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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE: 20 MAR 19* AM 11: 25
TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDER * 20-COVID19-001
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 *
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS * MUNICIPAL COURT
BY * ADMINISTRATIVE ENTRY
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The Clark County Municipal Court makes the following Findings of Fact:

The World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 as a pandemic, and the Governor of Ohio has issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency employing preventive and proactive measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to treat those affected.

Based on these Findings of Fact, the Court issues the following Temporary Emergency Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Clark County Municipal Court has developed a continuum of flexible responses to this public health emergency that are designed to protect public health, maintain essential Court functions, and continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted or suspended to allow the Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.

Security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential Court functions.

Personnel policies and procedures may be temporarily enacted, amended, or adjusted to maintain and protect staff in order to ensure essential Court operations are staffed to the fullest extent possible.

Technologies designed to promote the delivery of case processing and Court services at a distance are temporarily authorized as necessary for all actions and proceedings.

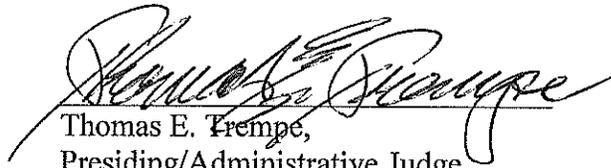
The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary by the assigned Judge on a case-by-case basis.

The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the public health emergency.

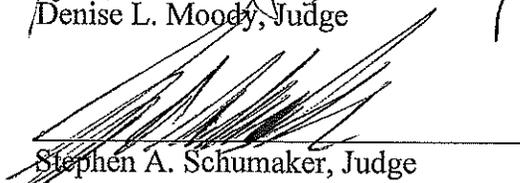
When the emergency subsides, the Court may enter an order declaring a termination of this Temporary Emergency Order and a resumption of normal operations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during this public health emergency, only persons with official business will be permitted to enter the Clark County Offices and Municipal Court Building. This includes parties in a court case, subpoenaed witnesses, crime victims, summoned jurors, attorneys, and other persons conducting official business with the offices of the Clark County Commission, Clark County Probate Court, Clark County Clerk of Court Title Division, Clark County Prosecuting Attorney, Clark County Public Defender, City of Springfield Prosecutor, Clerk of the Clark County Municipal Court, and the Probation Department of the Clark County Municipal Court. Persons who do not have official business to conduct with any of the aforementioned offices should not come to the Building, and they may have their access to the Building restricted during the public health emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person entering the Clark County Offices and Municipal Court Building may be subject to health care screening or non-invasive testing (taking of body temperature using a touch-free thermometer), and exclusion from admission based upon the results of such screening or testing.


Thomas E. Frempe,
Presiding/Administrative Judge


Denise L. Moody, Judge


Stephen A. Schumaker, Judge