

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
247TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**STANDING ORDER REQUIRING ATTACHMENT OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
FOR STATEMENTS OF INABILITY TO AFFORD PAYMENT OF COURT COSTS**

For cases in the 247th District Court, any Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs (or other such named motion, hereinafter the "Statement"), filed pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 145 or Tex. R. App. P. 20.1 seeking waiver of costs for the preparation of the clerk's record, reporter's record, or payment for a court appointed attorney ad litem must attach evidence of inability to afford costs.

The Declarant (person filing the Statement) is hereby ORDERED to attach to the Statement the following evidence unless the Statement indicates these items do not exist:

1. Items listed under Tex. R. Civ. P. 145(e);
2. Statements for prior three months for all bank records for accounts to which the Declarant has the ability to draw funds;
3. Statements for prior three months of all investment and retirement accounts to which the declarant has access;
4. Pay stubs, and any other records of income (including from investments, trusts, etc.), for the prior three months;
5. Records evidencing qualification for, or receipt of, any public assistance or benefits by Declarant (e.g., SNAP, Medicaid, unemployment, welfare, etc.);
6. Statements for prior three months evidencing monthly expenses listed on Statement (if a monthly expense is easily identifiable on another record, like a bank or credit card statement, a separate statement just for that one expense is not needed); and
7. Records evidencing value of property listed (e.g., HCAD appraisal for real property, KBB or NADA estimate for vehicle, current statements showing remaining balance on any loans attached to those properties).

The Declarant is additionally ORDERED to bring at least three copies of the above-required records, pre-marked as exhibits, to any hearing contesting the Declarant's inability to afford payment of court costs.

Failure to follow these orders may result in the court taking an adverse inference that the missing records would disprove the representations made by Declarant, the assignment of zero weight to Declarant's testimony and/or representations in the Statement, or result in the Declarant from being prevented from introducing into evidence materials or information not attached to the Statement.

This standing order shall become effective June 25, 2020.



Judge Janice Berg
Presiding Judge 247th District Court