



Standing Order (No. 01)

Pursuant to the authority of the Court and Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 501.2(e)(1), the Court enters the following Standing Order concerning requests for alternative service in civil cases filed in the Justice Court, Precinct 2, Angelina County, Texas.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. **Due diligence required.** Alternative service under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure, Part V § 501.2(e)(1) shall not be authorized unless and until the Plaintiff demonstrates to the Court's satisfaction that diligent efforts have been made, in accordance with Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Part V §501.2 (b)(1) and (b)(2) and this Standing Order, to personally serve the Defendant by an authorized officer or process server.
2. **Required service attempts at residential locations.** If the location where service is sought is residential in nature, at least two (2) of the attempts to serve the Defendant shall be made after 7:00 p.m. local time.
3. **Documentation of attempts.** Any request for alternative service shall be supported by an affidavit, unsworn declaration, or other written report from the person attempting service. The supporting document must identify, to the extent known:
 - a. the date and approximate time of each attempted service;
 - b. the address or location where service was attempted;
 - c. the manner in which service was attempted;
 - d. whether the location appeared to be residential;
 - e. the results of each attempt, including any observations or statements made by persons encountered at the location; and
 - f. the dates and approximate times of the two or more attempts made after 7:00 p.m., when the location is residential in nature.
4. **Insufficient showing.** Mere conclusory statements that service has been unsuccessful, without documentation of diligent attempts complying with this Order, shall not ordinarily support authorization of alternative service.
5. **Court discretion.** This Standing Order establishes the minimum showing ordinarily required before alternative service is authorized. It does not limit the Court's authority under the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure to require additional attempts, additional evidence, or a different method of service in a particular case.

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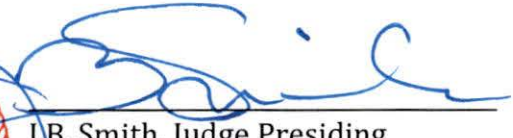


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6. **Exceptions.** The Court may modify or waive a requirement of this Order only upon a specific written finding that good cause exists and that the requested method of service is reasonably calculated to provide the Defendant with notice of the suit.
7. **Scope.** This Standing Order applies to requests for alternative service filed in civil cases pending in the Justice Court, Precinct 2, Angelina County, Texas, unless a case-specific order provides otherwise.

SIGNED on this 22nd day of September, 2026




J.B. Smith, Judge Presiding