



**NUMBER 13-24-00011-CV**

**COURT OF APPEALS**

**THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI – EDINBURG**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF  
ERICA EDITH ALONZO AND JOSE MANUEL FIGUEROA  
AND IN THE INTEREST OF J.J.F., A CHILD**

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**On appeal from the County Court at Law No. 2  
of Hidalgo County, Texas.**

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

**Before Justices Longoria, Silva, and Peña  
Memorandum Opinion by Justice Peña**

This matter is before the Court on appellants' first and second motion for extension of time to file notice of appeal. We now deny the motions and the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

On September 14, 2023, the trial court entered an order granting motion for judgment nunc pro tunc and corrected judgment. On October 13, 2023, appellants filed a

motion to reconsider the trial court's judgment. On January 4, 2024, appellants filed a notice of appeal.

On January 5, 2024, the Clerk of this Court notified appellants that it appeared that the appeal was not timely perfected. Appellants were advised that the appeal would be dismissed if the defect was not corrected within ten days from the date of receipt of the Court's directive. On January 11, 2024, appellants filed a motion for extension of time to file a notice of appeal.

Appellants' motion for extension of time to file a notice of appeal was filed more than fifteen days after the deadline for filing the notice of appeal and was untimely. TEX. R. APP. P. 26.3. We are to construe the rules of appellate procedure reasonably and liberally so that the right to appeal is not lost by imposing requirements not absolutely necessary to effectuate the purpose of a rule. See *Verburgt v. Dorner*, 959 S.W.2d 615, 616–17 (Tex. 1997). Nevertheless, we are prohibited from enlarging the scope of our jurisdiction by enlarging the time for perfecting an appeal in a civil case in a manner not provided for by rule. See TEX. R. APP. P. 2; *In re T.W.*, 89 S.W.3d 641, 642 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2002, no pet.).

Appellants' notice of appeal was untimely, and appellants first and second motions for extension of time to file the notice of appeal were also untimely; therefore, we lack jurisdiction over the appeal. Accordingly, we deny both motions and dismiss this cause for want of jurisdiction.

L. ARON PEÑA JR.  
Justice

Delivered and filed on the  
1st day of February, 2024.