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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SHELBY COUNTY, OHIO
GENERAL DIVISION

In Re: Temporary Orders COVID-19 Health Crisis

No: _____

The Common Pleas Court of Shelby County, Ohio makes the following findings of fact and general orders.

Findings of Fact:

On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued a State of Emergency in response to the growing COVID-19 health crisis.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic.

On March 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Shelby County, Ohio determined it necessary to issue a Shelby County Employee Coronavirus Policy to address the emergency situation.

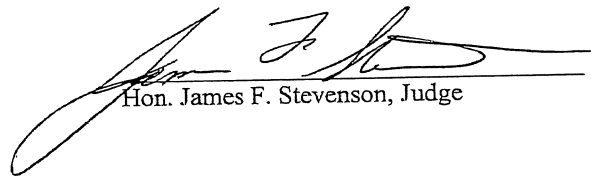
Based on these Findings of Fact, the Shelby County Common Pleas Court General Division has developed and is developing a flexible response to the continuing health crisis. This response is intended to protect the public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of this court.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The local rules of this court may be temporarily modified to allow flexibility to respond to the public health emergency;

2. The security policies of this court may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions;
3. Employee handbooks and policies may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court functions and operations;
4. This court is authorized and will use audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings in the court;
5. The public health emergency may be considered a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary on a case by case basis;
6. This court will have the authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

This order shall remain in effect as long as the court deems necessary in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis.



Hon. James F. Stevenson, Judge