

**TRAVIS COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 5**  
**(LOCAL RULE AND GENERAL ORDER)**  
**FILE NO. 00000004**

**STANDING ORDER OF THE COURT REGARDING AUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF WAIVER**  
**OF FINES/FEES AND COSTS FOR ALL CLASS C REDUCTION CASES FILED IN JUSTICE**  
**OF THE PEACE, PCT. 5 UNTIL 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 higher charge criminal case that is reduced to a Class C misdemeanor and filed with this Court as part of a plea agreement in County Court at Law or District Court (commonly referred to as Class C Reduction case).

Due to the statewide declaration of disaster by the Texas Governor due to COVID-19, the ability to pay fines/fees and costs by defendants have been significantly hampered. The COVID-19 virus threatens the health, safety, and personal finances of all defendants, making it difficult for all defendants to be able to pay the fines/fees and costs associated with a Class C Reduction case.

Therefore, the Court will order that all Class C Reduction cases from the effective date of this order to July 30, 2020 will automatically grant a waiver of fines/fees and costs (including court costs). The automatic granting of a waiver of fines/fees and costs are for Class C Reduction cases that are disposed either by deferred dispositions or final convictions from May 5, 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 BECOME EFFECTIVE ON MAY 5, 2020 AND EXPIRES JULY 30, 2020.**

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



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