

IN THE EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF:)	JUDGE PATRICK J. GALLAGHER
)	
<u>ORDER DECLARING A JUDICIAL</u>)	
<u>EMERGENCY AND CONTINUITY</u>)	<u>JOURNAL ENTRY</u>
<u>OF OPERATIONS DUE TO COVID-19</u>)	

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 emergency.
2. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak.
3. On March 15, 2020, the Centers For Disease Control issued guidance that “organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.”
4. Due to the volume of cases coming before the Court, there are typically in excess of 50 people within the lobby and courtrooms of the Euclid Municipal Court.
5. Therefore, the Court declares a judicial emergency and makes the following orders regarding the continuity of the operations of the Euclid Municipal Court.
 - a. **Access To Courthouse.** Access to the Euclid Municipal Court shall be restricted to litigants, their attorneys, and witnesses. All other persons not having business before this Court shall not be permitted in the Courthouse without prior approval of the Court. Any person displaying symptoms of illness may be removed by the Court’s Bailiffs.
 - b. **Criminal And Traffic Proceedings.** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2945.71(H), the Court *sua sponte* declares an emergency necessitating an indefinite continuance of all criminal and traffic proceedings with the exception of defendants charged with felonies, defendants held in custody and defendants charged with offenses of violence. Defendants charged with criminal and/or traffic offenses are ordered to contact the Prosecutor at lawclerk@cityofeuclid.com to negotiate a plea resolution which would avoid a personal appearance by defendant. Defendants charged with criminal and/or traffic offenses are ordered to email Defendant’s current address to the Clerk of Court at info@euclidmunicipalcourt.com.
 - c. **Eviction Proceedings.** All eviction proceedings are stayed pending further order of the Court.
 - d. **Other Civil Proceedings.** Litigants are directed to contact the Court to determine the status of scheduled proceedings in civil matters. The Court authorizes the use of audio/visual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings to the extent such technologies are available and practical.

- e. **On-Line Public Docket.** All parties are ordered to monitor the Court's on-line public docket at <http://www.innovaresolutions.com/euclid/index.asp> for future proceedings in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED



JUDGE PATRICK J. GALLAGHER

