

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY and PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

CITY COURT OF BAKER

ORDER OF THE COURT SUSPENDING COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
BY COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Acting in accordance with the inherent power of this Court and the La. Constitution Article V, Section 1, and considering the Declaration of State of Emergency and "stay at home order" of Governor Jon Bel Edwards, encouragement of the Louisiana Supreme Court to implement social distancing strategies, the East Baton Rouge Mayor-President's order to close all government buildings to the general public and the City of Baker Public Health announcement update 2020, and in an effort to slow and prevent exposure of the COVID-19 virus, the following is ordered:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that normal court operations at the City Court of Baker with the public will be suspended until April 13, 2020. Accordingly, all civil, criminal and traffic court settings scheduled from Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, April 10, 2020, have been and are suspended effective immediately. All cases will be reset, and the court will send notices to the last address that was provided by the defendants. This includes, but is not limited to, all civil matters, including evictions, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT all installment payments scheduled through April 10, 2020, shall be automatically deferred. Notwithstanding, most traffic tickets can be paid on time by using the Court's website, <https://www.bakerlatix.com>. Traffic and criminal fines can also be paid by mail, (please do not send cash) payable to City Court of Baker, and mailed to The City Court of the City of Baker, Post Office Box 1, Baker, Louisiana 70704-001.

IN ACCORDANCE, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the court building will be closed to the public during the period of suspension.

IT IS FURTHER RECOGNIZED THAT this Order shall remain in effect until the close of business on April 10, 2020, unless modified by further order of the court.

Signed in Open Court at Baker, Louisiana on this 23th day of March 2020.



JUDGE KIRK A. WILLIAMS
CHIEF JUDGE, CITY COURT OF BAKER