

DIVORCE PACKET FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS

If you intend to represent yourself "Pro Se" (without the assistance of an attorney) you must have knowledge to prepare and file the necessary pleadings and present your cause to the Court.

****Please be advised the District Clerk's office, nor the court staff can provide example forms or legal advice to aid in preparing your divorce. We are not attorneys and are legally prohibited from giving legal advice. If you have legal questions, you should contact an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Texas to assist you****

BELOW IS A CHECKLIST YOU MUST COMPLETE BEFORE APPEARING IN COURT FOR YOUR DIVORCE

You **MUST** have filed all necessary paperwork with the District Clerk's office **before** your case is set for final hearing.

You must have the following:

1. **PETITION FOR DIVORCE** along with a copy of the Standing Restraining Order for Walker County (attached) to file in our office. The District Clerk's office will assign a cause number to your divorce. Please have your cause number available when contacting our office concerning your case.
2. **WAIVER OF SERVICE** You may have your spouse sign a WAIVER OF SERVICE in front of a notary. This CANNOT be signed and notarized until a day after the divorce petition has been filed.

- OR -
 PROOF OF SERVICE If your spouse will not sign the Waiver of Service you must have them served with a CITATION (\$8). If your spouse lives in Walker County, the Constable can serve them with the citation (\$100). If your spouse is not a resident of Walker County you have 3 options - 1) we can send the citation by certified mail (\$75), 2) you can contact the Sheriff or Constables office in the county they reside to get their fee for service of a citation and once issued take the service to their office to serve or 3) you can find an approved private process server on the Supreme Court of Texas site and make arrangements with them for service. If you choose an option outside of Walker County Constable or certified mail, our office will issue the citation and return it to you, it will be your responsibility to get the service to the agency/process server you made arrangements with.

-OR-
 ANSWER Your spouse may file and Answer to the Original Petition

3. **FINAL DECREE** The judge will review your decree before a hearing is set. You must complete all applicable blanks or the judge will not review. Make sure it is in your file at least three (3) days before you contact the court coordinator to set your hearing.
4. **BVS form-** Texas Department of State Health Services – Bureau of Vital Statistics Forms. This form is required to be completed for every granted divorce. A copy is attached to this packet.
5. **RECORD OF SUPPORT.** This form is required to be completed if child support will be ordered. A copy is attached to this packet.

If both parties have signed the DECREE OF DIVORCE AND an Affidavit of Prove-Up is filed, you may be able to have your divorce granted by submission after the 60th day without having to appear at a hearing.

SETTING A HEARING

YOUR DIVORCE MUST BE ON FILE SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FILING BEFORE THE DIVORCE CAN BE FINALIZED. You will need to contact the Court Coordinator of the appropriate court to set your court date. Please note that you will not be able to go before the judge for a final hearing before the 60th day (except in limited situations involving family violence).

When you have all of the items completed, contact the court coordinator to schedule your hearing.

County Court at Law:	Judge Tracy Sorensen's Court Coordinator, Casey Robertson crobertson@co.walker.tx.us
12th Judicial District:	Judge David Moorman's Court Coordinator, Tia Schweitzer tmschweitzer@co.walker.tx.us
278th Judicial District:	Judge Hal Ridley's Court Coordinator, Sherry Fabre sfabre@co.walker.tx.us

FEES TO FILE A DIVORCE:

Filing Fee: \$350.00

Additional Services: Citation Fee: \$8.00 (each) Constable Service: \$100.00 (each) Certified Mail: \$75.00 (each)

You may visit www.texaslawhelp.org for help on filing a Pro Se Divorce.



WHAT IS E-FILE TEXAS AND RE:SEARCHTX?

