ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL COURT
COVID-19 RESPONSE PROCEDURES

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In response to the COVID-19 threat, the Alliance Municipal Court has announced the following procedures shall take effect. These procedures shall remain in effect until further orders of the Court:

VISITORS, WITNESSES, DEFENDANTS, JURORS WITH SYMPTOMS

Any person who is scheduled for court appearance as a defendant, witness or juror, or any person visiting court, and who currently is suffering from dry persistent cough, fever or shortness of breath is directed to contact a physician to report these symptoms. You are instructed not to come to Court, but to make contact via phone with the Court as indicated below.

WITNESSES AND DEFENDANTS. A person with symptoms should immediately contact their legal counsel, if so represented, and request a continuance of any scheduled hearing which may fall during the time frame identified above. A person who demonstrates symptoms identified above should call the Court at 330-823-6181 if not represented by counsel. If the person is a witness pursuant to subpoena, the person should contact the Court at 330-823-6181 and the party who issued the subpoena.

ALL JURORS. Please be advised that jury trials for the month of July 2020 and beyond have been reinstated, and will proceed as scheduled. Jurors will report to the Courthouse. After sign-in has been completed, jurors will be directed to the Firehouse Theatre where Voir Dire will be conducted. Thank you for your service.

VISITORS. The Court is closed to visitors or persons who do not have business with, or need of, court services.

NON-ESSENTIAL HEARINGS

Certain hearings for review of compliance with counseling (i.e. SEG, ANGER MANAGEMENT, TASC, COMMQUEST) or 2947.14 (fines and costs reviews) are cancelled and reset for later dates. Expungements and Diversion reviews will be conducted as "paper hearings" and appearance of defendants is not required unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Please check with your attorney or review your case docket online at **www.starkcjis.org.** The Court will also send you further notice of your new hearing date via mail at your address on file in the Clerk's Office.

NEW TRAFFIC ARRAIGNMENTS

All persons who have received new traffic tickets are reminded of the online access to pay tickets through the Waiver Bureau without need for personal appearance. Even if your ticket was previously marked as "appearance required", please contact the Clerk's office to determine if the ticket may now be subject to payment through the Waiver Bureau.

ALL TRAFFIC, CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR and FELONY HEARINGS

All traffic, criminal misdemeanor and felony arraignments, pre-trials, preliminary hearings and trials shall proceed as scheduled.

CIVIL HEARINGS

Civil eviction hearings will proceed at this time. **Landlords are directed to review Section 4024 of the CARES ACT, which prohibits certain evictions from proceeding if the property is part of a federal assistance program, subject to a federally backed mortgage loan or federally backed multifamily mortgage loan.** Landlords shall file an affidavit of compliance with the CARES ACT at least one day prior to eviction hearing. Pre-trial hearings will proceed as currently scheduled, however, they will be conducted by phone to the greatest extent possible. Attorneys shall insure availability of client representatives by phone, if necessary. The Court will initiate phone pre-trials.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

All persons entering the Courthouse are subject to, and shall follow, the Entry Procedures previously announced.

On behalf of the Alliance Municipal Court, we thank all of our constituents for your patience, cooperation and understanding.

So ordered.

Hon. Andrew L. Zumbar
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