



DALLAS COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 4-2

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING EVICTION COURT PROCEEDINGS
UNDER THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Given the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Dallas County in the past two weeks and the severity of the risk of the spread of COVID-19, and taking into consideration matters of public safety and health, Dallas County Justice of the Peace 4-2 issues this order pursuant by the authority granted by the “EIGHTEENTH EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DIASTER” by the Supreme Court of Texas dated June 29, 2020 which states the following:

“...all courts in Texas may in any case, civil or criminal—and must to avoid risk to court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors, and the public— without a participant’s consent....modify or suspend any and all deadlines and procedures, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, for a stated period ending no later than September 30, 2020.”

THEREFORE, Dallas County Justice of the Peace 4-2 hereby ORDERS:

1. All pending eviction cases in this court will be abated until August 5, 2020
2. All evictions filed after July 6, 2020 in this court shall not be set for a trial hearing until August 5, 2020.
3. The only exceptions to the above is if the Plaintiff can show that the actions of the tenant, or the tenant's household members or guests pose an imminent threat of (i) physical harm to the plaintiff, the plaintiff's employees, or other tenants, or (ii) criminal activity.

This order supplements and does not replace the “DALLAS COUNTY ORDER REGARDING EVICTION COURT PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY” dated July 6, 2020.

This order is in effect immediately and shall expire August 5, 2020. The time period in this order may be shortened or extended in a subsequent order if required.

ISSUED AND SIGNED THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sasha Moreno".

JUDGE SASHA MORENO
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 4-2
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS