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CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT  
CLERMONT COUNTY, OH

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

This Court issues this Second 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 Wednesday, March 18, 2020:

- (1) The Clermont County Municipal Court hereby waives the presence of all defendants. This **ORDER** does not apply to defendants currently housed in the Clermont County Jail. The Court continues to require the presence of defendants housed in the Clermont County Jail for all Court hearings related to their respective cases,
- (2) Public access to the Clermont County Municipal Courthouse shall be limited to parties to cases, attorneys, alleged victims, subpoenaed witnesses, media, and police officers for all cases where the defendant is incarcerated in the Clermont County Jail,
- (3) For all other criminal cases where the defendant is not incarcerated, only the State of Ohio and defense counsel are permitted in the Clermont County Municipal Courthouse,
- (4) Clermont County Municipal Court will not be conducting any civil marriage ceremonies during this period of time,



(5) For all civil cases, only attorneys are permitted in the Clermont County Municipal Courthouse. With the exception of garnishments, all trials and hearings on civil cases shall be continued for a minimum of 30 days or until otherwise ordered by the court. The court may dispose of any motion that does not require oral argument, including motions for driving privileges on Non-Compliance suspensions, revivors, and summary judgements, by written motion. Any exceptions to the continuance or request for hearing shall be made on a case-by case basis and upon written motion of any party.


The Court will vacate or amend this General Order no later than **APRIL 17, 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.

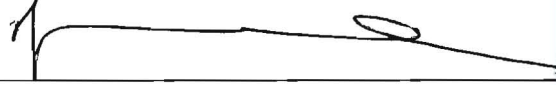
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