

State of Louisiana
Parish of Rapides
Alexandria City Court

ORDER

Acting under the authority of Article V, Section 1 of Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of a public health emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, and President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, the Order of the Louisiana Supreme Court issued March 16, 2020, and in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slowing the spread of the disease while balancing the need to maintain access to Alexandria City Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All trials, both civil and criminal, scheduled to commence in Alexandria City Court between the date of this Order and March 27, 2020, are hereby continued to a date to be reset by the court no earlier than March 30, 2020.
2. Except as otherwise provided herein, all civil trials, hearings and court appearances set for any date between the date of this Order and March 27, 2020 are hereby continued to a date to be reset by the Court.
3. Criminal initial appearances for arraignments for incarcerated individuals and bond hearings shall continue as scheduled.
4. The necessity of fulfilling the requirements of probation for probationers shall be suspended until April 13, 2020. The suspended requirements include but are not limited to community service, behavior modification classes, payment of fees and reporting requirements.
5. This Order expressly does not prohibit any court proceedings by telephone, video, teleconferencing, or any other means that do not involve in-person contact.

The Court may issue further Orders regarding this matter as necessary to address the circumstances arising from this pandemic. If the conditions indicate that the Court needs to adjust the above policy, notice will be posted on the Court's website, www.alexandriacitycourt.com, the Louisiana Supreme Court website, www.lasc.org, and in the news media.

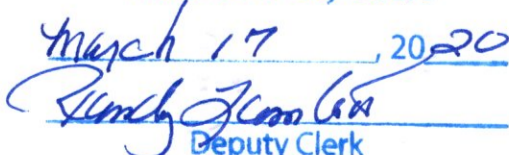
Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of March, 2020, in Alexandria, Louisiana.



Judge, Richard E. Starling, Jr.

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FILED
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March 17, 2020

Deputy Clerk

