

**CITY COURT OF SPRINGHILL  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**ORDER**

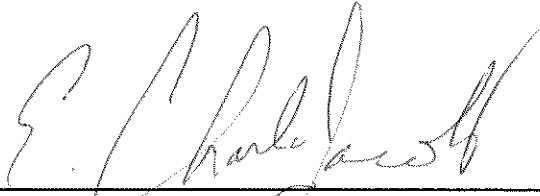
This General Order is being issued in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease, 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana and throughout the United States. In light of Governor Edwards' declaration of a public health emergency and his executive order concerning public gatherings, as well as guidance from the Louisiana Supreme Court, the City Court of Springhill issues this Order. Our purpose is to address this public health concern in a way that protects the health and safety of the public and everyone at our Court facilities, while at the same time, to the extent possible, maintaining access to the Court.

Given the risk posed to the public and in consideration of the public health recommendations: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 8:00 a.m. through Friday, April 10, 2020, 5:00 p.m.:

1. All Criminal trials, hearings and court appearances are hereby continued, to be resent by order or notice from the Court, except for initial appearances (72 hour hearings), arraignments for incarcerated persons only and bond hearings;
2. The delays in all criminal cases created by this Order shall constitute "just cause", pursuant to La. Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 701;
3. All Civil trials, hearings, and court appearances are hereby continued. Any legal delays affected directly or indirectly by the above described suspension shall be waived and be declared without effect due the necessity of civil suspension;
4. All Juvenile matters are continued with the exception of proceedings for Juveniles who have been arrested and are being held at the Juvenile Detention Center and proceedings for children who have been removed from their homes by the Department of Children and Family Services;
5. It is hereby further ordered that that all matters currently docketed for March 25, 2020 shall be reset on April 29, 2020 pursuant to written notice given by the Clerk of Court;
6. It is hereby further ordered that all matters currently docketed for April 8th, 2020, shall be reset on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, pursuant to written notice given by the Clerk of Court.

This Order remains in effect until 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2020, or until further order of this Court.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Honorable E. Charles Jacobs  
Judge ad hoc, City Court of Springhill, Ward Two