

IN THE LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT
LIMA, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO

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LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT

IN RE: TEMPORARY CHANGES TO LOCAL RULE 21 AND ORDER
CONTINUING FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER AND SMALL
CLAIMS ACTIONS.

No. 20 MISC 003

TEMPORARY
MISCELLANEOUS ORDER

This matter came before the Court, *sua sponte*, in light of the Corona Virus situation and the need to take steps to protect court staff and the public.

1. Rule 21 of the Lima Municipal Court Local Rules is temporarily suspended
2. Defendants and complaining witnesses are not required to appear for pre-trial hearings. Defendants and witnesses are encouraged to NOT appear in person for pre-trials.
3. Prosecutors and Defense Counsel SHALL conduct all pretrial hearings by telephone.
4. ALL small claims and forcible entry and detainer (eviction) cases are continued for three weeks and will be rescheduled after that time period.
5. Defendants are encouraged to submit Written Pleas of Not Guilty in all traffic minor misdemeanor offenses. Forms are available on the Court's website or at the Clerk of Courts Office.
6. Persons required to appear in person at the Court are not to bring anyone else to court with them unless absolutely necessary.

This order is subject to review and termination by the Administrative Judge.



DAVID A. RODABAUGH
PRESIDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE



TAMMIE K. HURSH, JUDGE