

ROCKWALL MUNICIPAL COURT STANDING ORDERS

STANDING ORDER NO. 8—COURT SETTINGS AND CONTINUANCES

A. Court Settings

A Defendant or attorney of record for a Defendant may, without posting bond, request a court setting on a “Plea”, “Pre-trial,” “Juvenile and Minor,” or “Attorney Pre-Trial” docket if no warrant has been issued.

A Defendant who appears at the Court Clerk’s window may, without posting bond, obtain a setting on the Court’s “Show Cause” or “Indigency” docket if the Defendant indicates the Defendant is financially unable to satisfy the Court’s judgment, even if a Capias Pro Fine warrant has been issued.

Addition of cases to a court docket should be requested at least 24 hours in advance of the court docket to which the matter is sought to be added. All requests made to the Court Clerk to add a case to a court docket will be granted by the Court Clerk unless the Court Clerk determines that adding the case to the docket requested would interfere with court operations and functions.

The Court Clerk shall defer preparing an Alias Capias (arrest) warrant for a Defendant who fails to appear for a court setting for a period of 24 hours following the date on which a Defendant failed to appear.

B. Continuances

Any motion to continue a court setting (other than a bench or jury trial setting) must be made in writing and filed with the Court at least 72 hours before the date of the court setting for which a continuance is sought. Any motion to continue a court setting (other than a bench or jury trial setting) made less than 72 hours before the setting for which a continuance is sought will be denied. Any motion to continue a court setting (other than a bench or jury trial setting) made at the Court Clerk’s window must be made within the period described above.

Any motion to continue a bench or jury trial setting must be made in writing and filed with the Court at least 21 days before the date of the trial setting for which a continuance is sought. Any motion to continue a bench or jury trial setting not made at 21 days in advance of the date of the trial setting, absent extraordinary circumstances, will be denied. Any motion to continue a bench or jury trial setting made at the Court Clerk’s window must be made within the period described above.

Any party may obtain one continuance of a court setting in a case, including a bench or jury trial setting, without agreement of the opposing party and without being required to post a bond. Any subsequent request by the same party in the same matter to continue a court setting must be submitted to the presiding judge for approval and supported by a statement of the party seeking the continuance showing good cause for the request.