## Justice of the Peace, Precinct One Angelina County, Texas

# Modified Court Operations Due to COVID 19

#### <u>Civil Cases in Justice Court, Precinct One, Angelina County, Texas</u>

# MODIFYING OR SUSPENDING DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES Updated: November 14, 2022

The Supreme Court has issued its 56th Emergency Order, effective through January 1, 2023, reflecting that the Texas Eviction Diversion Program portal is no longer accepting applications but that there is a new \$33 million in assistance being made available (<u>read the 56th Emergency Order</u>).

57th Emergency Order - Effective November 1, expires January 1, 2023. Renewal of the 55th Emergency Order, allowing modification of certain procedures; providing guidance on remote and in-person proceedings. Please note that the 57th Order requires the judge to hold the Zoom hearing from the usual place designated for holding court unless exigent circumstances exist or the judge is a visiting judge assisting in clearing case backlog. See the sections on guidance for in-person and remote hearings for more information, including OCA best practices. (Read the 57th Emergency Order here.)

All Proceedings will be heard via ZOOM (remote hearings/trials (except Jury Trials).

Jury Trials will resume effective January 01, 2023.

Effective June 1, 2020, eviction cases have resumed. Evictions may be filed, served, and heard.

### PRESENTING EVIDENCE IN CIVIL CASES (Other than Evictions)

Hearings will be set at least 30 days from the time the notice is mailed out. This is to allow time for both parties to present ALL evidence that will be presented to the Court, to the opposing party as well. This should be done by email (with consent from the other party only), fax, or mail. The Court requests that documents over 3 pages and/or photographs be submitted by mailed only. All evidence should be presented to the Court and the opposing party no later than 14 days prior to the hearing. Failure to provide all evidence to the Court and the opposing party will result in a reset of the hearing

**or denial of admittance of the evidence.** Both parties shall provide an acknowledgment to the Court and the opposing party that they received the evidence. Faxed or emailed copies of photographs will not be accepted by the Court.

#### PRESENTING EVIDENCE IN EVICTION CASES

All parties must present ALL evidence to the Court and the opposing party. This should be done by email (with consent from the other party only), fax, or mail. The Court requests that documents over 3 pages and/or photographs be submitted by mailed only. All evidence should be presented to the Court and the opposing party no later than 5 days prior to the hearing. Failure to provide all evidence to the Court and the opposing party will result in a reset of the hearing or denial of admittance of the evidence. Both parties shall provide an acknowledgment to the Court and the opposing party that they received the evidence. Faxed or emailed copies of photographs will not be accepted by the Court.

The Court has implemented ZOOM remote hearings. If you receive a hearing notice and are not capable of participating in a remote hearing, notify the Court immediately.