

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
GENERAL ORDER 2020-01 (Amended)**

**SUBJECT: Coronavirus: Automatic Continuance through May 18, 2020 none to be continued
beyond June 18, 2020**

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, issued Covid-19 Emergency Measures in ordering that all matters in all Districts and Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois on March 17, 2020 were rescheduled and continued for a period of 30 days. On March 31, 2020 Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans amended that order on March 30, 2020 by extending the continuances for an additional 30 days and not beyond June 18, 2020.

WHEREAS, cases in the Daley Center to be scheduled in accordance with the amended order are all civil, non-traffic, cases pending in the First District.

WHEREAS, it is desired to accomplish the automatic continuances as expeditiously, efficiently and equitably as possible by using the Office of the Clerk of Court to utilize its automatic, electronic system to assign such continuance dates for all pending cases through May 18, 2020 but none longer than June 18, 2020. The Order will establish a slot for continuing older cases (30 day extensions to before May 18 and later filed cases to before June 18, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: The Office of the Clerk of the Circuit of Cook County is ordered to assist in fulfilling Chief Judge Evans' Order to continue all matters for an additional 30 days through May 18, 2020 by automatically assigning such dates to all pending cases and to those filed after March 17, 2020. Such pending cases shall not be continued past June 18, 2020. If the continuance date falls on a weekend or holiday, the case will be continued to the next court date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDRED: The Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court is ordered to notify litigants of the new dates and make entries in electronic case files of the new dates.

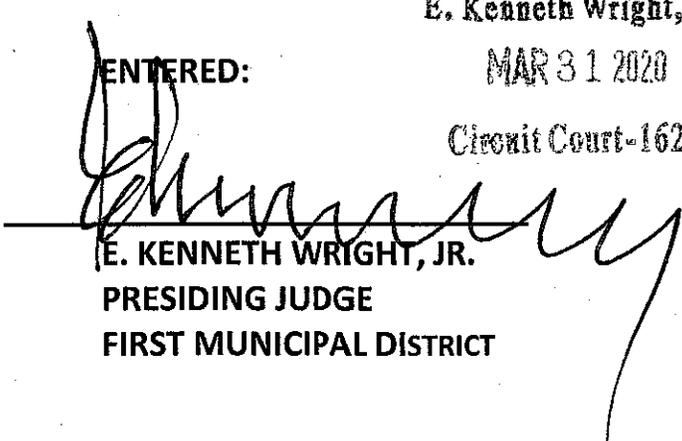
Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 31st day of March 2020.

Presiding Judge
E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

ENTERED:

MAR 31 2020

Circuit Court-1624



E. KENNETH WRIGHT, JR.
PRESIDING JUDGE
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
GENERAL ORDER 2020-02 (Amended 3-31-2020)**

COVID 19 Emergency Procedures: Eviction Cases Continued / Sheriff Ordered to Cease Evictions to May 18, 2020 / allowance for expiring Orders for Possession

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, issued Covid-19 Emergency Measures in ordering that all matters in all Districts and Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois are rescheduled and continued for a period of 30 days. On March 30, 2020 Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans amended that order by extending the continuances for an additional 30 days but not later than May 18, 2020 for evictions with an allowance for Orders for Possession expiring prior to May 18, 2020.

WHEREAS, it is desired to establish a specific Order relating to Evictions to insure there is complete understanding of the process for pending cases and to guide the Sheriff of Cook County to follow.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Judges and personnel of the First Municipal District are to take all steps to continue all Eviction cases an additional 30 days but to a date no later than after May 18, 2020.
2. The Office of the Sheriff of Cook County is ordered to cease and desist from enforcing all Orders for Possession during this COVID-19 Moratorium Period through May 18, 2020. The time period for possession orders expiring before May 18, 2020, is extended 60 days from the current expiration date, but not later than June 15, 2020.
3. Any exceptions to this order regarding Eviction cases or actions for possession by the Cook County Sheriff may only be obtained by emergency order of court.

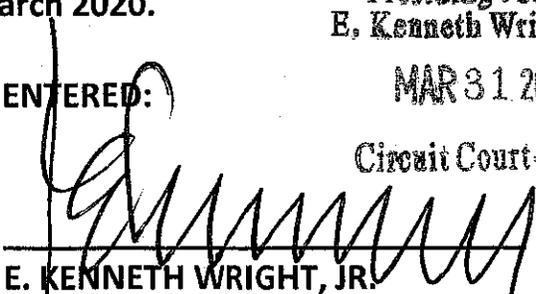
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
GENERAL ORDER 2020-03 (Amended 3-31-2020)

COVID-19 Emergency Procedure for Service of Summons in First Municipal

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, has issued Covid-19 Emergency Measures in ordering that all matters in all Districts and Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois are rescheduled and continued for a period of 30 days. The Order applied to all civil cases pending on and after March 17, 2020. *Cook County General Administrative Order No. 2020-01(dated March 13, 2020; eff. March 17, 2020). That Order has been amended as of March 30, 2020 by extending the continuances for an additional 30 days but no later than June 18, 2020.*

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Presiding Judge Wright's Order to comply with Chief Judge Evans' Order.

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Rules 101 and 181 require that in cases prescribing a specific day for appearance of defendant that the summons require the appearance to be no less than 21 days and no more than 40 days after issuance of the summons.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The 40 day requirement for Return dates after issuance of the summons in cases with a specific date for appearance is waived. The 40 day Return days for appearances may be scheduled outside the 40 day requirement.
2. This order is effective during the 30 day term of the General Administrative Order No. 2020-01 effective Amended March 30, 2020 through June 18, 2020.

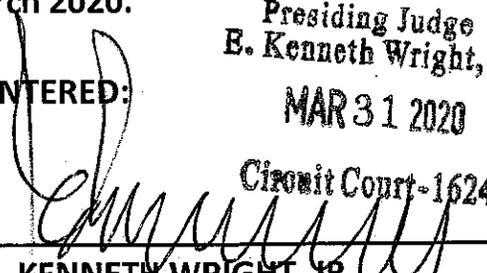
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