

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF EDWARDSVILLE, KANSAS  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-002**

**ORDER IMPOSING COURT RESTRICTED OPERATIONS DUE TO COVID-19  
EMERGENCY**

NOW, on this 7th day of April, 2020, the Court, being apprised of federal, state and local public health concerns related to COVID-19 coronavirus, enters the following orders:

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 disease a pandemic. The President of the United States and the Governor of Kansas have since declared disaster emergencies. The Governor of Kansas has imposed a "Stay Home" Order effective March 24, 2020. Nonessential businesses are ordered closed. Although government offices are determined an essential business, Edwardsville City Hall has been closed to public access since March 17, 2020 and alternative methods to contact staff is encouraged.

In light of the COVID19 concerns and in light of the "Stay Home" Order, and in an attempt to remain consistent with Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-016 and 2020-PR-031, this Court finds it is in the best interests of court personnel, as well as members of the public, to reschedule all upcoming court dockets unless considered an emergency operation as defined by the Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-016, 2020-PR-031, and any further orders that may be issued. Those dockets considered emergency dockets will be held by audio visual two-way communication, to the extent feasible. Also consistent with Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-016 and 2020-PR-031 once dockets resume, they may be held by audio or video conferencing, subject to COVID-19 considerations.

For purposes of this temporary order, court dockets will occur as determined on a week by week basis. All changes to all dockets will be posted on the City of Edwardsville website and social media outlets. Reasonable attempts to notify Defendants and counsel will be made.

Effective upon publication of House Substitute for Senate Bill 102, and consistent with Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-016 and 2020-PR-031, this order suspends all deadlines and time limitations to bring a Defendant to trial established by K.S.A. 22-3402 and its amendments until further order of the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court.

Since all hearings are scheduled inside the City Council Chambers at Edwardsville City Hall and would require more than 10 people to be in the room, it is impossible for the court hearings to proceed as planned. In addition, such conditions endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the borders of the City of Edwardsville, Kansas.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

- A. All hearings previously scheduled for either March 19, 2020; April 2, 2020; and April 16, 2020 are continued.
- B. Court clerk for the city of Edwardsville is directed to provide notice by first class mailing to all attorneys of record and all unrepresented defendants.
- C. Notice is also ordered to be posted on doors of the Edwardsville City Hall.

If a Defendant contacts the court clerk, either in person or by email, and requests to have a warrant recalled, said warrant shall be recalled and the Defendant shall be given a new date no earlier than May 7, 2020. The warrant fee shall be added to the case and may be paid at a later date if the Defendant is unable to pay the fee at the time of the recall.

This Order shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until otherwise rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
Richard Wetzler, Municipal Court Judge