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CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE: Courthouse Operations Under The Exigent Circumstances Created By
COVID-19

This Court issues this General Order in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Ohio. There are multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19, in response to which the Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DeWine, has declared a state of emergency (Executive Order 2020-01D) which, among other restrictions, limits large indoor gatherings. The Governor's Declaration follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "Interim Guidance," recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19, including the review of guidance from state and local health officials. *Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), February 2020*, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html> (last updated February 26, 2020).

Given the outbreak of cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and the severity of risk posed to the public, and given the CDC mandate and the Governor's declaration, and pursuant to a finding the good cause pursuant to O.R.C. § 2945.72 (H), it is hereby **ORDERED** that, effective Monday, March 16, 2020:

- (1) All criminal and traffic matters scheduled for arraignment before any Clermont County Municipal Court judge or magistrate, are **CONTINUED for Thirty (30) Days**, pending further Order of the Court;
- (2) Due to the Court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate number of jurors and the effect of the above public health recommendations on the availability of counsel and Court staff to be present in the courtroom, all jury trials scheduled before any Clermont County Municipal Court judge, are **CONTINUED for Thirty (30) Days**, pending further Order of the Court;
- (3) The time period of the continuances implemented by this General Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, as the Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering the continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial, pursuant to O.R.C. § 2945.73 (H);
- (4) Case-by-case exceptions to the continuances provided herein may be ordered at the discretion of the Court after consultation with counsel;

(5) This **ORDER** does not affect the Court's consideration of civil or criminal motions that can be resolved without oral argument.

The Municipal Courthouse shall remain open. Judicial staff will be available by telephone, mail will be received, and intake desks remain open for filings. The public is encouraged to continue utilizing Court services while following all applicable public health guidelines.


The Court will vacate or amend this General Order no later than **APRIL 16, 2020**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This order is effective upon journalization. This order is in compliance with Sup.R.9, App C. Standard 7. This order applies to the Clermont County Municipal Court, 4430 State Route 222, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

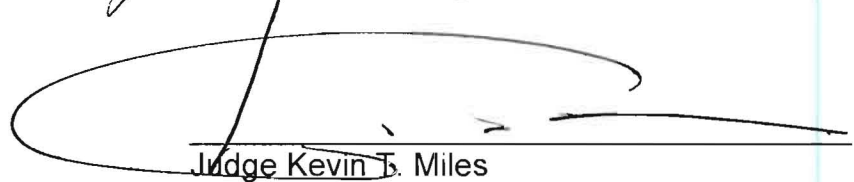
IT IS SO ORDERED.

3/13/2020
Date March 13, 2020



Judge Jesse B. Kramig
Administrative Judge

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Judge Kevin T. Miles

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Date March 13, 2020



Judge Jason E. Nagel

