Waller County issue the following order based on the Emergency Orders Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster from the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas and the COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Waller County Judiciary. This order is issued to protect the community, limit exposure, and provide for an efficient judicial system:

1. Subject only to constitutional limitations a judge may in any civil or criminal case, modify or suspend any and all deadlines and procedures, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, for a stated period ending no later than April 1, 2021.
2. No in-person jury trials will be conducted until after April 1, 2021.
3. No in-person hearings may be conducted unless the presiding judge deems that it is not possible or practical to conduct the hearing remotely. This does not apply to criminal magistration, juvenile detention hearings, family violence protective order hearings, or mental health hearings.
4. No writs on small claims or debt claims, will be issued by a Justice Court for 30 days after the date of this order, unless deemed appropriate by the presiding Judge.
5. All evictions filed from March 27, 2020, through January 31, 2021, require a sworn petition stating the premises are not subject to the moratorium on evictions imposed by Section 4024 of the C.A.R.E.S. Act nor the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Temporary Halt in Evictions to Prevent Further Spread of COVID-19.

6. All Justice Courts will comply with the COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Waller County Judiciary, issued by Judge A.M. McCaig, Jr. on May 18, 2020 and recertified on December 29, 2020 and recertified by Judge Gary Chaney on January 8th, 2021.

This order amends and replaces all previous “Temporary Standing Order Regarding Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)” issued by the Justices of the Peace of Waller County.

Signed on this the 14th day of January, 2021 at 5:14 p.m.



Judge J.R. Woolley
On behalf of the Justices of the Peace of Waller County