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MUNICIPAL COURT

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF:
THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

JOURNAL ENTRY

BASED UPON CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

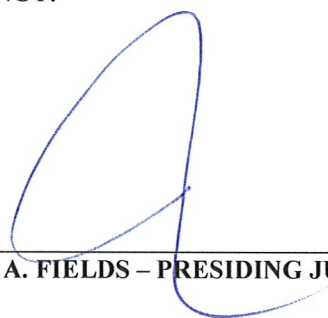
- ON MARCH 9, 2020, OHIO GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE ISSUED EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01D DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (ALSO KNOWN AS “THE CORONAVIRUS”) PANDEMIC
- ON MARCH 11, 2020, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION OFFICIALLY DECLARED COVID-19 TO BE A GLOBAL PANDEMIC, REQUIRING URGENT AND AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS.
- ON MARCH 16, 2020, THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGED FAIRFIELD COUNTY AGENCIES TO “LIMIT GATHERING AND PHYSICAL CONTACT WHILE CONTINUING SERVICES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN A REASONABLE WAY”.

AND BY AGREEMENT OF THE JUDGES OF THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT, THE COURT FINDS IT NECESSARY TO AMEND ITS LOCAL RULES AND MODIFY ITS POLICIES TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS OF PROTECTING ITS EMPLOYEES, LITIGANTS, AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE; AND TO ADMINISTER JUSTICE AND PROTECT INDIVIDUALS’ CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RIGHTS. THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT LOCAL RULES MAY BE TEMPORARILY AND IMMEDIATELY MODIFIED TO ALLOW COURT FLEXIBILITY, WITHIN CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS, IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.
- THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT POLICIES MAY BE TEMPORARILY AND IMMEDIATELY ADJUSTED TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL COURT OPERATIONS.
- THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT AUTHORIZES THE USE OF ALL AVAILABLE VIDEO AND TELEPHONE TECHNOLOGIES FOR ALL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

- **THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT HAS DETERMINED THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IS A GOOD CAUSE FOR CONTINUANCES.**
- **THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT WILL HAVE LAWFUL AUTHORITY, WITHIN CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS, TO DO OR DIRECT TO BE DONE ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE DURATION OF THE DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY.**

UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.



JAMES A. FIELDS – PRESIDING JUDGE