

JUDGE’S STANDING ORDER NO. 16
MEDICAL RELEASE OF INMATES

On this date, the Court entered the following **ORDER** with respect to medical release of City of Amarillo inmates from the Randall County Jail:

A. CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION; HOLD RELEASED

In the event a City of Amarillo inmate at the Jail develops, in the opinion of the Jail supervisor or medical director, a serious medical condition which requires hospitalization or medical treatment outside the Jail, a Jail supervisor will take the following steps:

1. *During the Court’s business hours.* If the need for hospitalization or outside treatment occurs during business hours, the supervisor will contact the Court prior to transporting or releasing the inmate to obtain an order from a Judge. The Judge will advise the supervisor at that time of any continuing obligation the inmate has with regard to the inmate’s charges, and the Jail staff will advise the inmate whether there is a continuing obligation remaining. If a personal bond is set, the Jail staff will advise the inmate of the return date on the bond and give a copy of the bond to the inmate before release.
2. *After business hours.* If the need for hospitalization or outside treatment occurs after business hours, the supervisor may authorize the transport or release of the inmate without a Judge’s order. The supervisor will contact the Court on the next business day to advise a Judge of the circumstances of the release. The Judge will then enter appropriate orders to the Jail regarding the inmate’s status.

B. SEVERABILITY

1. If any provision of this standing order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or application of this order, which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this standing order are severable.
2. The standing order set forth herein is applicable to criminal, civil and administrative proceedings heard in the Amarillo Municipal Court.
3. This rule shall not be construed so as to enlarge, diminish, modify or alter the jurisdiction, power or authority of the Municipal Court of the City of Amarillo.

C. AVAILABILITY

A copy of this local rule shall be available in the courtroom of the Amarillo Municipal Court and on the City of Amarillo Municipal Court website, which may be accessed at <https://www.amarillo.gov/court>.

IT IS SO ORDERED. Signed and Entered this 18th day of March, 2024.



Laura Hamilton
Presiding Judge