

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR DEWINE'S STAY
AT HOME ORDER AND DUE TO THE COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS EFFECTIVE AT THE
CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 23, 2020

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VANDALIA MUNICIPAL COURT

ORDER AND ENTRY

1. ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION AND FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, and for the health and safety of the community this Court serves and the Court's employees, it is hereby Ordered that all non-essential court appearances on pending cases before the Court, whether civil or criminal, are continued (unless it can be handled by telephone) until further notice from the Court. Where cases are held by telephone the personal appearance requirement is hereby waived.
2. Essential cases are proceedings necessary to protect a person's health, safety and housing or to prevent any other imminent serious harm that cannot be remedied if not addressed immediately.
3. The Court's current civil docket is continued until dates to be set after May 11, 2020, or later if ordered. This includes evictions, (unless a party being evicted poses a threat of physical harm to another individual occupant of the premises), garnishments, Declaratory Judgments, debtors' exams, any civil pretrials or hearings.
4. Video arraignments will continue from the jail; however, any future traffic or criminal summons will be set for arraignment after April 6, 2020 as deemed non-essential by the Court. Any cases currently set for arraignment and scheduled to appear between March 24, 2020 and April 3, 2020 shall be continued and rescheduled. You will receive a postcard of your next scheduled court appearance.
5. Probation appointments for cases currently active will be conducted by telephone. Personal appearances are not required until further Order of the Court. Any deadlines for classes or assessments that require in-person attendance are hereby extended by 90 days. Show Cause Hearings will be continued.
6. Any new time sensitive civil filings with filing fees can be dropped off at the Courts drop box located in the lobby of the Vandalia Police Department or mailed to the Clerk and will be processed when received and filed.
7. Any Defendants with outstanding warrants for traffic, non-violent misdemeanor offenses and Probation shall be ordered into Court on a summons in lieu of arrest or on or after April 6, 2020.

APPROVED:


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