

STATE OF LOUISIANA

EUNICE CITY COURT

EUNICE, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LA.

ORDER MODIFYING COURT SCHEDULE

Pursuant to the authority of this court granted under La. Constitution Article V, Section 1 and the inherent power of this court; considering the Declaration of State of Emergency of the Louisiana Governor, and the Order of the Louisiana Supreme Court dated March 16, 2020; in an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) and slow the spread of the disease while balancing the need of the public's access to the court:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that normal court operations at the Eunice City Court to the public will be suspended until April 6, 2020. Accordingly, all juvenile, civil, criminal and traffic court settings scheduled from Monday March 17 through Friday, April 3, 2020, are suspended effective immediately, with the following exceptions: civil protective orders; children in need of care proceedings; proceedings for children removed from their home by emergency court order; and other emergency matters related to this disease or other health related matters as deemed essential by the court. This suspension includes but is not limited to all civil matters including judgment debtor rules, trials, confirmation and motion hearings and in criminal/traffic matters all arraignments, discovery rules, trials, review hearings and/or pay fine dockets. Evictions may be still be filed and heard if there are exigent circumstances which require an immediate hearing. Criminal offenders who have not bonded out will be arraigned on video monitors. All other matters will be reset by the court. At this time, the Court will re-open to the public for all purposes on Monday, April 6, 2020. The Court reserves the right to set matters for hearing in protective settings where exigent circumstances require same be done.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT any session of court that is cancelled be rescheduled. Individuals scheduled to appear at the Eunice City Court building for any reason are not required to appear except for protective order hearings or orders signed after

March 15, 2020, setting the hearing date. All other cases will be reset and the court will send notice to the last address that was provided on file. It is defendant's responsibility to ensure that the court has a current address.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT if any person's address has changed, they must provide the new address in writing to the court by mail at Post Office Box 591, Eunice, Louisiana 70535. Individuals must include full name as it appears on old notice, docket number and new address including city, state and zip code. Individuals can also provide a contact number and email address.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT those having traffic tickets are to be reminded that most traffic tickets can be paid on line by using the Court's website, <https://eccfines.com> Traffic and criminal fines can also be paid by mail, (do not send cash) payable to Eunice City Court, and mailed to Post Office Box 591, Eunice, Louisiana 70535;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT all persons be further reminded that all civil and criminal prescriptive periods remain unaffected at this time. All civil pleadings, new petitions including new eviction proceeding, answers or other pleadings should be faxed to the court's civil department at (337) 457-6546 in accordance with Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 850. The court however will consider this "just cause" grounds in criminal/traffic matters in accordance with Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Article 701;

THIS ORDER is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the close of business on April 3, 2020, unless modified by further order of the court.

Signed in Chambers at Eunice, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana on this 16th day of March 2020.



M. Terrance Hoychick
Eunice City Judge