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**TEMPORARY EMERGENCY
ORDER DUE TO COVID OUTBREAK IN
THE HAROLD K. STUBBS BUILDING**

The Court makes the following findings of fact:

On March 18, 2020 and subsequent dates of March 31, 2020, May 27, 2020 July 28, 2020, the Court issued General Orders making certain findings of fact and based upon those findings, ordered certain changes to provide the Court with the flexibility, within Constitutional limits, to respond to the public health emergency created by COVID-19.

In further response to this public health emergency and to prevent further exposure as suggested by the Akron Police Department which provides courthouse security and is also housed in the Stubbs Building, the Akron Municipal Court hereby temporarily issues the following:

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All courts will continue all cases currently scheduled on their dockets until at least December 7, 2020 for all defendants not in custody and continue all evictions and other civil matters until January 1, 2021. The courts have the ability to use technology (telephone conference, Zoom, etc.) for any cases requiring immediate attention.
2. Arraignment Court will continue to operate for those defendants in custody at the Summit County Jail. The Arraignment Court Judge will address bonds for all felony and misdemeanor cases, address all outstanding contempt charges on misdemeanor cases, and will preside over felony reductions which will only be done via Zoom or other remote method as coordinated by the City of Akron's Prosecutor's Office.
3. The Court will designate one criminal defense attorney weekly to cover initial appearances for defendants in custody.
4. The Clerk of Court will continue all felony and misdemeanor cases scheduled to appear by summons to December 7, 2020 for existing cases and December 14, 2020 for new cases.
5. Members of the public including attorneys are prohibited from entering the building unless authorized by the Presiding Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Nicole A. Walker

HON. NICOLE ANN WALKER
PRESIDING/ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE,
AKRON MUNICIPAL COURT