- **E-File Texas** is an online portal that allows you to file documents into your case. Sign up at <https://efiletexas.gov>. Upon acceptance of your document by the Clerk, you will receive by email a file-marked copy of your document. If corrections are needed to your filing, you will receive an email notifying you the document was rejected and instructions on how to fix the problem.
- If you do not want to use E-file, as a self-represented party (*pro se* party), you may file paper documents in the District Clerk's office or by mailing to: *Walker County District Clerk 1100 University Ave., Room 209, Huntsville, Texas 77340*
- **Re:SearchTX** is an online portal that allows you to view documents in a case. **You must register with re:SearchTX to receive free alerts and notifications of documents filed in your case.** You can view documents on your case **free** of charge. Register at <https://research.txcourts.gov>.
- **Re:SearchTX will notify you of any filings, orders, judgments, and important notices from the court and clerk. Be sure to check emails from noreply@research.txcourts.gov.**
- Your re:SearchTX and E-file Texas accounts are the **same login and password**. The email you have on file with the CLERK must be the same for your login to re:SearchTX and E-file Texas.
- The District Clerk's Office cannot give legal advice. The District Clerk's Office does not provide forms other than those required by law. **You can find forms and articles for free at <https://texaslawhelp.org> or <https://texascourthelp.org>**

INFORMATION ON SUIT AFFECTING THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP (EXCLUDING ADOPTIONS)

SECTION I GENERAL INFORMATION (REQUIRED)**STATE FILE NUMBER**

1a. COUNTY _____ 1b. COURT NO. _____
 1c. CAUSE NO. _____ 1d. DATE OF ORDER (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

2. TYPE OF ORDER (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

☐ DIVORCE/ANNULMENT WITH CHILDREN (Sec. 1, 2 AND 3) ☐ DIVORCE/ANNULMENT WITHOUT CHILDREN (Sec 1 AND 2)

☐ ESTABLISHMENT OF COURT OF CONTINUING JURISDICTION (SEC 1 AND 3)
(Court Order Establishing Paternity, Conservatorship, Child Support or Termination of Parental Rights)

☐ CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE CHILD (SEC 1 AND 3)
(PROVIDE PRIOR AND NEW NAME OF CHILD IN SECTION 3)

☐ TRANSFER OF COURT OR CONTINUING JURISDICTION (SEC1, 3 AND INFORMATION BELOW)

TRANSFER TO: COUNTY _____ COURT NO. _____ STATE COURT ID# _____

3a. NAME OF ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER	3b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (including area code)
3c. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR P.O BOX, CITY, STATE, ZIP)	

SECTION 2 (IF APPLICABLE) REPORT OF DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE

PETITIONER	4. NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		5. MAIDEN LAST NAME (NAME BEFORE 1 ST MARRIAGE)
	6. PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY AND STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	7. RACE	8. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)
	9. USUAL RESIDENCE	STREET NAME & NUMBER	CITY STATE ZIP
RESPONDENT	10. NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		11. MAIDEN LAST NAME (NAME BEFORE 1 ST MARRIAGE)
	12. PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY AND STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	13. RACE	14. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)
	15. USUAL RESIDENCE (STREET AND NUMBER CITY, STATE, ZIP)		
16. NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN		17. DATE OF MARRIAGE (mm/dd/yyyy)	18. PLACE OF MARRIAGE (CITY AND STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)

SECTION 3 (IF APPLICABLE) CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THIS SUIT

CHILD 1	19a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
	19b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	19c. SEX	19d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
	19e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) — IF APPLICABLE		
CHILD 2	20a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
	20b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	20c. SEX	20d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
	20e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) — IF APPLICABLE		
CHILD 3	21a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
	21b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	21c. SEX	21d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
	21e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) — IF APPLICABLE		

☐ ADDITIONAL CHILDREN LISTED ON BACK OF THIS FORM.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ORDER WAS GRANTED ON THE DATE AND PLACE AS STATED.

SIGNATURE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT

WARNING: This is a governmental document. Texas Penal Code, Section 37.10, specifies penalties for making false entries or providing false information in this document. VS-165 REV 07/2017

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THIS SUIT FROM SECTION 3 (IF APPLICABLE)

CHILD 4	23a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
	23b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	23c. SEX	23d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
	23e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) – IF APPLICABLE		
CHILD 5	24a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
	24b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	24c. SEX	24d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
	24e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) – IF APPLICABLE		
CHILD 6	25a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
	25b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	25c. SEX	25d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
	25e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) – IF APPLICABLE		

Instructions for Completing the Suit Affecting Parent Child Relationship Form**GENERAL REQUIREMENT:**

All divorces/annulments (with or without children) and all suits affecting the parent-child relationship must be reported through the clerk of the court to the State Vital Statistics Unit (VSU).

