

**CITY OF FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT
FAIRFIELD, OHIO**

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-001

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

The Judge of the City of Fairfield Municipal Court makes the following Findings of Fact:

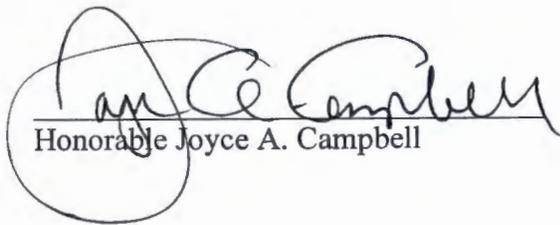
1. On March 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis. The Governor's declaration follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "Interim Guidance," recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19.
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.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the City of Fairfield Municipal Court has developed a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The City of Fairfield Municipal Court Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow the Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. The Court Security Policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential Court functions.
3. The Court authorizes the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.
4. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary by the Judge or Magistrate on a case-by-case basis.
5. All appearances for criminal and traffic cases are limited to the Defendant, victim(s) and defense counsel.
6. If you do not have personal business before the Court, you will not be permitted into the Fairfield Municipal Court Building. Personal business is defined as a warrant for your arrest, a warrant block on your driver's license, or a license forfeiture needing release, driving privileges or release of a vehicle Order.

7. All Jury Trials in civil and criminal matters are hereby suspended for thirty (30) days, or until further Order of the Court.
8. All civil trials or hearings, including Small Claims, are hereby continued for a period of thirty (30) days, or until further Order of the Court.
9. Weekly certified specialized docket status hearings shall be suspended for thirty (30) days, until further order of the Court.
10. 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 declared public health emergency.


Honorable Joyce A. Campbell