

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI AT  
KANSAS CITY**

**In re: Suspension of Issuance and Enforcement of Writs of Restitution, Writs of Replevin, Writs of Attachment and any other Writs of Execution**

**Administrative Order No. 2020-062**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Quinton Lucas has declared a State of Emergency to allow the City of Kansas City to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Kansas City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the Court take steps to protect the health and safety of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, all judicial officers, all employees, all parties with business before the Court and all members of the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, among other means, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, employees of the Court's Civil Process Department who execute writs of restitution and writs of replevin come in close contact with members of the general public in executing those duties; and

**WHEREAS**, directives from many levels of government have determined that it is not in the interests of public health to displace persons from their residences at this time during this COVID-19 emergency, including the federal government authorizing a moratorium on foreclosure and eviction actions for homeowners with mortgages backed by FHA, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac to allow them to face the hardships caused by the coronavirus without fear of losing their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 478.240.2 RSMo and section 15 of the Missouri Constitution, the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel and court officials in the Circuit;

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT:**

The Court Clerk is directed to delay issuing writs of restitution, writs of replevin, writs of attachment and any other writs of execution up through and including April 18, 2020, and the Director of Civil Process is directed to refrain from executing any pending writs of restitution, writs of replevin, writs of attachment and any other writs of execution up through and including that same date.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

March 19, 2020  
Date

  
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David M. Byrn, Presiding Judge

cc: Court Administrator  
All 16<sup>th</sup> 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