Consolidated reporting by petitioners, attorneys, and the courts is designed to make mandatory reporting more efficient, timely, and improve the quality of reporting. However, this reporting system is only as good or timely as you make it; therefore, your attention in completing and filing this report is critical.

Legal basis for this reporting is contained in Health and Safety Code §194.002 and Texas Family Code §§108.001-.002 and 108.004.

For information concerning reporting or questions about this form, contact field services at fieldservices@dshs.texas.gov or by phone at 512-776-3010.

The VSU-165 form must be printed double-sided (one sheet not two).

For information on the court of continuing jurisdiction of a child, contact VSU at (888) 963-7111 ext. 2529. Inquiries should be addressed to VSU, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas, 78756-3191; inquiries may also be faxed to (512) 776-7164.

SECTION 1 GENERAL INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

This section must be completed for each report filed.

- 1a – d. Enter the required information to identify the court proceeding.
- 2. Check the type of suit being reported. This determines also which sections of the form must be completed. If more than one type of order applies, check all that apply. Transfers from one jurisdiction to another must be reported in this section (if court number is unknown, specify "unknown").
- 3a – c. Complete the attorney information to assist in questions or follow up. If case was *pro se*, please enter the information of the person completing this form.

SECTION 2 (IF APPLICABLE) REPORT OF DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE

All divorces/annulments must be reported, even if there were no minor children. All information is required.

- 4-9. Report the Petitioner's information including maiden name (if applicable).
- 10-15. Report the Respondent's information, including maiden name (if applicable).
- 16. Report the number of minor children affected by this divorce; if none, record "0." This number must correspond to the listing of children in Section 3.
- 17-18. Enter the date and place of the marriage being dissolved.

SECTION 3 (IF APPLICABLE) CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THIS SUIT

Every child affected by the suit being reported must be listed, and all items concerning that child must be completed. If more than three children are affected, check the "additional children listed on back of form" box, and continue to list the additional children. If more than 6 children complete section 3 on another form, label it "continuation" and attached the continuation form to the original form.



Obligor/Payor/Non-Custodial Parent Information				
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Protection (FV) <i>(Check if individual below is a victim of family violence)</i>				
Name:		Date of Birth:		Social Security Number:
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Driver's License Number:		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:	
Relationship to Child(ren):				
Employer Name:				
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Dependent Information				
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Protection (FV) <i>(Check if dependent below is a victim of family violence)</i>				
Name:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Protection (FV) <i>(Check if dependent below is a victim of family violence)</i>				
Name:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Protection (FV) <i>(Check if dependent below is a victim of family violence)</i>				
Name:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Protection (FV) <i>(Check if dependent below is a victim of family violence)</i>				
Name:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:
<i>If there are more children, attach an additional page listing the above information for each additional child.</i>				
Attorney Information				
Obligee Attorney:		Phone:	Obligor Attorney:	Phone:
Prepared by:		Phone:	Date:	
County Name:		Court Number:	Cause Number:	



Record of Support Order

This completed form must be submitted to the county's clerk of the court to set up the child support account. (See Texas Family Code §105.008)
Note to Clerks: Send the completed form to the State Case Registry/County Contact Team by fax 877-924-6872, e-mail csd-sdu@oag.texas.gov, or mail to TxCSDU, P.O. Box 659400, San Antonio, TX 78265, or use the TXCSES Web Portal to provide this information in lieu of forwarding the document to the TXSDU.

Order Information

County Name:	Court Number:	Cause Number:
Attorney General Case Number:	Date of Hearing:	Order Sign Date:
Order Type: <input type="checkbox"/> New Order <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Order		Payment Location: <input type="checkbox"/> State Disbursement Unit (SDU) Other:

Obligee/Payee/Custodial Parent Information

<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Protection (FV) <i>(Check if individual below is a victim of family violence)</i>			
Name:	Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Driver's License Number:		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:
Relationship to Child(ren):			
Employer Name:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

WALKER COUNTY STANDING RESTRAINING ORDER REGARDING CHILDREN, PROPERTY AND CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES

THIS WALKER COUNTY STANDING ORDER IS BINDING ON (1) THE PARTIES, (2) THE PARTIES' OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES AND ATTORNEYS AND (3) ANY OTHER PERSON WHO ACTS IN CONCERT WITH THE PARTIES AND WHO RECEIVES ACTUAL NOTICE OF THIS ORDER. THIS ORDER IS ENFORCEABLE BY CONTEMPT, INCLUDING A FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

