

**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 June 24, 2021 Extension of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) Order originally published on September 4, 2020**

Administrative Order No. 2021-081

ORDER

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 undersigned on behalf of the 16th 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 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 that extension, the Court entered Administrative Order 2021-045, extending the provisions and procedures of Administrative Order 2020-154 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the CDC’s Order was further extended through July 31, 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, as well as an updated and revised "Eviction Protection Declaration" form (see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-eviction-declaration.html>); and

WHEREAS, given 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

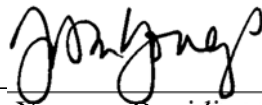
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 478.240.2, RSMo and Art. V, Sec. 15 of the Missouri Constitution, the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel and court officials in the Circuit as well as administrative authority over dockets of the Court and the manner in which any hearings are conducted in the Court,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Administrative Order 2020-154 is hereby extended through July 31, 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 July 31, 2021, unless sooner modified or terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

June 25, 2021
Date



J. Dale Youngs, Presiding Judge

cc: Court Administrator
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Deputy Court Administrator – Circuit Court/Jury Supervisor
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