

WALLER COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO 1
STANDING RESTRAINING ORDER

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING CHILDREN, PROPERTY, AND CONDUCT OF
THE PARTIES**

No party to the lawsuit has requested this order. Rather, this order is a standing order of the Waller County Court at Law No. 1 that applies in every suit for the dissolution of marriage and every suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed in Waller County. The County Court at Law No. 1 has adopted this order because the parties and their children should be protected and have their property and rights preserved while the lawsuit is pending before the Court.

THEREFORE, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. NO DISRUPTION OF CHILDREN. Both parties are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts concerning any children who are subjects of this case:
 - a. Removing the children from the State of Texas, acting directly or in concert with others, without the written agreement of both parties or an order of this Court.
 - b. Disrupting or withdrawing the children from the school or day-care facility where the children are presently enrolled, without the written agreement of both parties or an order of this Court.
 - c. Hiding or secreting the children from the other parent or changing the children's current place of abode, without the written agreement of both parents or an order of this Court.
2. CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES DURING THE CASE. Both parties are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:
 - a. Using vulgar profane, obscene, or indecent language, or in a coarse or offensive manner, to communicate with the other party, whether in person, by telephone, or another electronic voice transmission, video chat, in writing, text, or any other electronic messaging, or to take unlawful action against any person
 - b. Threatening the other party in person or in any other manner, including by telephone or any other electronic voice transmission, video chat, in

writing, text, or any other electronic messaging, to take unlawful action against any person

- c. Placing one or more telephone calls, or sending repeated electronic messages, at an unreasonable hour, in an offensive or repetitious manner or without a legitimate purpose of communication, or anonymously.
 - d. Making a false report to law enforcement or another government agency with the intent to alarm, abuse, or harass the other party, or to induce the agency to act towards the other party without legitimate purpose.
 - e. Opening or diverting mail, packages, or deliveries, including e-mail, or any other electronic communication, addressed to the other party, without explicit written permission.
 - f. Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to any party
 - g. Threatening any party with imminent bodily injury.
 - h. Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to the children
 - i. Threatening the children with imminent bodily injury.
3. **PERSERVATION OF PROPERTY AND USE OF FUNDS DURING DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a suit for the dissolution of marriage, both parties to the marriage are **ORDERED** to refrain from doing the following acts:
- a. Destroying, removing, concealing, encumbering, transferring, or otherwise harming or reducing the value of the personal property of one or both of the parties.
 - b. Misrepresenting or refusing to disclose to the other party or the Court, on proper request, the existence, amount, or location of any personal property of one or both of the parties, including electronically stored or recorded information.
 - c. Damaging, destroying, or tampering with the personal property of one or both of the parties, including electronically stored or recorded information, or any document, digital or otherwise, that represents or embodies anything of value and would cause pecuniary loss to a party.
 - d. Selling, transferring, assigning, mortgaging, encumbering, or in any other manner alienating any of the property of any party, whether personal, real estate, or intellectual property and whether characterized separate or community, except as specifically authorized by this order
 - e. Incurring any debt, other than legal expenses in connection with this suit, except as specifically authorized by this order

- f. Making withdrawals from any checking or savings account in any financial institution for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by this order
- g. Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner for any purpose from any retirement, profit-sharing, pension, death, or other employee benefit plan, or employee savings plan or from any individual retirement account of any party, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- h. Signing or endorsing the other party's name on any negotiable instrument, check or draft, including a tax refund, insurance payment and/or dividend, or attempting to negotiate any negotiable instrument payable to the other party without the explicit written authorization of the other party.
- i. Taking any action to terminate or limit credit, debit, or change cards in the name of the other party.
- j. Entering, operating, or exercising control over the motor vehicle in the possession of the other party without explicit written authorization of the other party
- k. Discontinuing or reducing the withholding for federal income taxes from either party's wages or salary while this suit is pending.
- l. Terminating or in any manner affecting the service of water, electricity, gas, telephone, internet, cable television, or other contractual services, including security, pest control, landscaping, or yard maintenance at the other party's residence or in any manner attempting to withdraw any deposits for service in connection with such services without explicit written authorization of the other party. This includes subscriptions to entertainment streaming services such as (but not limited to) Netflix, Hulu, Spotify, and YouTube where such services were previously accessed by both parties.
- m. Excluding or attempting to exclude the other party from use or enjoyment of that party's identified current residence.
- n. Withdrawing, transferring, assigning, encumbering, selling, or in any other manner alienating any funds or assets held in any brokerage account, mutual fund account, or investment account by one or all parties, regardless of whether the funds or assets are community or separate property and whether the accounts are self-managed or managed by a third party, except as specifically authorized in this order.

