

**IN THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS MAYOR'S COURT
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

On March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Ohio signed Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.

Wherefore, to protect public health, to maintain essential functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court, the following **IS HEREBY ORDERED**:

1. Mayor's Court Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health crisis.
2. Court security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential functions.
3. Use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings is authorized.
4. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding for good cause shown for continuances deemed necessary on a case-by-case basis.
5. 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 public health emergency.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Magistrate Lawrence R. Hupertz

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