TRAVIS COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 5 (LOCAL RULE AND GENERAL ORDER) FILE NO. 00000005

STANDING ORDER OF THE COURT REGARDING AUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR ALL CLASS C MISDEMEANORS FILED IN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 5 FROM MARCH 17, 2020 TO JULY 30, 2020

No party to this suit has requested this order. Rather, this order is a standing order of Travis County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5 that applies to every Class C misdemeanor case in Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5.

Due to the statewide declaration of disaster by the Texas Governor due to COVID-19, defendants have been significantly hampered in their ability to perform court ordered community service. The COVID-19 virus threatens the health, safety, and personal finances of all defendants, making it difficult for all defendants to timely perform court ordered community service. Various shelter-in-place orders and social distancing requirements have made performance of community service virtually impossible at times.

Therefore, the Court will order that any community service requirement from a Class C misdemeanor case (whether deferred disposition, driver safety course deferral, court ordered community service in lieu of a fine/fee/cost, or final conviction) in Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5 that was due from March 17, 2020 to July 30, 2020 will be waived by the Court. A defendant shall not be required to complete the community service ordered by the Court so long as the due date for the completion of the community service was due anytime from March 17, 2020 to July 30, 2020.

Automatic waivers may be subject to change at the discretion of the Court. This order only applies to Travis County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5.

THIS STANDING ORDER SHALL EXPIRE JULY 30, 2020, UNLESS OTHERWISE MODIFIED OR REVOKED.

Signed and entered this 5th day of May , 2020.

Judge Nicholas Chu Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5 Travis County, Texas