

JUDGE
SERGIO J. VALDEZ
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #7

**EMERGENCY ORDER FOR THE
COUNTY COURTS AT LAW
OF HIDALGO COUNTY TEXAS**

In Order to protect the Judges, the staff, attorneys, and the public from imminent danger through contamination and to comply with the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals Emergency Orders, as the Local Administrative Presiding Judge for the County Court at Laws, I hereby Order that effective immediately, and until further notice:

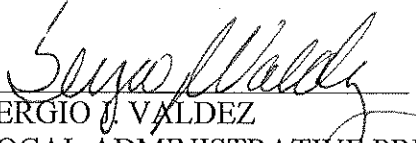
1. No Court is to have more than ten (10) people at one time in the courtroom,
2. No Court is to have more than ten (10) people in the court offices, and
3. No Court is to have more than ten (10) people in any waiting areas.

When counting the ten (10) people, EVERYONE present is to be Counted, including, but not limited to, the Judge, the staff, attorneys, court participants AND court spectators. EVERYONE!

SHERRIFF EDDIE GUERRA: The Sheriff of Hidalgo County, Texas shall not transport more than three (3) jailed Defendants at any given time to any one County Court at Law Courtroom at a single time. If a County Court at Law has more than three (3) jailed defendants on its docket, then only three (3) jailed defendants shall be brought into the courtroom at a time.

ATTORNEYS: If any attorney finds himself/herself in an Hidalgo County Court at Law where the Rule of Ten is being violated, as Presiding Judge for the Hidalgo County Court at Laws, I am directing you and authorizing you to leave said courtroom as said departure would be in compliance with the National, State and Local directives which have been issued for the safety of the entire community.

Signed and entered March 23, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.


SERGIO J. VALDEZ
LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE PRESIDING JUDGE
FOR THE COUNTY COURTS AT LAW
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

