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CITY OF ROCKPORT TO HOLD AMNESTY PERIOD PRIOR TO WARRANT ROUND UP

ROCKPORT, TX – From now until May 4 individuals who have outstanding warrants with the City of Rockport's Municipal Court may voluntarily come forward during this amnesty period and settle their business without additional penalties or fear of arrest. This gives people an opportunity to avoid being arrested at their job or home in front of co-workers, family and friends.

There are approximately 6300 outstanding warrants totaling $2.1 million for citations including traffic violations, unpaid parking tickets, general misdemeanor criminal cases, failure to appear in Municipal Court, and other violations of municipal ordinances, i.e. the City of Rockport.

"This is not a new program for the City," noted Municipal Court Judge Diana McGinnis. "The last time we had an amnesty program was just prior to the hurricane.

"Our plan is to reduce the number of warrants outstanding and lessen the stigma of being picked up by the police," she added.

All individuals with active warrants were sent notifications to their last known mailing address. During this amnesty period, Municipal Court may waive the "Failure to Appear" fine, which is over $300, but not court costs. Additionally, an alphabetical list may be found on the City's web site:

https://cityofrockport.com/DocumentCenter/View/14213/April-2019-Warrant-Listing .

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Payments can be made in person at the Municipal Court offices at 402 E. Laurel Monday through Friday from 8 am – noon and 1 -5 pm. through May 2. The Court offices will be open from 8 am – 6 pm on Friday, May 3 and from 8 am 4 pm on Saturday, May 4. An alternative to appearance is usage of the City's online payment program https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/rockporttx/court/search.

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