

Peace Bonds Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on peace bonds. A peace bond is “a bond required by a court from a person who has breached or threatened to breach the peace.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th ed.*) Justice Courts issue peace bonds in Texas to help protect someone who has been threatened, but no harm has yet occurred. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Related guides: Protective Orders, Temporary Orders, TROS, and Injunctions

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP)

- Ch. 7 Proceedings Before Magistrates to Prevent Offenses
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/html/CR.7.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

TDCAA Code of Criminal Procedure KFT 9606 .T44

- Ch. 7 Proceedings Before Magistrates to Prevent Offenses CCP §7.02 *et seq* Peace Bonds

TDCAA Criminal Laws of Texas KFT 9206 C7

- CCP §7.01 *et seq* Peace Bonds

Texas Criminal Codes & Rules Annotated KFT 1761 .A29 T49

- CCP §7.02 *et seq* Peace Bonds

Texas Jurisprudence KFT 1265 .T48

- Vol. 18 §31 Appearance and Peace Bonds in Proceedings Before Magistrate to Prevent Offenses
- Vol. 18 §32 Magistrate’s Determination to Discharge Accused or Hold for Further Proceedings

Texas Practice Series REF KFT 1280 .T4

- Vol. 7A
 - §87.3 Bail Bond Pending Peace Bond Hearing
 - §87.4 Requiring Peace Bond
 - §87.6 Peace Bond
 - §87.7 Order-Surety Surrenders Principal

West’s Texas Forms REF KFT 1268 .W47

- Vol. 10 §33.2 Bond of Justice of the Peace

Online Resources

Forms – Peace Bonds (TJCTC) (*Search using CTRL+F*)
<https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/forms.html>

- Peace Bond – Appearance Bond <https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:879aaf4c-bb61-4349-8df0-e790ac968a56/Appearance%20Bond%20-%20Peace%20Bond.docx>
- Peace Bond – Application <https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:317117c3-12cb-4f74-9801-7f4182ad0759/Application%20-%20Peace%20Bond.docx>
- Peace Bond – Hearing Order <https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:f348b55e-60bb-4882-ac7e-966849956c5d/Hearing%20Order%20-%20Peace%20Bond.docx>
- Peace Bond – Summons <https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:5baa31b4-7044-42ef->

[b930-a27d94bf171c/Summons%20-%20Peace%20Bond.docx](https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:b930-a27d94bf171c/Summons%20-%20Peace%20Bond.docx)

- Peace Bond – Warrant <https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:8bf4e492-3306-4206-858c-a6e95b7c1e60/Warrant%20-%20Peace%20Bond.docx>
- Peace Bond <https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:62014653-ef22-43f3-94f9-450b7837a26c/Peace%20Bond.docx>

Peace Bonds (Texas Law Help)

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/peace-bonds>

Protective Order? Restraining Order? Peace Bond?

<https://lawlibrary.traviscountytexas.gov/images/pdf/tc-pr-safety-info-001-po-tro-peace-bond-2022-02.pdf>

Tarrant County Justice of the Peace Courts

<https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts.html>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)