

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE INTEREST OF

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MINOR CHILD(REN)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

### **ORDER FOR PARENTING COORDINATION SERVICES**

Pursuant to Section 153.605, Texas Family Code, the Court finds that there is good cause shown and it is in the best interest of the child(ren) the subject of this suit that a parenting coordinator be appointed. It is ORDERED that the Harris County Domestic Relations Office, Family Court Services Division, "DRO" is appointed to provide parenting coordination services.

#### **Authority of Parenting Coordinator**

Parenting Coordination is for the purpose of assisting the parties in resolving parenting issues pursuant to Subchapter K, Chapter 153, Texas Family Code. The duties of the parenting coordinator are limited to matters that aid the parties in: identifying disputed issues; reducing misunderstandings; clarifying priorities; exploring possibilities for problem solving; developing methods of collaboration in parenting; developing a parenting plan; understanding parenting plans and reaching agreements about parenting issues to be included in a parenting plan; complying with the Court's order regarding conservatorship or possession of and access to the child; implementing parenting plans; obtaining training regarding problem solving, conflict management, and parenting skills; and settling disputes regarding parenting issues and reaching proposed joint resolution or statement of intent regarding those disputes.

Parenting coordination is private, confidential, and privileged, except as provided by applicable law. IT IS ORDERED that the parenting coordinator shall not be a witness, and the parenting coordinator's records may not be subpoenaed or used as evidence. Nothing in this order shall serve to release the parenting coordinator from the legal obligation to report child, elder, or disability abuse. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no subpoenas, citation, writs, or other process shall be served at or near the location of any parenting coordination session on any person entering, leaving, or attending any parenting coordination session.

The Parenting Coordinator may not modify any order, judgment, or decree. If agreements are made that require legal processing, representing attorneys or pro se parties will process the agreements through appropriate legal procedures. The Court may remove the Parenting Coordinator on the request and agreement of all parties, on the request of the parenting coordinator or on the motion of a party, if good cause is shown.

**Compensation For Parenting Coordination Services**

The DRO is authorized to collect a fee as compensation pursuant to Section 153.609, Texas Family Code. Using the sliding scale below, each party is ORDERED to pay their fee by cash, cashier’s check, money order, or credit card to the Harris County Domestic Relations Office, 1310 Prairie, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002 within 10 days of this Order. This fee is compensation for a maximum of six (6) sessions. Additional compensation based on the fee schedule below is required if parenting coordination sessions are extended. Petitioner’s gross annual income is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Respondent’s gross annual income is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Intervenor’s gross annual income is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A party’s income is subject to verification by the Domestic Relations Office.

Party’s Gross Income is \$20,000 or Less	Party’s Gross Income is \$20,001 to 35,000	Party’s Gross Income is \$35,001 to \$50,000	Party’s Gross Income \$50,001 to \$75,000	Party’s Gross Income \$75,001 to \$125,000	Party’s Gross Income \$125,001 & more
\$75.00	\$125.00	\$175.00	\$250.00	\$325.00	\$400.00

**Participation in Parenting Coordination**

The parties are ordered to participate in the parent coordination process and to cooperate with the parent coordinator to the greatest extent possible. The first parenting coordination session shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. If no agreed-upon date for the first parenting coordination session can be scheduled within thirty (30) days, then the Parenting Coordinator shall select a date within forty-five (45) days and all parties shall appear as directed by the Parenting Coordinator. The duration, frequency, and parties in attendance of each parenting coordination session shall be left to the discretion of the Parenting Coordinator.

**Report of Parenting Coordinator**

The Parenting Coordinator shall submit a written status report to the Court, the parties and their representing attorneys every sixty (60) days or as requested by the Court. The report must be limited to a statement of whether the parenting coordination should continue.

Signed On: \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

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JUDGE PRESIDING

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER/MOVANT

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTORNEY FOR INTERVENOR

AMICUS ATTORNEY

A copy of this Order was sent to the Domestic Relations Office on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ by  
Deputy District Clerk \_\_\_\_\_.

**PARENTING COORDINATION SERVICES - INFORMATION SHEET**

Separation date \_\_\_\_\_

Divorce date \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITIONER:**

**RESPONDENT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITIONER'S Attorney:**

**RESPONDENT'S Attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN: Name**

**Date of Birth**

**With whom primarily residing**

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Amicus Attorney:**

**OTHER PARTY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL DECISIONS PENDING:**     Pre-divorce or  Post-divorce or  Never Married

_____	Dissolution of marriage
_____	Child Support:
_____	Conservatorship:
_____	Parent to establish primary residence:
_____	Parental access:
_____	Relocation:
_____	Modification:
_____	Enforcement:

Is a Protective Order in place:    \_\_\_ yes    \_\_\_ no