

IN THE HARDIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT KENTON, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF Jury Trials

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED, that the following rules will apply to all jury trials during the COVID-19 crisis;

- 1. No spectators will be allowed in the building during a jury trial;
- 2. Only necessary parties will be allowed in the Court, which are the Plaintiff, Defendant, and Counsel, as well as the jury;
- 3. All witnesses will check in with the Clerk and will be placed in the counsel chambers to await their call into Court;
- 4. No parties will be allowed to sit in the hallway during the trial;
- 5. No spectators or family members will be allowed in the City Building;
- 6. If there are any demonstrators at any jury trial they will not be allowed on City property other than the sidewalks to the north and east side of the City Building so as not to violate any social distancing policies concerning the jury trial; and
- 7. This order shall stand for all jury trials before the Court until further order of the Court upon the termination of the COVID-19 emergency.

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IN THE HARDIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT Kenton, Ohio

IN THE MATTER OF Hardin County Municipal Court COVID-19

ORDER

As the Judge, the health and safety of our citizens and the staff of the Hardin County Municipal Court is of paramount importance. In the interest of public health and due to the recent developments concerning the COVID-19 crisis, I am adopting the following measures in order to protect and promote the health of the staff of the Court and the citizens in general. To that end, the following measures shall be effective immediately and shall continue until further order of the Court.

- 1. All arraignments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays will remain as scheduled. Only Defendants who have a case before the Court and their counsel will be permitted in the hallway or in the Courtroom.
- 2. All criminal and traffic pre-trials will occur by telephone between the State and Defense counsel.

 Defense counsel shall initiate the pre-trial by telephone at the appointed time and remain available should the State not be available at the appointed time.
- 3. All civil pre-trials shall be conducted by telephone with the Court. Plaintiff's counsel shall initiate the telephone conference with Defendant/Defense counsel and the Court.
- 4. Jury trials shall be suspended until further order of the Court unless the Defendant is incarcerated on the pending charge.
- 5. All probation department appointments shall be conducted by telephone unless otherwise directed by the probation department. Probationers shall check with the probation department before appearing in person.
- 6. All fine and cost hearings scheduled between now and June 1, 2020 shall be rescheduled by the Court to a later date. Notice of new date will be sent by regular U.S. mail. All individuals are expected to make their agreed payments and then appear in person on the newly scheduled date and time. Payments can be made through the Court's website, www.hardincourts.com/MCSite.
- 7. All other scheduled hearings shall remain as scheduled. Continuances of hearings will be considered on a case by case basis. During this time, parties may fax continuance requests to (419)674-4096. All requests must include case number.
- 8. During this time, only individuals who have personal business with the Court will be permitted in the hall where the Court is located.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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