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**FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL COURT, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL TEMPORARY ORDERS**                      **RONALD W. RUPPERT, JUDGE**  
**OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES FOR**                      **FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL COURT**                      **DATE: April, 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

This matter having come before the Court, the Court makes the following findings and ORDERS:

On Friday, March 13, 2020, Franklin Municipal Court adopted temporary procedures to protect individuals at Franklin Municipal Court from the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. Specifically, the Court implemented individual screening for symptoms of COVID-19, separation of individuals and measures to protect Court personnel and clerk's office personnel in dealing with the general public.

The Court finds that a state of emergency has been declared by Governor Mike DeWine regarding the public health crisis due to COVID-19. Governor DeWine has issued additional orders as preventative measures in an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. The Court has considered the orders of Governor DeWine, information provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health, among other sources. The Court has also benefited from the advice of healthcare professionals.

On March 16, 2020, the Court met with the Franklin Municipal Court Clerk, City of Franklin Prosecutor, Magistrate for Franklin Municipal Court, Chief Bailiff and the Chief Probation Officer to discuss further options and plans to allow Franklin Municipal Court to continue with its essential functions while providing for the safety of all individuals.

On March 17, 2020, the Court issued Temporary Orders of Practice and Procedure.

On April 27, 2020, Governor DeWine announced changes to Ohio's Response to the Covid-19 Public Health Crisis, commonly known as the Responsible RestartOhio Initiative.

On April 28, 2020, the Ohio Supreme Court issued updated guidelines indicating courts should take into consideration the Guidelines for General Office Environments as set forth in the Responsible RestartOhio Initiative.

Based upon the findings of the Court, the Court issues the following supplemental orders effective Friday, May 1, 2020:

1. The Temporary Orders of Practice and Procedure for Franklin Municipal Court filed March 17, 2020 shall remain in full force and effect;
2. All the court personnel and staff shall follow the Guidelines of Responsible RestartOhio including wearing face coverings;

3. All defendants, parties, attorneys, witnesses and other persons entering the court building and/or the courtroom shall be required to wear a face covering. Exceptions for face coverings will be made in accordance with the guidelines established pursuant to the Responsible RestartOhio Initiative. In the event any person wishes to enter the court building or courtroom without a face covering, the Court will, on a case by case basis, make a decision as to whether or not to grant admittance based upon the request and the reasons therefor.

The Court may amend the policies from time to time in order to protect public health by continuing to maintain essential court functions.

It is further Ordered that the Supplemental Orders of Practice and Procedure shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

  
RONALD W. RUPPERT, JUDGE  
FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL COURT