

**JUDGE'S STANDING ORDER NO. 12**  
**STATE MANDATED TOBACCO COURSES**

On this date, the Court entered the following **ORDER** with respect to state-mandated tobacco courses:

**A. APPROVED COURSE REQUIRED**

Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.253, upon conviction for possession, purchase, consumption or receipt of cigarettes, e-cigarettes or tobacco products by a minor, a defendant will be ordered to complete an e-cigarette and tobacco awareness course that has been approved by the State Commissioner of Health.

**B. COURSE UNAVAILABLE**

In the event the approved course is canceled after a defendant has registered for and tried to attend the course, the Program Coordinator may assign an online tobacco awareness course to be completed by the defendant as community service hours, as provided by Texas Health and Safety Code §161.253(c). The online course will count for 8 hours of community service.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** Signed and Entered this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.



Sonya Letson  
Presiding Judge