

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

PARISH OF WASHINGTON

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO COURT'S ORDER OF MARCH 13, 2020
RE: CORONAVIRUS**

Acting under the authority of Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana; Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of a public health emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020; President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020; this Court's previous Orders of March 13, 2020 and March 17, 2020; and in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease while balancing the need to maintain access to Louisiana courts,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. All public access to the Court and the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's office is suspended during this public health emergency, **except** for filings:
 - A. Pursuant to the Louisiana Protective Order statutes;
 - B. Pursuant to Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure articles 3945 and 3601; and,
 - C. Requesting a property bond for the purpose of bonding someone out of jail.
2. Beginning Friday, March 20, 2020, the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's office will be available from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Monday through Friday, for the purposes of accepting the above-mentioned emergency filings, and any other filings which, by law, require original documents to be filed.
3. All other filings will be accepted by the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's office Monday through Friday by electronic filing (e-filing at www.sttammanyclerk.org) and facsimile filing (via fax (985) 809-8777). The recordation of land records will be accomplished by electronic recording (e-recording at www.sttammanyclerk.org).
4. All public access to the Washington Parish Clerk of Court's office is limited to the front entrance during this public health emergency. Beginning Friday, March 20, 2020, the Washington Parish Clerk of Court's office shall remain open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. The recordation of land records may be accomplished by electronic recording (e-recording at www.washingtonparishclerk.org).
5. Any questions should be directed to the St. Tammany Parish Clerk's Office by telephone at (985) 809-8700 and the Washington Parish Clerk's Office by telephone at (985) 839-4663.

The Court may issue further Orders regarding this matter as necessary to address the circumstances arising from this pandemic and will post such Orders on the Court's website at 22ndjdc.org; the Louisiana Supreme Court's website at www.lasc.org, and in the news media.

Covington, Louisiana, this 20th day of March, 2020.

FOR THE COURT:



**HON. DAWN AMACKER
CHIEF JUDGE**