

**IN THE 506<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS**

**JAIL INMATE BOND REVIEW PROCEDURES IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

In accordance with Orders of the Supreme Court of Texas and The Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (the “SCT/CCA Order”) issued on March 13, 2020, the 506<sup>th</sup> District Court of Waller County, hereby enters the following emergency orders pertaining to review of Waller County Jail inmates regarding bail bonds, and modifying or reducing of same to reduce the inmate population of the Waller county Jail. This order applies to all felony cases, whether indicted or not indicted, and is intended to provide flexibility to modify proceedings as necessary to address the disaster.

1. This Court’s Emergency Orders of March 16, 2020, regarding court docket calls shall remain in effect. A copy of that Order may be found on the Court’s website at [www.court506.com](http://www.court506.com).
2. Due to various attorneys ignoring prior emergency orders issued by this Court, all attorneys, both state and defense, receiving this Order shall confirm via email to the Court ([judge@court506.com](mailto:judge@court506.com)) that they have received and read this Order.
3. All defense attorneys, whether retained or contract defense attorneys, with clients who are inmates in the Waller County Jail, shall, no later than 3:00 o’clock p.m. on March 24, 2020, initiate contact with the appropriate Assistant District Attorney to discuss current bond amounts on each respective inmate. Contact may be made via telephone, email, text, or other social media; and face-to-face contact is discouraged.
4. All state’s attorneys are directed to respond to such contact in a manner and in a time as expeditiously as possible to accomplish the requirements of this Order.
5. Counsel for the state and the defense shall negotiate in good faith to determine if a bond amount and appropriate bond conditions can be agreed upon. If an agreement is reached, the parties will notify the court via email of the terms of the agreement and the Court will prepare and issue the appropriate bond modifications.
6. In the event no agreement can be reached the parties shall notify the Court and a 3-way telephonic hearing, not on the record, will be had between the State, the Defense, and the Court. In the event a resolution is reached, the Court will prepare and issue the appropriate bond orders. In the event a resolution is not reached, see item #7., below.

7. Nothing in this Order shall require either the State, the Defense, or the Court, to agree to reduce or modify a bond. In the event a satisfactory resolution is not reached, the Defense may file a motion for bond reduction or modification. Any motion for bond reduction or modification shall be efiled with Court Clerk no later than March 26, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., under a Notice of Submission of such Motion for consideration by the Court on or after 9:00 o'clock a.m., March 31, 2020. In accordance with the SCT/CCA Orders, the parties shall include in their submission and responses to the Court any testimonial affidavits and legal briefs they deem appropriate to the matters at hand, such affidavits and briefs to be efiled and accepted prior to the date and time of submission. Notice of Submission guidelines may be found on the Court's website at [www.court506.com](http://www.court506.com).
8. The Office of the District Clerk and the Jail Division staff of the Waller County Jail are requested to assist with information as necessary to accomplish the requirements of this Order.
9. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit or circumvent the constitutional rights of any person.
10. This Order may be extended or modified by written Order of this Court without notice. Any such extension or modification shall be posted with the District Clerk, and posted on the Court's website at [www.court506.com](http://www.court506.com).
11. This Order is effective upon entry, and expires May 8, 2020, unless extended by the Court.

Signed and entered March 19, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

  
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JUDGE, PRESIDING