

# IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF FAIRBORN OHIO

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

On March 18, 2020, this Court issued an Order declaring a temporary judicial emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This order was based upon Governor DeWine declaring a state of emergency, the World Health Organization declaring a global pandemic, and President Trump declaring a national emergency. Governor DeWine then further issued a Stay at Home Order requiring all Ohioans to stay in their homes to prevent further spread of COVID-19. In accordance with these Orders, on March 23, 2020, the Court continued nonessential hearings through April 13, 2020, and beyond.

On March 27, 2020, Chief Justice Maureen O'Conner issued an Entry in conformance and complimentary to Am. Sub. H.B. 197. This order and bill are retroactive to March 9, 2020, and toll time limitations and deadlines in the rules written by the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Revised Code, and the Ohio Administrative Code.. These orders will expire when the emergency period ends and Executive Order 2020-01D expires, or on July 30, 2020, whichever is sooner. On March 29, 2020, President Trump extended social distancing guidelines at least through the end of April, 2020.

Therefore, Fairborn Municipal Court hereby continues *to a date to be determined*, all scheduled hearing, trials, and appearances other than: initial hearings for detained Defendants, hearings for violent offenses, felony preliminary hearings, temporary protection order hearings, probation violation hearings, pre-trials that occur via telephone conference wherein all parties have counsel, weddings and any emergency hearing deemed appropriate by the Court. The Court will use discretion to determine if a matter needs addressed in order to protect an individual's health, safety, housing, or prevent other imminent, serious harm, that cannot be remedied otherwise. The Court shall ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of this emergency while continuously assessing the situation to determine if additional precautions are necessary. Time is tolled accordingly.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Beth W. Cappelli, Judge

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