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CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

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

This Court issues this Third General Order in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Ohio. This Order is to be read in conjunction with the previous two Orders issued by the Court.

There are multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the United States and in the State of Ohio. 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).*

On March 22, 2020 Ohio Director of Public Health, Dr. Amy Acton, issued a Stay at Home Order (*Director's Order that All Persons Stay at Home Unless Engaged in Essential Work or Activity*). Dr. Acton's Order places additional restrictions on the public's movement and association with others in the interest of preserving the public health. Following Dr. Acton's Order, Governor DeWine issued a Shelter in Place Order to the public.

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 declarations, and pursuant to a finding of good cause pursuant to O.R.C. § 2945.72 (H), it is hereby **ORDERED** that, effective Monday, March 23, 2020:

- (1) Public access to the Clermont County Municipal Courthouse shall be limited to parties to cases (Plaintiffs, the State of Ohio, and Defendants), attorneys, alleged victims, subpoenaed witnesses, media, and police officers;
- (2) The Court will continue to conduct bond hearings, arraignments, and contested hearings for defendants housed in the Clermont County Jail.

- (3) All hearings that involve defendants who are not housed in the Clermont County Jail, shall be continued approximately thirty days. The Court will set a date certain for each continued case. The Court will issue notice of the new date to each defendant, and if represented by counsel, to his or her counsel, by mail.

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.

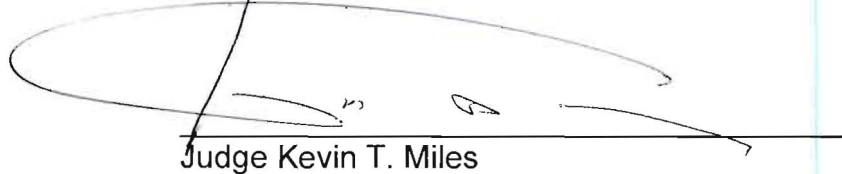
IT IS SO ORDERED.

3/23/2020
Date March 23, 2020



Judge Jesse B. Kramig
Administrative Judge

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Date March 23, 2020



Judge Kevin T. Miles

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Date March 23, 2020



Judge Jason E. Nagel

