

**IN THE ASHVILLE MAYOR'S COURT TRAFFIC  
AND CRIMINAL DIVISION  
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO**

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

The Magistrate of the Ashville Mayor's Court makes the following Findings of Facts:

1. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health emergency.
2. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.
3. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the first "community transfer" positive case of COVID- 19 in the State of Ohio was confirmed.
4. On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued a "stay at home" order for all "non-essential residents" to stay home effective Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 11:59 PM through Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

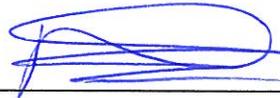
Based upon these Findings of Facts, the Ashville Mayor's Court developed protocol in response to this public health emergency. These protocols are intended to protect public health, maintain essential court functions, and continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The Mayor's Court Local Rules of Court may be temporarily modified to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. The Mayor's Court policies may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
3. The Mayor's Court has determined the public health emergency is good cause for continuances.
4. The Magistrate has agreed starting Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Mayor's Court hours of operation are modified to limited access. This access will be through non-human to human contact. The Mayor's Court can be contacted through phone, email, drop box, or mail.

5. All court arraignments, compliance hearings, and trials April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 through May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be continued to a future date.

**SO ORDERED.**



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**HON. BRIAN GARVINE  
ASHVILLE MAYOR'S COURT MAGISTRATE**

**March 24, 2020**