### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STATE OF MISSOURI

In re: Extension of Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19 – In Response to March 29, 2021 Extension of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Order originally published on September 4, 2020

#### Administrative Order No. 2021-045

#### <u>ORDER</u>

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2020, the CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") issued an order entitled "Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19" ("CDC Order") for publication in the Federal Register; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC Order was originally effective from September 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 3, 2020, the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court ("Court") entered Administrative Order 2020-154 pursuant to and consistent with the requirements of the CDC Order. That Administrative Order established protocols and procedures for the Court in compliance with the provisions of the CDC Order; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. That Act included provisions related to coronavirus relief and provided in part that the CDC Order be extended through January 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court subsequently entered Administrative Order 2020-221, extending the provisions of Administrative Order 2020-154 through January 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2021, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, extended the current CDC Order until at least March 31, 2021, prompting the corresponding extension of Administrative Order 2020-154 through the same period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2021, the CDC's Order was further extended through June 30, 2021, and the CDC published revised and updated answers to "Frequently Asked Questions," providing additional guidance regarding the interpretation and implementation of the CDC Order's requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this most recent extension of the provisions of the CDC Order and providing of additional guidance by the CDC, the Court must further extend Administrative Order 2020-154 to remain in compliance with the provisions of the CDC Order; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 478.240.2, RSMo and Art. V, Sec. 15 of the Missouri Constitution, the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel

and court officials in the Circuit as well as administrative authority over dockets of the Court and the manner in which any hearings are conducted in the Court.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Administrative Order 2020-154 is hereby extended through June 30, 2021. Therefore, any and all terms, conditions, protocols, procedures and requirements set forth in Administrative Order 2020-154 shall remain in full force and effect continuously through June 30, 2021, unless sooner modified or terminated.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 30, 2021 Date

J. Dale Youngs, Presiding Judge

cc: Court Administrator All 16th Circuit Judges and Commissioners Deputy Court Administrator - Family Court Deputy Court Administrator – Circuit Court/Jury Supervisor Director, Civil Process Director, Civil Records Legal Counsel County Executive County Legislators County Administrator

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