

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF MONROE
CITY COURT OF MONROE

**IN RE: EXPARTE MOTION AND ORDER OF THE COURT
SUSPENDING COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)
AND RELATED MATTERS**

ON EX-PARTE MOTION of Tammy Lee, Jefferson Joyce and Aisha Clark, Judges of the City Court of Monroe, 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 out of the Court's concern for the safety and health of the community:

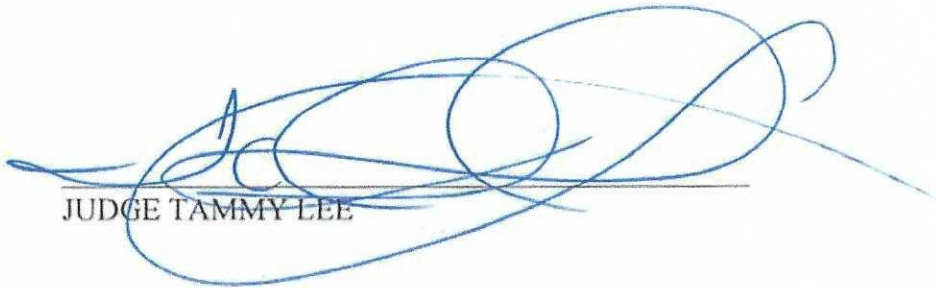
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that certain court operations at the Monroe City Court will be suspended until April 13, 2020, at which time the Court will reevaluate circumstances and move forward at that time. Accordingly, all civil settings are suspended until the date of April 13, 2020. Civil matters include, but are not limited to, evictions, judgment debtor rules, trials confirmation hearings, and motion hearings. All criminal settings are suspended until the date of April 13, 2020, with the exception of 72 hour hearings. Criminal matters include all arraignments, discovery rules, trials, review hearings, and stay dockets. All hearings required under Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Article 230.1 will be conducted via telephone directly between the Court and OCC. These hearings will be recorded as is normal procedure. Juvenile matters for instanters, detention hearings, and child in need of care cases will be heard in a timely manner and to the extent possible by telephone. Probation reporting and class scheduling matters shall be handled via telephone conference, except for the paying of monthly fees. Persons desiring to make a probation fee payment will be allowed in the building for that purpose only. All matters will be reset by the Court. At this time, the Monroe City Court will reopen for Court matters on Monday, April 13, 2020;

IN ACCORDANCE, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Monroe City Court building will be open to anyone desiring to file a pleading or make a payment on their fine or costs. In the alternative, all civil pleadings, new petitions including new eviction proceedings, answers or other pleadings can be faxed to the Court at (318) 329-2622 in accordance with Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 850. The Court however will consider this "just cause" grounds in criminal/traffic matters in accordance with Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Article 701;

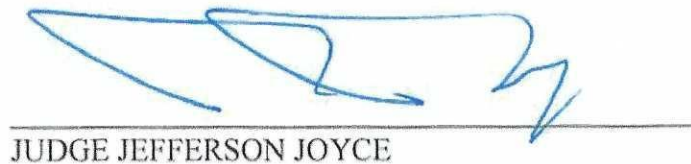
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all inquiries and questions be directed to the Clerk of Court/Judicial Administrator, Joyce S. Bentley, at (318) 329-2580, extension 5233, who will direct the calls to the proper person or handle the matter at hand immediately;

IT IS FURTHER RECOGNIZED THAT this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the open of business on April 13, 2020, unless modified by further Order of the Court.


Signed at Monroe, Louisiana on this 16th day of March 2020.



JUDGE TAMMY LEE



JUDGE JEFFERSON JOYCE



JUDGE AISHA CLARK