No party to this lawsuit has requested this order. Rather, this order is a standing order of Walker County that applies in every divorce suit and every suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed in Walker County. The Walker County Courts have adopted this order because the parties and their children should be protected and their property preserved while the lawsuit is pending. Therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. **NO DISRUPTION OF CHILDREN.** Unless there is a written agreement of all parties or an order of the court, both parties are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts concerning children who are subjects of this case:
 - 1.1 Removing the children from the State of Texas, acting directly or in concert with others.
 - 1.2 Disrupting or withdrawing the children from the school or daycare facility where the children are presently enrolled.
 - 1.3 Hiding or secreting the children from the other parent or changing the children's current place of residence.
 - 1.4 Disturbing the peace of the children.
 - 1.5 Making disparaging remarks regarding the other party or the other party's family in the presence of or within hearing of the children.
 - 1.6 Discussing with the children, or in the presence of this children, any litigation related to the children or the other party.
 - 1.7 If this is an original divorce action, permitting an unrelated adult with whom either party has an intimate or dating relationship to remain in the same residence with the children between the hours of 10:00P.M. AND 7:00A.M.
2. **CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES DURING THE CASE.** Both parties are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:
 - 2.1 Intentionally communicating in person or in any other manner including telephone or another electronic voice transmission, video chat, in writing or electronic messaging, with the other party by use of vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language, or in a coarse or offensive manner, with the intent to annoy or alarm the other party.
 - 2.2 Threatening the other party in person or in any other manner, including by telephone, or another electronic voice transmission, video chat, in writing or electronic messaging (including email, texts and social media) to take unlawful action against any person, intending by this action to annoy or alarm the other party.
 - 2.3 Placing a telephone call, anonymously, at an unreasonable hour, in an offensive or repetitious manner, or without a legitimate purpose of communication with the intent to annoy or alarm the other party.
 - 2.4 Opening or diverting mail, email or any other electronic communication addressed to the other party.
 - 2.5 Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury to the other party or a child of either party.
 - 2.6 Threatening the other party or a child of either party with imminent bodily injury.
 - 2.7 Changing, or attempting to change, the password or access code of any computer, telephone, email or social media of the other party or a child of either party.
 - 2.8 Intercepting or recording the other party's electronic communications.
 - 2.9 Using any password or personal identification number to gain access to the other party's email

account, bank account, social media account or any other electronic account.

3. **PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND USE OF FUNDS DURING DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

- 3.1 Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly destroying, removing, concealing, encumbering, transferring, or otherwise harming or reducing the value of the property of the parties or either party with intent to obstruct the authority of the court to order a division of the estate of the parties in a manner the court deems just and right, having due regard for the rights of each party and any children of the marriage.
- 3.2 Intentionally misrepresenting or refusing to disclose to the other party or to the court, on proper request, the existence, amount, or location of any tangible or intellectual property of the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information.
- 3.3 Intentionally or knowingly damaging or destroying tangible or intellectual property of the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information.
- 3.4 Intentionally or knowingly tampering with tangible or intellectual property of the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information and causing pecuniary loss or substantial inconvenience to the other party.
- 3.5 Selling, transferring, assigning, mortgaging, encumbering, or in any other manner alienating any property of the parties or either party, regardless of whether the property is personal property, real property, or intellectual property, and regardless of whether the property is separate or community, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- 3.6 Incurring any indebtedness, other than legal expenses in connection with this suit, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- 3.7 Making withdrawals from any checking or savings account in any financial institution for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- 3.8 Spending any money in either party's possession or subject to either party's control for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- 3.9 Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner for any purpose from any retirement, profit-sharing, pension, death, or other employee benefit plan, employee savings plan, individual retirement account or Keogh account of either party, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- 3.10 Signing or endorsing the other party's name on any negotiable instrument, check, or draft, including a tax refund, insurance payment, and dividend, or attempting to negotiate any negotiable instrument payable to the other party without the personal signature of the other party.
- 3.11 Taking any action to terminate or limit credit or charge cards in the name of the other party.
- 3.12 Entering, operating, or exercising control over a motor vehicle in the possession of the other party.
- 3.13 Discontinuing or reducing the withholding for federal income taxes from either party's wages or salary.
- 3.14 Terminating or in any manner affecting the service of water, electricity, gas, telephone, cable television, or other contractual service, including security, pest control, landscaping, or yard maintenance at the residence of either party or in any manner attempting to withdraw any deposit paid in connection with any of those services.
- 3.15 Entering any safe deposit box in the name of or subject to the control of the parties or either party, whether individually or jointly with others.
- 3.16 Excluding the other party from the use and enjoyment of a specifically identified residence of the other party.


