

IN THE MAUMEE MUNICIPAL COURT, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO

**EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IN
RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
(CORONAVIRUS) PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

Judge Daniel G. Hazard of the Maumee Municipal Court in Lucas County, Ohio makes the following Findings of Fact:

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 crisis.
2. On March 12, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued an order limiting or prohibiting mass gatherings in the State of Ohio.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, Judge Daniel G. Hazard has developed a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all victims, defendants and other individuals or entities subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

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. The Court security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
3. The Court Employee Handbook provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
4. The Court may authorize the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.

5. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary on a case-by-case basis.
6. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.
7. Attorneys are encouraged to pre-try cases by telephone with the Prosecutor's Office for any non-jailable offenses, either traffic and/or criminal. Defendant's personal appearance for non-violent offenses is WAIVED.
8. Most unclassified drivers license infractions will be considered waivable and able to be resolved through the traffic violations bureau without a mandatory court appearance.
9. Defendant's appearance at their first pre-trial for non-violent offenses is waived so long as they have posted bond and are not in custody.
10. The Court will allow any non-jailable offense to be pleaded by Agreed Entry.
11. Everyone entering the Municipal Building who does not possess a key card SHALL sign in and out at the Security desk; they shall state their name, destination, and time in.
12. All individuals required to make payments on restitution, fines and costs are encouraged to utilize the website (www. https://www.maumee.org/municipal_court/) or call our call center (1-800-300-8007) to make a payment.

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HON. DANIEL G. HAZARD