

IN THE GIRARD MUNICIPAL COURT  
TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

**FILED**  
**MAR 19 2020**  
Girard Municipal  
Court

**IN THE MATTER OF:** ) **JOURNAL 30 PAGE 107**  
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**COURT OPERATIONAL CHANGES** )  
**IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19** ) **JUDGMENT ENTRY**  
)

**WHEREAS**, on Monday March 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Michael Dewine declared a State of Emergency in the State of Ohio in response to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court entered and Order dated March 13, 2020 in regard to the operational changes applicable to the Court during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, since March 13, 2020 there have been several developments concerning the pandemic that have warranted further review of the Court’s initial Order; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety **IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the following is effective immediately concerning the operation of the Girard Municipal Court:

1. The Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency;
2. This public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of ‘just cause’ for continuances deemed necessary by the Court on a case by case basis;
3. In order to limit the number of persons who come into the Courthouse, all appearances before the Court in contested matters are limited to the Plaintiff, Defendant, victim/witnesses under subpoena to an action, the media, and all persons making payments to the Court;
4. All civil cases currently set for jury trial are hereby postponed until further order of the Court;
5. All civil pre-trials are to be conducted telephonically. The Plaintiff shall be responsible for instituting the conference call with all parties and the court;
6. All Eviction and small claims cases will be continued until further Order of the of the Court. All Writs of Eviction are hereby stayed pending further Order of the Court;
7. All misdemeanor traffic arraignments will be rescheduled with the exception of OVI arraignments;
8. All misdemeanor criminal arraignments will be rescheduled with the exception of Domestic Violence and victim driven crimes of violence;
9. All felony initial appearances and preliminary hearings will go forward as scheduled.
10. Criminal and Traffic pre-trails will be rescheduled and/or conducted pursuant to the priority of the case and time factors set forth in the Ohio Revised Code;
11. All criminal and traffic trials to the bench will be rescheduled and/or conducted pursuant to the priority of the case and time factors set forth in the Ohio Revised Code;

12. All criminal and traffic cases currently set for jury trial will proceed as scheduled and conducted pursuant to the priority of the case and time factors set forth in the Ohio Revised Code;
13. All Probation reporting will be done telephonically;
14. Access to the Courthouse is limited to those persons who have business before the Court.
15. This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served upon the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Judicial Conference, The Clerk of Courts of the Girard Municipal Court; Trumbull County Bar Association, The City of Girard Law Department, local Office of the Ohio Public Defender's Office, and placed on the website of the Girard Municipal Court.

**UNTIL FURTHER ORDER**



**Hon. Jeffrey D. Adler**  
**Girard Municipal Court Judge**  
**March 19, 2020**