4. **PERSONAL AND BUSINESS RECORDS IN DIVORCE CASE.** "Records" include email or other digital or electronic data, wherever stored. If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

- 4.1 Destroying, disposing of or altering any family records, property records, financial records, business records or any records of income, debts, or other obligations, including a canceled check, deposit slip and other records from a financial institution, a record of credit purchases or cash advances, tax returns and a financial statement.


- 4.2 Intentionally falsifying any writing or record, including an electronic record, relating to the property of either party.
 - 4.3 Destroying, disposing of or altering any email, text message, video message or chat message or other electronic data or electronically stored information relevant to the subject matter of the suit for dissolution of marriage, regardless of whether the information is stored on a hard drive, in a removable storage device, in cloud storage or in another electronic storage medium.
 - 4.4 Modifying, changing or altering the native format or metadata of any electronic data or electronically stored information relevant to the subject matter of the suit for dissolution of marriage, regardless of whether the information is stored on a hard drive, in a removable storage device, in cloud storage or in another electronic storage medium.
 - 4.5 Deleting any data or content from any social network profile used or created by either party or a child of the parties.
5. **INSURANCE IN DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:
- 5.1 Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all or any part of the cash surrender value of life insurance policies on the life of either party or a child of the parties.
 - 5.2 Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance on the life of either party or a child of the parties.
 - 5.3 Canceling, altering, failing to renew or pay premiums on, or in any manner affecting the level of coverage that existed at the time they suit was filed of any life, casualty, automobile, or health insurance policy insuring the parties' property or persons, including a child of the parties.
6. **PROTECTION OF PETS AND COMPANION ANIMALS.** Both parties are to refrain from harming, threatening or interfering with the care, custody or control of a pet or companion animal that is possessed by a person protected by this order or by a member of the family or household of a person protected by this order.
7. **SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS IN DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are specifically authorized to do the following:
- 7.1 To engage in acts reasonable and necessary to conduct that party's usual business.
 - 7.2 To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in connection with this suit.
 - 7.3 To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable and necessary living expenses for food, clothing, shelter, transportation and medical care.
 - 7.4 To make withdrawals from accounts in financial institutions only for the purposes authorized by this order.
8. **SERVICE AND APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER.**
- 8.1 The Petitioner shall attach a copy of this order to the original petition and to each copy of the petition.
 - 8.2 This order is effective upon the filing of the original petition and shall remain in full force and effect as a temporary restraining order for fourteen days after the date of the filing of the original petition. If no party contests this order by presenting evidence at a hearing on or before fourteen days after the date of the filing of the original petition, this order shall continue in full force and effect as a temporary injunction until further order of the court. This order will terminate and will no longer be effective once the court signs a final order.
9. **EFFECT OF OTHER COURT ORDERS.** If any part of this order is different from any part of a protective order or temporary restraining order that has already been entered or is later entered, the protective order/temporary restraining order provisions prevail. Any part of this order not changed by some later order remains in full force and effect until the court signs a final order.

10. **PARTIES ENCOURAGED TO MEDIATE.** The parties are encouraged to settle their disputes amicably without court intervention. The parties are encouraged to use alternative dispute methods, such as mediation, to resolve the conflicts that may arise in this lawsuit. Mediation may be required by the court to which the case is assigned, and the parties are ordered to comply with any such requirement.
11. **BOND WAIVED.** It is ORDERED that the requirement of a bond is waived.


THIS WALKER COUNTY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CHILDREN, PROPERTY AND CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE AND TIME A PARTY RECEIVES NOTICE HEREOF.



David Moorman
District Judge
12th Judicial District



Hal R. Ridley
District Judge
278th Judicial District



Tracy Sorensen
Presiding Judge
Walker County Court at Law