

**IN THE CARROLL COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO**

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

The Municipal Court of Carroll County 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.
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 in this area.
4. Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Municipal Court of Carroll County 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:

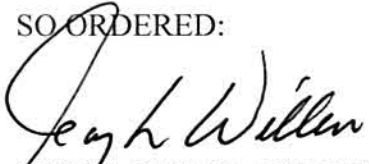
1. The Municipal Court Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. The Municipal Court security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
3. The Municipal Court Employee Handbook provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
4. The Municipal Court authorizes the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.
5. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary by assigned Judges on a case-by-case basis.

6. 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.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

1. The arraignment date for all new general traffic citations will be **every other WEDNESDAY at 1:00PM beginning April 1, 2020.** (SEE ATTACHED) The current arraignment dates on Monday and Thursday are cancelled.
2. All appearances and hearings are limited to attorneys, defendants, witnesses, victims, and people making payments. Individuals that do not have business before the Court will not be permitted in the Courtroom.
3. Unclassified Third offense OVI charges will be arraigned on the Court's next available business day.
4. Incarcerated defendants' arraignment will be held on a daily basis by video. The public will not be permitted into inmate arraignments and initial appearances until further notice.
5. Vehicles that are towed, the Defendant may contact the court for a release. Said release will be provided to the Defendant or be available at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.
6. Effective March 23, 2020, the Court's walk-up window will be open for filings from 10:00AM-12:00Noon; 1:00pm-3:00PM.
7. Payments for fines, costs, and restitution can be made at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. Only an exact amount pre-order of payment or total amount owed will be accepted. The Sheriff's Office will NOT make change.
8. Bonds for traffic tickets can be paid online at www.carrollcountycourt.org instead of coming to court. If you are making payments to the Court and are unable to pay online for any reason, please call the Court at (330) 627-5049 Option 3.
9. All civil and small claims trials, garnishment hearings shall be continued, as deemed necessary by the Court. Eviction hearings will be held on a case by case basis.

SO ORDERED:


JUDGE GARY L. WILLEN

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**CARROLL COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
ARRAIGNMENT DATES**

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 1:00PM

Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 1:00PM

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 1:00PM

Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 1:00PM

Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 1:00PM

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