

Orange County, Texas Press Release March 19, 2020 Reference: Offices of Orange County Texas Procedures

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic and the rapidly evolving situation Orange County's main priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of the citizens and employees. Orange County Offices will remain open but must accommodate the social distancing recommendation by having no more than 10 people in a specified location and seeking to maintain at least 6 feet of separation between individuals. Citizens are urged to use online services, email or phones to contact County offices. These numbers and email addresses can be found on our website www.co.orange.tx.us.

Below are three of the main county offices that work with the public and their requirements to limit exposure to citizens and the employees –

Orange County Tax Office, Karen Fisher Tax Assessor-Collector

The Tax Office will only be open to the public for TITLE WORK ONLY. Customers are asked to call (409-882-7971) before coming to the tax office to ensure they have all necessary paperwork to complete their transaction.

A maximum of 3 customers will be allowed in the office at one time.

Tax payments and motor vehicle registration will be processed as following -

Property Taxes:

Property tax payments can be made with a credit/debit card or E-check via online (www.co.orange.tx.us/taxoffice), or phone (866-549-1010 bureau code 1122333) Payments made with check, cashier's check or money order can be left at our drop box outside of the Administration building or mailed to P O Box 1568 Orange, TX 77631. Postmark dates will be honored as pay date.

Motor Vehicle Registration/Temporary Permits:

Vehicle Registration can be renewed online (<u>www.txdmv.gov</u>). Also, temporary registration can be purchased from the website. Please print out all receipts and keep in your vehicle.

Orange County District Clerk, Vickie Edgerly

Effective immediately, the District Clerk's Office will remain open <u>BUT conduct business by e-mail</u>, <u>phone and regular mail only</u>. This office can perform essential duties electronically and telephonically and accept credit and debit as forms of payment.

All jury trials have been suspended through the end of April. You will be notified at a later date to reschedule your jury service date.

Contact information for the District Clerk's office – 409-882-7825 or email districtclerk@co.orange.tx.us

Orange County Clerk's Office, Brandy Robertson

The County Clerk's Office is requesting all business to be done by phone (409-882-7055), fax (409-882-7012), email (countyclerk@co.orange.tx.us), regular mail (801 W Division, Orange Tx 77630) or online (www.co.orange.tx.us)

Birth and death certificates can be requested by mail. Copies can be requested through the mail or email. Please call the office for assistance.

Most of County Clerk's records (real property, civil, probate and misdemeanors) are online. Citizens are always urged to call the office for help navigating the website. Researchers are requested to use the website as we are restricting researching in our office at this time.

For Marriage License please contact the office and you will receive an appointment time to come in to apply.

For anyone that has received court notice please contact our office for direction to the correct court coordinator for information regarding that court.

District Attorney's Office, John Kimbrough, D.A.

The District Attorney's Office will remain open to the public for business, but physical access to the office will be by appointment only. Citizens are asked to call (409) 883-6764 or email mday@co.orange.tx.us with any questions or to schedule an appointment. Prosecutors will also continue to be available to law enforcement for arrest warrants 24/7.