4. **PERSONAL AND BUSINESS RECORDS IN DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a suit for the dissolution of marriage, both parties to the marriage are **ORDERED** to refrain from doing the following acts:
- a. Concealing or destroying any family, property, financial, or business records or any records of income, debts, or other obligations.
 - b. Falsifying any writing or record, including an electronic record, relating to the property of either party.
 - c. “Records” include e-mails and any other digital or electronic data, whether stored on a computer, cloud storage, in the possession of a third party such as a data management or cloud storage service, or stored on a physical device such as a hard drive, flash drive, floppy disk, CD/DVD-ROM, or any other medium.
 - d. Entering any safe deposit boxes in the name of or subject to the control of either party or either party, either individually or jointly, without explicit written permission of the other party.
 - e. Destroying, disposing of, or altering any financial records of the parties, including a cancelled check, deposit slip, and other records from a financial institution, a record of credit purchase or cash advances, tax returns, or any similar financial statements.
 - f. Destroying, disposing of, or altering any e-mail, text message, video message, or chat message, regardless of application or medium, or any other electronic data or electronically stored information relevant to the subject matter of this suit, regardless of the method of storage or the location (hard drive, third party cloud storage, flash drive, business server, etc.)
 - g. Modifying, changing, or altering the native format, metadata, or similar file markers of any electronic data or electronically stored information relevant to the subject matter of this suit, regardless of the method of storage, medium, or the location. Exact digital duplicates may be freely modified as necessary to comply with the rules of evidence, Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, or discovery orders, so long as the original is preserved and made reasonably available in accordance with such orders or as otherwise authorized in this order.
 - h. Deleting any data or content from any social network profile used or created by either party.
 - i. Using any password, username or other personal identifier to gain access to the other party’s e-mail account, bank account, social media account, or any other electronic account, or utilizing electronic software

or hardware to accomplish the same, including and especially in violation of federal or state communication and privacy laws.

- j. Accessing digital and electronic devices, including personal computers, cellular phones and smartphones, laptop computers, under the sole control or possession of either party, regardless of status as community or separate property, without prior explicit written authorization or as otherwise authorized by this order.
5. INSURANCE IN DIVORCE CASE. If this is a suit for the dissolution for marriage, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:
- a. Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all or any part of the cash surrender value of life insurance policies, on the life of either party or the party's children, except as specifically authorized by this order.
 - b. Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance on the life of either party or the party's children.
 - c. Canceling, altering, failing to renew or pay premiums or in any manner affecting the level of coverage that existed as the time this suit was filed, of any life, casualty, automobile, or health insurance policies insuring the parties' property or persons including the parties' minor children.
6. SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS IN DIVORCE CASE. If this is a suit for the dissolution of marriage, both parties to the marriage are specifically authorized to do the following:
- a. To engage in acts reasonable and necessary to conduct each party's usual business and occupation.
 - b. To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in connection with this suit.
 - c. To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable and necessary living expenses in connection with this suit.
 - d. To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses for food and water, clothing, shelter, transportation and medical care.

