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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
GENERAL DIVISION
BROWN COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE: : NO. CN 00000867
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) : (JUDGE SCOTT T. GUSWEILER)
HEALTH CRISIS : :
: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:
: FORECLOSURE CASES AND CIVIL DUTY
: MAGISTRATE HEARINGS

The General Division, Judge Scott T. Gusweiler, of the Brown County Court of Common Pleas makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D “Declaring a State of Emergency” in response to the growing COVID-19 public health emergency.
2. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global “pandemic” requiring “urgent and aggressive action” to control the spread of the virus.
3. On March 11, 2020, the first “community transfer” positive case of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio was confirmed.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas has developed protocol in response to this public health emergency. These protocols are intended to protect public health, maintain essential court functions, and continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All Sheriff’s sales currently scheduled are hereby **STAYED** for 60 days or until further order of the Court. All other orders of sale that have been issued or are subsequently filed are hereby stayed for a period of 60 days or until further order of

the Court. All current and future writs for possession are hereby stayed for a period of 60 days or until further order of the Court. The Brown County Sheriff is ordered to return those orders of sale to the Clerk without execution.

2. All foreclosure sales by Private Selling Officers are hereby **STAYED** for 60 days or until further order of the Court. All other orders of sale or orders of appraisal that have been issued or praecipes for order of appraisal subsequently filed are hereby stayed for a period of 60 days or until further order of the Court. The Brown County Sheriff is ordered to return any orders of appraisal, if incomplete, to the Clerk. Plaintiffs' counsel shall notify the Private Selling Officer of this Order and direct the suspended orders of sale be returned to the Clerk.
3. All civil duty Magistrate hearings (garnishment, replevin, civil forfeiture hearings, judgment debtor examinations) scheduled between March 24, 2020 and May 18, 2020 will be continued. *Ex parte* civil protection order hearings are excluded and will be held.
4. Future requests for an order of garnishment sent to the Court will be **STAYED** for 60 days or until further order of the Court. Garnishment orders already in place will continue to be processed.



JUDGE SCOTT T. GUSWEILER

TO THE CLERK: Please serve the within Order to the following:

1. Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Conference (via e-mail by the Court Administrator)
2. Brown County Sheriff's Office (via box in Clerk's office)
3. Brown County Board of Commissioners, Barry Woodruff, President (via e-mail by the Court Administrator)
4. Brown County Bar Association President (via e-mail by the Court Administrator)
5. Brown County Prosecutor's Office, Zachary A. Corbin, Prosecutor (via e-mail by the Court Administrator)
6. Brown County Press, Wayne Gates, Editor (via e-mail by the Court Administrator)