

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

SECOND AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-7

**TEMPORARY PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC
RE
MISDEMEANOR/TRAFFIC ARRESTS
AND SERVICE OF CIVIL BENCH WARRANTS -
NOTICES TO APPEAR/RECOGNIZANCE**

The Circuit Court for Vermilion County in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Illinois adopts the following Second Amended Administrative Order amending Administrative Order No. 2020-3, entered March 24, 2020, and Amended Administrative Order No. 2020-4, entered March 25, 2020:

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Illinois Supreme Court entered an Order - *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency, MR. 30370*, directing all courts to establish and periodically update temporary procedures to minimize potential exposure to and the impact of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic on judicial operations, while continuing to provide access to justice;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order No. 8, ordering and directing all citizens of the State to remain at home or other place of residence unless performing an essential function; the terms and provisions of said Order were to be effective until April 7, 2020, unless otherwise extended by further order; and on April 1, 2020 the Governor extended the term of said Executive Order until April 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Presiding Circuit Judge for Vermilion County has been granted temporary emergency administrative authority to enter orders affecting the general operation of the County's judicial system pursuant to authority granted by the Chief Circuit Judge under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b);

WHEREAS, on March 24 and 25, 2020, respectively, pursuant to said authorities, the Presiding Judge of Vermilion County entered Administrative Order Nos. 2020-3 and 2020-4, directing that measures be taken in response to the pandemic, and authorizing and directing the Sheriff to develop and approve policies for the medical screening of arrestees, whether by service of a warrant or arrest without a warrant for misdemeanor and traffic offenses or by service of a civil bench warrant to determine the presence of symptoms of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge, acting on behalf of the Circuit Judges of Vermilion County, considers it to be in the best interests of the health and welfare of all Public Safety Building and Courthouse employees, patrons, and detainees, and the community at large, to further minimize

in-person contact in an effort to impede the spread of COVID-19, by adopting the following provisions:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The provisions of Administrative Order Nos. 2020-3 and 2020-4 are hereby supplemented, and to the extent inconsistent herewith superseded. In all other respects, the provisions of Administrative Order Nos. 2020-3 and 2020-4 remain in full force and effect.
2. **Effective Date:** This Second Amended Administrative Order is effective April 1, 2020 and its provisions, and the provisions of Administrative Order Nos. 2020-3 and 2020-4 shall remain in effect through April 30, 2020, unless extended by further order of the court.
3. The discretion of all law enforcement officers, authorized by Administrative Order Nos. 2020-3 and 2020-4 to satisfy the obligation of a warrant, bond, or civil bench warrant by issuing the defendant/arrestee a notice to appear, or alternatively, releasing the defendant/arrestee on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond without the necessity of appearing before the court is extended through April 30, 2020.
4. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a. The court may issue further orders as necessary to address the circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, including re-assessing the situation following the suspension period to determine whether normal arrest operations may resume or additional suspension time is still required to avoid the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.
 - b. It is further ordered that this Second Amended Administrative Order be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Vermilion County, Illinois and be made available to the public.
 - c. This Administrative Order is effective *instanter*.

Dated: this 1st day of April, 2020



Thomas M. O'Shaughnessy, Presiding Judge