For the purposes of this order, "personal property" includes all property under the possession and control of one of the parties, whether tangible or intangible, regardless of characterization as community or separate property, and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Cash, checks, traveler's checks, and money orders;

- b. Funds on deposit in financial accounts with commercial banks, savings banks, and credit unions;
- c. Funds and assets held in brokerage, mutual fund, and other investment accounts;
- d. Publicly traded stocks, bonds, and other securities;
- e. Stock options and restricted stock units;
- f. Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and other digital/virtual investment devices;
- g. Bonuses;
- h. Closely held business interests;
- i. Retirement benefits and accounts;
- j. Deferred compensation benefits;
- k. Insurance policies, annuities, and health savings accounts;
- l. Motor vehicles, boats airplanes, cycles, mobile homes, trailers, and recreational vehicles;
- m. Money owed to one or both parties, including notes and expected income tax refunds;
- n. Household furniture, furnishings, and fixtures;
- o. Computers and other household electronics;
- p. Antiques, artwork, and collectibles;
- q. Sporting goods and firearms;
- r. Jewelry and other personal items;
- s. Pets and livestock;
- t. Club memberships;
- u. Travel award benefits, such as airline “miles”, or other purchase reward accounts;
- v. Crops, farm equipment, construction equipment, tools, leases, cemetery lots, coins or bullion made of gold, silver, or other precious metals, tax overpayments, loss carry-forward deductions, lottery tickets/winnings, stadium bonds, stadium seat licenses, seat options, season tickets, ranch brands, and business names;
- w. Intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and other related registerable marks and identifiers.
- x. Digital assets such as e-mail addresses, social network accounts, web sites, domain names, digital media such as pictures, music, e-books, movies and videos, blogs, reward points, digital storefronts, artwork, and data storage accounts;
- y. Virtual assets such as accounts, avatars, and characters, and virtual accessories such as virtual pets, prizes, and other virtual property such

- as that connected to a video game or other entertainment application, regardless if said assets are exchangeable for real currency;
- z. Safe deposit boxes and their contents, regardless of location;
- aa. Storage facilities and their contents;
- bb. Any contingent assets;

7. PARENT EDUCATION

In all suits affecting the parent-child relationship, or a suit for the dissolution of marriage involving minor children, the parties are ORDERED to complete a Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course that complies with TFC 105.009. Parties are not required to attend the same class or program. If the youngest child is over the age of 16, you may request the Court waive this requirement.

8. SERVICE AND APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

The Petitioner shall attach a copy of this order to the original petition and to each copy of the petition. At the time the petition is filed, if the Petitioner has failed to attach a copy of this order to the original petition and any copy of the petition, the Clerk shall ensure that a copy of this order is attached to the petition and every copy of the petition presented.

This order is effect upon the filing of the original petition and shall remain inn full force and effect as a temporary restraining order for fourteen (14) days after the date of the filing of the original petition. If no party contests this order by demanding a hearing or presenting other evidence to the Court on or before the expiration of the fourteen days after the date of the filing of the original petition, this order shall continue in full force and effect as a temporary injunction until further order of the court. This order will terminate upon the signing of a final order.

9. EFFECT OF OTHER COURT ORDERS. If any part of this order is governed by a more specific provision of law or court order, including an already entered protective order, that order prevails. If a protective order is entered at a later date, the conditions of the protective order prevail over this order where applicable. Any part of this order not changed by some later order remains in full force and effect until terminated, including by a final decree or order.

10. PARTIES ENCOURAGED TO MEDIATE. The parties are encouraged to settle their disputes amicably without court intervention. The parties are encouraged to use alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation, to resolve the conflicts that may arise in this lawsuit. The court will look favorably on agreed modifications to this order. The parties are ORDERED to confer and certify said conference, and attend mediation, if necessary, on temporary orders before submission to the court. The parties are ORDERED to mediate on all issues to be submitted to the court at final trial before final trial will proceed. The Court may waive this requirement on the motion of one or both parties or upon good cause shown.

THIS "STANDING ORDER OF WALLER COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO 1 REGARDING CHILDREN PROPERTY AND CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES" SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE AND TIME A PARTY RECIEVES NOTICE HEREOF. PARTIES SHOWN TO BE DELIBERATELY AVOIDING NOTICE OR SERVICE SHALL BE DEEMED AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS ORDER.

SIGNED, and ENTERED:

DATE: July 9th, 2026



**HON. BENNETT R. DODSON
JUDGE PRESIDING,
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO 1**