

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
TWENTY SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF MISSOURI**

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| IN Re: |) | COVID-19 ORDER 10 |
| |) | Div: 1 |
| COVID-19 |) | Summons, Writs, Evictions and |
| |) | Service of Process |
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WHEREAS, national, state and local emergencies have been declared following the classification of COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Missouri has suspended all in-person proceedings in all appellate and circuit courts not falling within a recognized exception – including all associate, family, juvenile, municipal, and probate divisions, through April 3, 2020, which may be extended by the Supreme Court of Missouri as circumstances may warrant:

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Court take steps to protect the health and safety of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, all judicial officers, all employees, all parties with business before the Court and all members of the general public; and

WHEREAS, among other means the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, employees of the Court’s Civil Process Department who execute writs of restitution, execution and replevin come in close contact with members of the general public in executing those duties; and

WHEREAS, directives from many levels of government have determined that it is not in the interests of public health to displace persons from their residences at this time during this COVID-19 emergency, including the federal government authorizing a moratorium on foreclosure and eviction actions for homeowners with mortgages back by FHA, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac to allow them to face the hardships caused by COVID-19 without fear of losing their homes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 478.240.2 RSMo and section 15 of the Missouri Constitution, the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel and court officials in the Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the following precautionary measures are necessary to combat the spread of the disease and for the protection of the public from the risks associated with the pandemic disease;


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective immediately and until at least April 19, 2020 which may be extended by subsequent Administrative Order as circumstances may warrant:

1. Service of process shall not be prepared by the Circuit Clerk nor served by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis on all civil matters not falling within the cases excepted herein is hereby suspended until further notice, except for good cause shown.
2. Service of process by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis on all subpoenas in criminal cases is hereby suspended until further notice, except for good cause shown.
3. All extraditions by this Circuit, within or without the state, are hereby suspended until further notice, unless otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge or his designee;
4. All warrants for failure to appear issued by a judge of this court shall continue to be handled by the normal process established in Division 16-B;
5. The Circuit Clerk is hereby directed to delay issuing writs of restitution, attachment, execution and replevin (including writs for evictions) up through and including April 19, 2020, and the Department of Civil Process is directed to refrain from executing any pending writs of restitution, attachment, execution and replevin (including writs for eviction) up through and including that same date.
6. All evictions in the 22nd Circuit are hereby suspended by operation of this Administrative Order up through and including April 19, 2020. Tenants holding property after the entry of a judgment of unlawful detainer entered by this circuit may only continue holding possession of the real property provided they make payment of timely rent to the landlord of the parcel subject to the judgment of unlawful detainer.

7. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to supplant or negate the procedures set forth in RSMo. Sections 221.040 or 221.130.

8. The circuit clerk shall mail all requests for summons in misdemeanor and traffic cases to the address of record of the Defendant, instead of being given to the Sheriff for personal service.

So Ordered:


Rex M. Burlison
Presiding Judge

(Assistant Presiding Judge)
40116

Date: March 20, 2020