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§ IN THE COUNTY COURT
§ AT LAW
§ HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER

After due consideration and in order to maximize judicial efficiency and economy, this Court is of the opinion that delinquent tax collection cases filed under Ch. 31-34 of the Texas Property Tax Code in this Court are exempt from the mandatory disclosure requirements set out in TRCP 194, et seq.

WHEREAS, section (a) of TRCP Rule 194.1 provides that:

“(a) Duty to Disclose. Except as exempted by Rule 194.2(d) or as otherwise agreed by the parties or ordered by the court, a party must, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to the other parties the information or material described in Rule 194.2, 194.3, and 194.4.”

Thereby establishing a method for Courts to enter Orders in order to waive the application of this section in specific circumstances; and,


WHEREAS, this Court finds that such a circumstance warrants such waiver as it relates to delinquent tax collecting lawsuits filed under Ch. 31-34 of the Texas Property Tax Code; and,

WHEREAS, such waiver is only extended to the mandatory requirement of such provisions such that any party that is duly served discovery request under these provisions by the opposing party will still be fully and completely obligated to timely and, consistent with the requirements of the TRCP, fully answer any such party initiated discovery requests; and,

WHEREAS, this waiver can be discontinued at any time by this Court in the same manner;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that from the day executed below until such time as it is discontinued, all delinquent tax collection lawsuits filed under Ch. 31-34 of the Texas Property Tax Code and assigned to this Court, and the parties therein, shall be exempt from the mandatory nature of the disclosure rules set out in TRCP 194 et seq.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this the 30th day of November, 2021.



Clay Harrison
Presiding Judge