

**IN THE CHARDON MUNICIPAL COURT
GEAUGA COUNTY OHIO**

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Chardon Municipal Court

Chardon, Ohio

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS]	
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CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO CoVID-19]	

The following are Orders of this Court as the State of Ohio now moves towards re-opening of businesses and modifications of the Stay at Home order of Governor Michael DeWine, effective May 1, 2020, and a modification of this Court's Order, dated March 25, 2020. This Court's Order of March 13, 2020 remains in full force and effect.

On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio in response to the CoVID19 public health emergency.

On March 15, 2020, the CDC issued guidance that events of more than 50 people be postponed for a period of eight weeks and was modified by the White House Administration on March 16, 2020 to reduce that number to ten people.

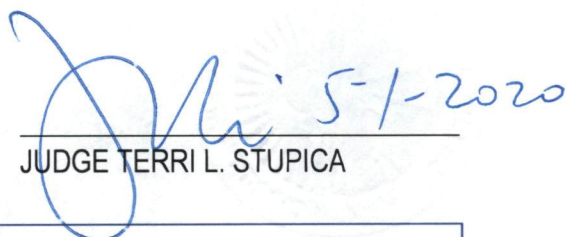
In response to this public health emergency, the following measures are being implemented to minimize the number of persons that need to be in the Chardon Municipal Court. Therefore, effective May 4, 2020:

1. **Criminal Jury Trials and Trials to the Court:** are being scheduled after May 26, 2020;
2. **Arraignments and initial appearances for jailed Defendants:** will be held by video; the Public Defender is permitted in the jail for this purpose. Other attorneys may continue their clients' matters, or choose to speak to their clients in jail, then be present in the Courtroom while the Defendant is seen by video;
3. **Traffic and Criminal Arraignments:** the Court is granting continuances for those who file same; the Court is also permitting tickets that are not normally a waiverable offense to be paid via the waiverable process;
4. **Traffic and Criminal Pretrials and Trials:** the Court is still conducting pretrials; however, the Court is granting continuances, granting motions in absentia and granting pretrial phone conferences with the prosecutors. On the Court's own motion, continuances are hereby granted

pursuant to R.C.2945.72(H) if a speedy trial issue exists, based upon a necessity to protect public health.

5. **Probation:** Effective May 11, 2020, most probation appointments will continue to be conducted by telephone with each Defendant's respective probation officer; however, at the discretion of the individual probation officer, an in person appointment may be scheduled and conducted in city council chambers. The probationer must wear a mask or face covering and comply with social distancing and hygiene requirements; (the City of Chardon is requiring the wearing of a face covering to enter the building and during the extent of time in the building); the probationer will be contacted by the probation officer the day prior to his/her scheduled appointment to assess any possible COVID symptoms, risk of exposure or recent travel, and an alternate plan may be given by the probation officer based upon the assessment; in person appointments will not proceed until clearance by one's physician if he/she presented with COVID symptoms or other possible risk factors; all other terms of the individual probation will remain in full force and effect;
6. **Civil:** All matters that are not being conducted by telephone with the Magistrate, are hereby continued until further order of Court.
7. **Civil Trials, Pretrials, or Small Claims hearings:** No hearings scheduled through May 31, 2020.
8. **Weddings:** No weddings scheduled through May 31, 2020.
9. **Eviction Hearings:** Evictions are being filed, scheduled, and then considered on a case by case basis to ensure that no threats of violence exist, a dangerous situation does not exist, or that criminal activity is involved; otherwise, the cases will likely be continued as to the date the tenant has to vacate;
10. **TO THE PUBLIC ENTERING THE CLERK'S/COURT AREA, MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN TANDEM WITH THE CITY OF CHARDON'S PLAN OF REOPENING.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

 5-1-2020

JUDGE TERRI L. STUPICA

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May 1, 2020
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