

STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL COURT

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PRESS RELEASE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the Struthers Municipal Court will remain open but operating under an Emergency Operations Plan until further Order of this Court.

Under these Emergency Conditions, the Court will restrict access to the Court to those parties/litigants with case(s) on the daily docket and those with official business with the Court.

Individuals who need to make payment(s) to the Clerk of Court are encouraged to pay online through our website (www.strutherscourt.com) or mailing a **money order** or **certified check**, to the address above. **Attorneys are encouraged to use fax or mail to deliver all documents to the Clerk of Court.**

SMC EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN – EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 2020:

Traffic / Criminal

- Traffic and Criminal Arraignments will be held on Friday mornings @ 9:30 am, Wednesday March 18 @ 6:00 pm, Wednesday April 1, 2020 @ 6:00 pm, and Wednesday April 15, 2020 pm @6:00 pm.
- Video Arraignments will continue to take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 1:30 pm.
- Scheduled hearings, except for cases with incarcerated Defendants, will be rescheduled and a notice of the new court date will be sent by the Court to the address the court has on file.
- Those who receive a felony summons should report to Court as usual.
- All probationers who are scheduled to report should contact their Probation Officer before reporting in-person. The Probation Department will implement telephone meetings instead of in-person meetings until further notice.

Civil

- There will be a 30 day moratorium on new civil filings.

- Eviction hearings will not take place for at least 30 days. The Court will contact the parties with new dates.
- Small claims, garnishments, revivors, replevins and all other civil cases will not be heard for at least 30 days. The Court will contact the parties to rescheduled.

We will limit the number of people permitted to enter the courthouse in order to keep everyone in our community safe. Only scheduled Defendants, their counsel, and subpoenaed victims/witnesses shall be allowed in the court.

Please call the Court or Clerk of Court with questions using the following telephone numbers:

Website – www.strutherscourt.com

Fax – 330-755-2790

Civil Cases, Small Claims/Evictions – 330-755-1800 ext 113

Traffic Cases – 330-755-1800 ext 142

Criminal Cases – 330-755-1800 ext 118

Probation – 330-755-1800 ext 146

Pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence for Ohio Courts, Sup.R.5(A)(2), the Court may:

1. Suspend or modify the operation of any Local Rule of Practice;
2. Adopt temporary Local Rules of Practice;
3. Utilize alternative methods to conduct hearings, including but not limited to the use of audio/visual technology and/or telephonic hearings;
4. Continue matters sua sponte;
5. Regulate public access to the Court;
6. Modify the terms and provisions of the Employee Personnel Manual; and
7. Do or direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice.