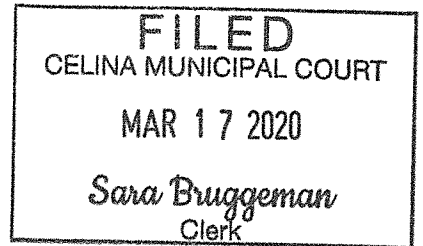


IN THE CELINA MUNICIPAL COURT
MERCER COUNTY, OHIO



IN RE: TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE
TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY

JOURNAL ENTRY

In response to the public health emergency, the Celina Municipal Court is taking the following steps to protect the public and Court Staff. Therefore, the Celina Municipal Court is modifying its daily operations in order to protect the public while maintaining essential court functions and protecting the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court. It is hereby ordered:

Effective Immediately

1. Prosecutors and Attorneys must conduct pre-trials by telephone. The attorneys are to call the Court at 419-586-6491.
2. If a Defendant is representing themselves, they shall also call in for their pre-trial at 419-586-6491.
3. All "change of pleas" will be done in writing, unless it is imperative that the parties be present in person (to be decided on a case by case basis, by the Court, with input from the Law Director and Attorney). If the Change of Plea is done in person, only the Attorney, Law Director, Defendant and the victim may be present.
4. If a Defendant wishes to enter a "not guilty" plea on a Minor Misdemeanor Traffic Offense, they are encouraged to submit a **written** Not Guilty plea. Forms are available on the Court's website.
5. Persons required to appear in Court are not to bring anyone else with them unless absolutely necessary.
6. While the Court will continue to accept filings in person, it also accepts filings by facsimile and mail. The Court's fax number is 419-586-4735. The Court will also accept filings through its "drop-box" located in the lobby of City Hall. If possible, the Court encourages filings by fax and mail, instead of in person.

This Temporary Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO FOUND, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

Date: 3-17-20

A large, fluid handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn W. Speelman". Below the signature, the name "Judge Kathryn W. Speelman" is printed in a standard sans-serif font.