

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
CITY and PARISH OF LAFAYETTE  
CITY COURT OF LAFAYETTE**

**IN RE: EX PARTE MOTION AND ORDER OF THE COURT EXTENDING PREVIOUS  
"COVID-19" COURT ORDERS AND RELATED MATTERS**

**ON EX-PARTE MOTION** of Douglas J. Saloom and Francie Bouillion, Judges of the City Court of Lafayette, acting in accordance with La. Constitution Article V, Section 1 and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the Declaration of State of Emergency of the Louisiana Governor, encouragement of the Louisiana Supreme Court to implement social distancing strategies and the Lafayette Mayor-President's order to close all government buildings to the general public, and in an effort to slow and possibly prevent exposure of the COVID-19 virus:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that normal court operations at the Lafayette City Court to the public will be suspended until May 18, 2020. Accordingly, all juvenile, civil, criminal and traffic court settings scheduled from Monday, March 16 through Friday, May 31, 2020, are cancelled. This includes but is not limited to all civil matters including evictions, judgment debtor rules, trials, confirmation, and motion hearings and in criminal/traffic/juvenile matters all arraignments, discovery rules, trials, review hearings and/or pay fine dockets. All matters will be reset by the Court. At this time, the Court anticipates re-opening to the public for all purposes on Monday, May 18, 2020;

**IN ACCORDANCE, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** the court building will be closed to the public during the period of suspension. The court building remains open only to employees of the court for the handling of court business by mail, facsimile, phone, or electronic means only. The court building will be open only to other city/parish officials or employees including local law enforcement for city court purposes only;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** once the Lafayette City Court building is re-opened to the public, the following rules shall apply:

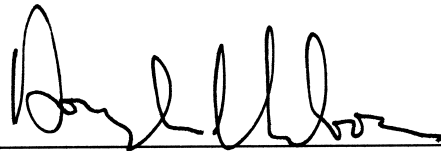
- No person may enter the Lafayette City Court Building unless they are wearing an appropriate face mask. Entrant must provide their own mask. No socially inappropriate mask will be permitted. Obviously, appropriate attire is also required. Customary impermissible items remain prohibited;
- Entrance into the building will be limited in number and all entrants while in the building or waiting in line outside of the building, must abide by all rules and instructions including the six (6) foot social distance rule. Entrants should be prepared to wait in line both in the building and at the entrance. Refusal to abide by these instructions will result in removal from the building or

the courthouse property by the Lafayette City Marshal. Entrant's removal could also result in a warrant being issued for failure to attend court sessions should circumstances, or continued refusal, so dictate;

- In addition, all persons entering the building will be required to have their temperature taken by the authorized personnel located at the front door. All entrants must truthfully answer the questions below. No person will be permitted into the building should they refuse to take temperature or truthfully answer any question or as the end result of the answer to any question;
  - *Do you have any of the following?*
    - Fever or feeling feverish (chills, sweating);
    - Shortness of breath (not severe);
    - Cough.
  - *Are you ill, or caring for someone who is ill?*
  - *In the two weeks before you felt sick, did you:*
    - Have contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
    - Live in or visit a place where COVID-19 is spreading?
- In addition, as the number of people entering the building is limited, only the person having business with the Court will be admitted into the building. No children under the age of 12 are permitted. Limited exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Court; however, under no circumstance will more than one extra person be admitted.

**IT IS FURTHER RECOGNIZED THAT** this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the close of business on May 15, 2020, unless modified by further order of the court.

Signed on this date, in Chambers, at Lafayette, Louisiana on this 4th day of May, 2020.



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Douglas J. Saloom  
Chief Judge, City Court of Lafayette