

**IN THE GIRARD MUNICIPAL COURT  
TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	)	<b>JOURNAL 30 PAGE 143</b>
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<b>COURT OPERATIONAL CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19</b>	)	<b>JUDGMENT ENTRY</b>
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**WHEREAS**, on Monday March 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Michael Dewine declared a State of Emergency in the State of Ohio in response to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court entered an Order dated March 13, 2020 in regard to the operational changes applicable to the Court during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, since March 13, 2020 there have been several developments concerning the pandemic that have warranted further review of the Court's initial Order; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020 this Court entered a subsequent Order in regard to the operational changes applicable to the Court during the pandemic:

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety **IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the following is effective immediately (April 28, 2020) concerning the operation of the Girard Municipal Court:

1. The Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency;
2. **No person shall enter the Courthouse without wearing a facial mask covering the mouth and nose;**
3. **No more than 10 persons shall be permitted in the courtroom at any time and all parties shall maintain a distance of six feet between each other;**
4. This public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of 'just cause' for continuances deemed necessary by the Court on a case by case basis;
5. In order to limit the number of persons who come into the Courthouse, all appearances before the Court in contested matters are limited to the Plaintiff, Defendant, victim/witnesses under subpoena to an action, the media, and all persons making payments to the Court;
6. All civil pre-trials are to be conducted telephonically. The Plaintiff shall be responsible for instituting the conference call with all parties and the court;
7. All Eviction and small claims cases will go forward as currently scheduled. Any issuance of Writs of Eviction will be determined by the Court;
8. All criminal and traffic arraignments will go forward as scheduled. The Bailiffs shall ensure that no more than 10 persons are in the courtroom at any given time and all persons are to maintain a distance of six feet between each other;

9. All criminal pre-trials, felony initial appearances and preliminary hearings will go forward as scheduled;
10. All criminal and traffic trials to the bench will go forward as scheduled;
11. All civil, criminal and traffic cases wherein a jury trial has been demanded are hereby continued to a date to be set by the Court after July 30, 2020;
12. All Probation reporting will be done telephonically;
13. This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served upon the Trumbull County Bar Association, The City of Girard Law Department, local Office of the Ohio Public Defender's Office, and placed on the website of the Girard Municipal Court.

**UNTIL FURTHER ORDER**



**Hon. Jeffrey D. Adler**  
**Girard Municipal Court Judge**  
**April 28, 2020**

